

Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation



I got to do something I love last month. I took a wilderness canoe camping trip to Quetico Provincial Park in northwest Ontario. I've been making these trips for many years, and this one was very special: a seven-night solo trip with just me and my yellow lab Bonnie. Over those seven days we traveled about 50 miles in intimate connection with the natural world. It was a spiritual trip as much as a physical one, and my sense of gratitude was much deepened as I emerged back into regular life.

I have so many things to be grateful for: my family, my health, many material blessings, our community and our freedoms as Americans. I also am incredibly grateful for the wonderful work I am able to do with HCCF. To work with our generous donors, to make grants to make our community better (see our latest community grantmaking below), to support the nonprofits that are creating positive impact – all this I am so thankful for!

This is one of the times of year we pause to be intentionally grateful and to express that gratitude. I hope you too will find the time to pause and be grateful.



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



HCCF Awards \$78,400 in Community Grants

HCCF's Board of Directors approved 16 grants to local nonprofits totaling over \$78,400 primarily from the Family Legacy Funds, community enhancement funds of HCCF.

One Family Legacy Fund representative said, "I'm grateful that HCCF stays abreast of the needs in our community and that our family will always have the ability through this fund to make a difference for other families right here in Hendricks County."

Read more [here](#).

Give Local on Giving Tuesday!



#GivingTuesday2021 is almost here! This national day of giving is November 30th and we are excited to partner with our local nonprofits to help them raise needed year-end support.

Visit our [Facebook page](#) on November 30th and choose your favorite nonprofit to support. **Give Local on Giving Tuesday!**

Celebrating Our 25th Anniversary!

In honor of our 25th anniversary, HCCF is awarding \$25,000 in grants to organizations all across Hendricks County, 13 of which represent grant recipients receiving inaugural grants in 1996. We are excited to tell you about two of our anniversary grantees:



HCCF awarded an anniversary grant to the St. Marks Episcopal Food Outreach Program in honor of the Community Foundation's first Board Chair, Jim Spencer.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is located in Plainfield but also serves Avon, Brownsburg, Mooresville and the surrounding communities.

The food program is just one of many services the church offers to the community along with Sunday services, educational opportunities for all ages, and a variety of outreach and social activities.



To commemorate HCCF's Silver Anniversary and invest in the future of our county, HCCF made an anniversary grant to the Hendricks County Tricentennial Fund, held here at the Community Foundation.

This Community Enhancement Fund was created in 2018 by HCCF to commemorate Hendricks County's Bicentennial in 2016. HCCF will grant \$1000 annually to the fund for 100 years where it can then make grants to meet community needs at that time.

Consider making a monthly gift for our future by supporting the [Tricentennial Fund](#).

A Board to Brag About

Nick Jaworski, CEO of Circle Social Inc., joined the HCCF Board of Directors in 2018 and has served as a member of the Awareness Committee. Read what Nick has to say in his own words about his service for the Community Foundation.



"HCCF is dear to my heart because it serves **all of Hendricks County**, not just one city. The staff are so dedicated and the entire organization is committed to bettering our community while providing a vehicle for people to give back – which I love."

- Nick Jaworski



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 **Shalya Webb**, Coordinator of Equity & Diversity for the Brownsburg Community School Corporation.

What is your favorite movie(s)? The Pacifier

What book are you reading right now? Gospel Fluency

What is one thing still on your bucket list? Going to Aspen

What advice would you give your younger self? To trust God's timing

What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing?

How can we continue to improve?

Lack of affordable housing - Affordable housing provides people an equal opportunity to live, work and play in an awesome community. I am grateful for the people at Sheltering Wings that give their all to address housing insecurity in real time. However, I believe that the most effective solution is to eliminate the stigma surrounding affordable housing. If decision makers continue to believe the narrative that affordable housing will bring the "unwanted" to our community, then we will never fix this issue.

Why do you do what you do? Because if no one steps up to the plate to put thoughts into action, then we will be forever planning and never executing

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

We have so much to be grateful for here at HCCF. In the spirit of the season, we want to share who and what we are most thankful for this Thanksgiving:



The Whicker Family

Fav Five #1: Our Donors!

We would not be celebrating 25 years of doing great things in Hendricks County without the amazing generosity of our **donors**! Thank you donors for supporting us and helping us grow local good.



2021 Board of Directors

Fav Five #2: Our Board

HCCF has had the tremendous advantage of passionate, visionary leadership through our [Board of Directors](#) from our first day until today. We are so grateful for our volunteer leadership!



Platinum Corporate Partner,
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Fav Five #3: Our Corporate Partners

Our [Corporate Partners](#) have a heart for their community and show it through their generous support of our daily work. Thank you Corporate Partners!



Nonprofit Leaders in Fundraising School

Fav Five #4: Our Local Nonprofits

Supporting our [local nonprofits](#) - the boots-on-the-ground organizations that serve the needs of our community - is the core of what we do. How grateful and proud we are to support over 200 outstanding nonprofits serving Hendricks County!



From Left: William Rhodehamel, Eric Hessel, Frances Mock & Judy Clements

Fav Five #5: Our Staff

As the old saying goes, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." **Together** this [HCCF team](#) has gone far - through mutual respect and care for each other, years of education and experience, and love for serving our community!

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