

Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation



Breaking News: A Game-Changing Opportunity for Stronger Together!

I have some incredibly exciting news to share! An anonymous donor has stepped forward with a remarkable gift to further incentivize giving to our Stronger Together campaign. This additional \$1-to-\$1 match, combined with the existing \$2-to-\$1 match from Lilly Endowment, means that **every dollar donated will now be quadrupled!**

That's right – your \$100 gift becomes \$400, and \$1,000 turns into \$4,000 to support unrestricted grantmaking in Hendricks County. This is an unprecedented opportunity to make an even bigger impact. But time is of the essence – the match expires at the end of 2025!

What does this mean for our community? **It means more food for families in crisis. More support for mental health initiatives. More opportunities for local nonprofits to grow and serve.** Unrestricted grantmaking is the lifeblood of a strong community – it allows HCCF to respond to emerging needs, invest in long-term solutions, and empower the organizations doing the hard work on the ground.

And because I know how much you love my dogs, Bonnie, Skye and Moose, let's put it this way: this match is like turning one treat into four – it's an incredible multiplier that makes every gift go further!

Now is the moment to maximize your giving and help us reach the finish line. Join us in making history and strengthening our community –[give today!](#)



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

Designated Organizations Received

\$200,000 in Grants from HCCF

HCCF awarded \$200,000 in grants recently to organizations in every corner of Hendricks County to support education, agriculture, health and human services, parks and recreation, senior

services and more! These grants were made by our Designated Funds, funds established by donors with a passion to support an organization important to them.

Here's just a couple of these impactful grants:

- **\$5,723** grant to the **Parks Foundation of Hendricks County** from the W.S. Gibbs Park Endowment Fund
- **\$4,344** grant to the **Plainfield Community Schools Legacy Foundation** from the Henry & Vivian Haase Memorial Performing Arts Fund



HCCF Grant presentation to
Parks Foundation of HC

Support the causes you love! Start a Designated Fund and ensure annual support for your chosen organization. [Contact us](#) to learn how.

Don't Miss Out on Stronger Together!

Our Stronger Together Campaign is NOW matching every dollar you give to a [Family Legacy](#) or [Community Enhancement Fund](#) with **THREE** more dollars! That's a **3-to-1 match**—turn **\$1** into **\$4!** It's a fantastic way to support Hendricks County and build a stronger community. This amazing opportunity ends this year, so don't miss out!

Click [here](#) to learn more about Stronger Together.

Building a Better Community Stronger Together

Religious Diversity Workshop Series

[Join us](#) for HCCF's 2025 Religious Diversity Workshop Series, presented in collaboration with the Center for Interfaith Cooperation (CIC).

These free monthly workshops will explore and celebrate the core beliefs and unique practices of different religions, creating space for understanding and meaningful conversations. The sessions will feature engaging speakers, panel discussions and opportunities for attendees to gain knowledge and appreciation for the diverse religious traditions that enrich our community.

The workshops will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, from February through November of 2025, at [MADE@Plainfield](#), from 5:30 - 7:00



pm.

[Click this link](#) to register for any or all of the workshops. The next workshop is April 2nd on Jainism- sign up today!

Women's Giving Circle Officially Launched!



A force of 174 Charter Members of the newly formed Hendricks County Women's Giving Circle met this month, launching a powerful movement of local philanthropy. The energy and passion in the room were truly inspiring, and we're thrilled to see such a strong commitment from Hendricks County women to making a positive impact in our community!

Interested in learning more or becoming a member? [Click here](#) to discover how you can join this dynamic group of women and make a difference in the lives of women and children in Hendricks County

HCCF Welcomes New Staff Member

We are so excited to welcome Skylar Hazlett to the HCCF staff as Program Associate! Skylar was born and raised in Indianapolis and is excited to learn more about Hendricks County through her new role here at HCCF.

She recently graduated from IUPUI (now IUI) O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs with a B.S. in Public Affairs. In her free time you will find her biking, reading, spending first Fridays of the month around Indy's art studios, and cooking good vegan food!

Welcome to the team Skylar!



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.

In February 2025, HCCF awarded **\$143,097** in Designated and Agency Advised Grants ([click here](#) to see listing of designated grants), as well as **\$292,655** in Donor Advised, Field of Interest and Unrestricted Grants (see listing below) for a grand total of **\$435,752** in grants to make our community better!

