

Where Local Good Grows

# Hendricks County Community Foundation



I love fall! The crisp fall air always feels like a fresh start—both in nature and in our community. And just as the seasons change, so do the opportunities to make a difference through your giving and civic engagement.

This election season, HCCF has been actively promoting voter education by hosting Meet the Candidate forums and sponsoring the distribution of the [Voter's Guide](#) to every household in Hendricks County. Voting is one of the most impactful ways we can shape our community's future, and your voice matters.

At the same time, if you're looking to maximize the impact of your charitable giving, donating appreciated assets like stocks, bonds, or real estate could be a powerful option. Not only can you avoid capital gains taxes, but you also get a charitable deduction for the full value of your gift. And through HCCF's [Stronger Together campaign](#), your unrestricted gifts are matched \$2 to \$1—meaning your generosity goes even further in supporting the programs that make a difference, like our voter education efforts, ARPA grants, and the Hendricks County Women's Giving Circle.

This fall, let's work together to strengthen our community—both at the ballot box and through the legacy you leave with your giving. [Reach out to HCCF today](#) to learn more!



Yours in Philanthropy,  
[William Rhodehamel](#)  
President & CEO

## Your Vote Matters

As part of our commitment to encourage civic engagement, HCCF partnered with The Republican Newspaper to create the [General Election Voters Guide](#), which can help inform you as you head to the polls this election season. Check it out [here](#).

Early voting is going on now through November 4th. [Click here](#) for locations.

Voting is a fundamental civic duty for us all to help ensure a healthy and functioning democracy. Vote and let your voice be heard!



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## Congrats to Lilly Scholarship Finalists

We are pleased to announce our ten [Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship](#) Finalists! Three of these students will be awarded a full-tuition scholarship to any public or private college or university in Indiana.

- Heiabeal Ainom, Avon High School
- Jackson Aldridge, Plainfield Community High School
- Lena Hammersley, Brownsburg High School
- Colton McClure, Plainfield High School
- Ria Merkle, Brownsburg High School
- Graci O'Neal, Danville Community High School
- Adelyne Paschal, Cascade High School
- Saavan Patel, Avon High School
- Rylee Smith, Cascade High School
- Whitney Smith, Cascade High School.



Congratulations scholars!

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## Diversity Awareness Series

Join us on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 11:00 am at Level Two CoWorking for an interfaith panel discussion featuring experienced practitioners from various faiths.

This free session will explore diverse facets of various faiths, providing insights into best practices for respectful and meaningful dialogue.

Whether you are a person of faith or simply curious about other belief systems, this event is for you!

Lunch is provided. [RSVP here today](#) and don't miss out!



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## Giving Tuesday 2024

#GivingTuesday2024 is December 3rd this year and we are excited to partner with Hendricks County nonprofits to help them raise needed year-end support.

Last year we raised over \$137,000 for our amazing local nonprofits! Let's raise even more this year! Visit our [Facebook page](#) on December 3rd and choose your favorite nonprofit to support.



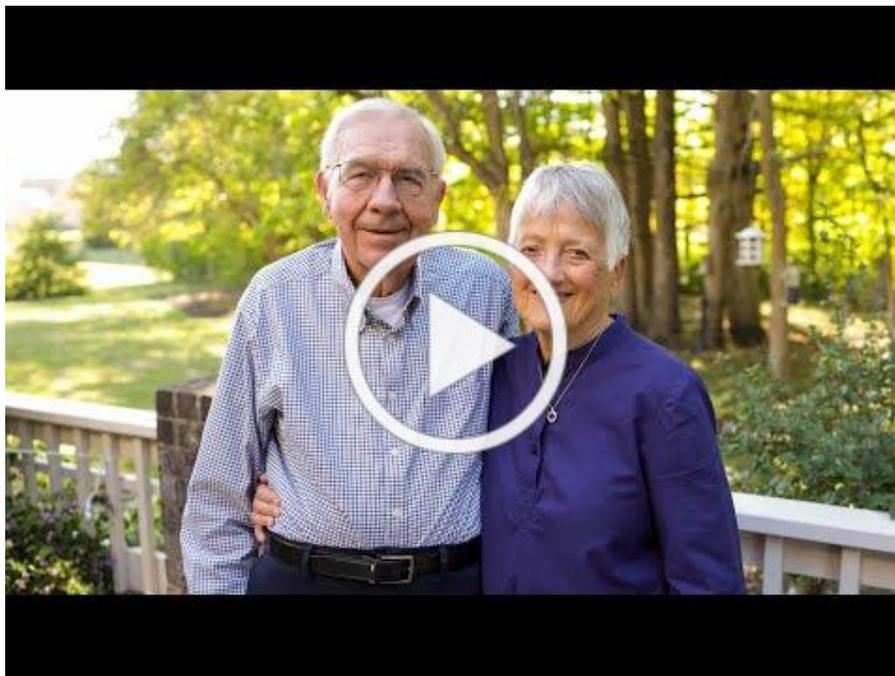
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## My HCCF Story

We hope you have had a chance to listen to our video series "[My Family Legacy Story](#)," which highlights the families in our community who have established a Family Legacy Fund at HCCF!

