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The Hendricks County Community Foundation Awards \$20,000 to Support Bicentennial Celebrations

The Hendricks County Community Foundation awarded grants totaling \$20,000 from its largest unrestricted fund, the Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund, to support programs and activities in celebration of Hendricks County's Bicentennial. On April 1, 1824, Hendricks County received its official designation as an Indiana county, and now 200 years later, the community is celebrating how far Hendricks County has come.

These grant dollars will go to help support the many different events planned throughout the community this year. The planning and event organization is under the direction of the Bicentennial Steering Committee which was created to support and encourage the community in their efforts to celebrate Hendricks County's two centuries of history, growth, and community spirit.

"The Bicentennial Steering Committee felt strongly that we wanted to be inclusive of everyone in the county and not just review the past," commented Pat Baldwin, Co-Chairman of the Bicentennial Steering Committee. "We were able to plan meaningful activities throughout the County in celebration of the Bicentennial with the help of the funds from the Community Foundation."

Activities range from a Fish Fry in Amo on June 6-8th to the annual Summer Fun Run series hosted by the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County to a Hendricks Symphony concert on June 30 at Hendricks Live! In every corner of the county, groups and organizations have been creative in offering unique Bicentennial experiences for residents of Hendricks County. For more information on all the Bicentennial events around the county, visit Hendricks200.com.

"Our county's bicentennial is a momentous occasion," enthused William Rhodehamel, HCCF President & CEO. "We are honored to be a small part of this marvelous collaborative effort to celebrate our history, and to be able to offer part of the funding to lead our community into a bright future!"

The Bicentennial Committee is looking for volunteers for their signature events such as the Hendricks County Rib Fest and BBQ and upcoming 4-H Fair, and they're still accepting applications for events and projects with a Bicentennial theme for official endorsement. Submit your project or event for endorsement or sign up to volunteer on the Bicentennial website at Hendricks200.com.



Hendricks County Bicentennial Launch Party at the Lizton Lodge

The Mission of the Hendricks County Community Foundation: To be a trusted community partner in understanding needs, aligning resources, and empowering people to address today's priorities and create lasting impact. Our vision is 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. The Community Foundation manages assets of over \$23 million in a collection of funds created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2023 the Community Foundation gave over \$1.7M in grants to charitable organizations and scholarships to local students. For more information, call 317-268-6240 or visit www.hendrickscountycf.org.

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