The Community Foundation is home to 67 Family Legacy Funds, each founded by a local family dedicated to making a lasting positive impact. One of these generous and caring families is Max & Jill Poynter. The Poynters have seen first hand the important work HCCF has done in the community through unrestricted funds and they started a Family Legacy Fund at HCCF to grow that work.

Listen to their inspiring story!



[Contact us](#) to start your own Family Legacy Fund and receive a **\$2 to \$1 match** on your gift!

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## Grants at a Glance

Our vision is to make Hendricks County a place where everyone has the opportunity to have a fulfilling life and the tools they need to build a stronger future together.

[HCCF grantmaking](#) is the heartbeat of that vision! We are excited to share with you our latest month of grants, building a stronger future for our community.

Fund Name	Grantee	Amount
Anonymous Fund	Meals on Wheels of Hendricks County, Inc.	\$ 2,711.00
Ben and Melba Hanlon School Lunch Assistance Fund	Amo First Baptist Church	\$ 1,500.00
Ben and Melba Hanlon School Lunch Assistance Fund	Mill Creek West Elementary School	\$ 3,000.00
Directors' Unrestricted Fund	Scamahorn Family Legacy Fund	\$ 100.00
Directors' Unrestricted Fund	Leadership Hendricks County Fund	\$ 200.00
GIFT VII Implementation Grant Fund	Visit Hendricks County	\$ 27,500.00
GIFT VII Implementation Grant Fund	Hendricks County Educational Media Corp. dba WYRZ-LP	\$ 300.00
Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration Fund	Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration	\$ 143.13
Imagination Library of Hendricks County Fund	Dollywood Foundation	\$ 4,289.37
XFUND	Young Professionals of Hendricks County	\$ 296.56
TOTAL		\$ 40,040.06

[Contact us](#) to find out how you can be a part of this vision and partner with us.

## Community Connections

HCCF is committed to building community unity and creating a welcoming community for all our residents. Every month we are spotlighting community leaders who help make Hendricks County a great place to live, work and play.

This month we are highlighting **Mary Zigler**, Vice President, Commercial Lending at Citizens Bank.



**What is your favorite movie?**

My Sister's Keeper.

**What book are you reading right now or have recently read?** What You Do is Who You Are by Ben Horowitz.

**If you could have dinner with someone from the past, who would it be?** My Dad

**What is a piece of advice you would give your younger self?** Don't be in such a hurry to grow up.

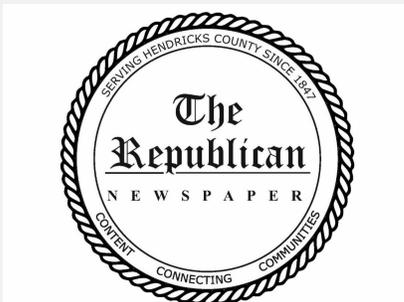
**What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve?** The limited art and culture options has been an ongoing problem but has greatly improved with the opening of Hendricks Live! There are also more summer music events at parks and the annual International Festival. I would love to see more public art throughout Hendricks County (sculptures, murals, etc).

**Why do you do what you do ?** I love my job because no two days are ever the same. I get to help people achieve their goals and expand their businesses. Being a small part of their success brings me joy.

Check out dozens of great events in our community on the [Hendricks Community Calendar!](#)

## Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Fall is here and it's a great time to enjoy all the fun activities in Hendricks County! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:



### Fave Five #1: General Election Voter Guide

Thanks to a partnership between HCCF and The Republican Newspaper, every household in Hendricks County will be receiving a copy of the 2024 General Election Guide. If you have misplaced your copy, you can find it [online here](#). Get informed and then get out your vote on November 5!



### Fave Five #2:

Brownsburg High School, Danville High School and Tri-West High School have all earned a place on the AP School Honor Roll for 2024! This honor is awarded to a school for developing an AP program that creates a college-going culture and gives students opportunities to earn college credit to maximize their college outcomes. Congrats all!



### Fave Five #3: Visit Hendricks County's Halloween Events

Halloween is this week and it's a great time to enjoy the wonderful amenities of our community! [Click here](#) for a list from Visit Hendricks County of "spooktacular" events for the whole family.



### Fave Five #4: Nicki Lawson Named Assessor of the Year

Hendricks County Assessor Nicki Lawson was recently honored as the 2024 Assessor of the Year by the Indiana County Assessor's Association. Congratulations Nicki!



## Fave Five #5: Four Hendricks County Seniors Receive Golden Hoosier Award

Four Hendricks County residents were recently honored by Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch as recipients of the 2024 Golden Hoosier Award for extraordinary volunteerism during their “golden” years: Jackie Nichols, Rebecca Compton, Debbie Sutton, and Guy Brouillard. Congrats and thank you for your service to our community!



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## Thank You to Our 2024 Corporate Partners

Thank you to our outstanding corporate partners! The support of these community-minded organizations is vital to realizing our vision of Hendricks County as a place where everyone has the opportunity to have a fulfilling life and the tools they need to build a stronger future together. Please consider patronizing these local businesses for all they do for HCCF and our community!

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