Fund Name	Grantee	Grant Amount
Behavioral Health Needs Assessment and Community Planning Fund	Family Promise of Hendricks County, Inc.	\$ 50,000
Daisy's Animal Fund	Hendricks County Humane Society	\$ 2,000
Daisy's Animal Fund	Misty Eyes Animal Shelter & Learning Center	\$ 2,000
Danny Schenck Memorial Fund	Bruin Youth Basketball League, Inc.	\$ 712
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Leadership Hendricks County	\$ 5,000
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Avon Education Foundation	\$ 8,059
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Plainfield Community Schools Legacy Foundation	\$ 4,475
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Parks Foundation of Hendricks County	\$ 26,500
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Brownsburg Education Foundation	\$ 7,776
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	North West Hendricks Education Foundation Fund	\$ 1,503
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Danville Community Education Foundation	\$ 2,011
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Mill Creek Community School Corporation	\$ 1,176
Directors' Unrestricted Fund	Hendricks County Tricentennial Fund	\$ 1,000
Electric Plus Cares Fund	Lafayette Urban Ministry	\$ 6,632
Electric Plus Cares Fund	Pathways/Monroe County United Ministries	\$ 4,389
Electric Plus Cares Fund	Project A.N.G.E.L.	\$ 20,423
GIFT VII Implementation Fund	Leadership Hendricks County	\$ 1,000
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition ARPA Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$ 15,297
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund	Various Hendricks County Food Pantries	\$ 46,800
Hendricks County Tricentennial Fund	Hendricks County Tricentennial Fund	\$ 472
Hendricks County Women and Children's Fund	Habit of the Heart	\$ 24,595
Imagination Library of Hendricks County Fund	Dollywood Foundation	\$ 3,081
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$ 2,000
Marsha Louise Moore Family Fund	Hendricks County Health Department	\$ 1,191
Operating Endowment Fund	General Operating Fund	\$ 44,270
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	\$ 1,411
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Avon Outdoor Learning Center	\$ 3,550
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Avon Education Foundation	\$ 3,550
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	River Birch Elementary School	\$ 250
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Cedar Elementary	\$ 250
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Hickory Elementary School	\$ 250
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	White Oak Early Learning Center	\$ 250
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Maple Elementary School	\$ 250
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Sycamore Elementary School	\$ 250
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Pine Tree Elementary School	\$ 250
XFUND	Young Professionals of Hendricks County	\$ 34
TOTAL		\$ 292,655

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

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

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Spring is finally here and there are lots of fun things hopping around our community (besides the Easter Bunny :) Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:



Fave Five #1: Hendricks County Named Top Place to Live in Indiana

Hendricks County claimed the top spot in the 2025 rankings thanks to high marks in these four categories: housing equity, academics, recreational and community centers, and childcare costs. Way to go Hendricks County! Read more [here](#).



Fave Five #2: Distinguished Young Women Announce 2025 Winner

Congratulations Calleigh Neal of Avon! She is the new Distinguished Young Woman of Indiana for 2025! Read more [here](#).



Fave Five #3: Visit Hendricks County Wins 2 Tourism Awards

The Indiana Tourism Association awarded [Visit Hendricks County](#) (VHC) with two awards at this month's Indiana Tourism Conference! VHC won in the Best Visitor Guide category for a project in which they partnered with their marketing agency, Williams Randall, and Mama Bird Bakery in Plainfield to provide a new look for the cover. VHC also won for Best New Experience after nominating Hendricks Live! for its new entertainment venue. Way to go VHC! Read more [here](#).



Fave Five #4: Fun April Activities

Washington Township Parks are offering a fun "Kegs & Eggs" event next month with unlimited samples and pours from 25+ Indiana craft breweries, wineries, and distilleries representing the best from across the state.

The atmosphere will be complemented by great music and food options available for purchase from multiple food trucks. Learn more and get tickets [here](#).

Fave Five #5: Tox Away Days

Tox-Away Day is Saturday, April 5th at Brownsburg East Middle School.

Tox-Away Days are collection events where Hendricks County households can properly dispose

TOX-AWAY DAY

WHEN?
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025 | 8AM - 1PM

WHERE?
BROWNSBURG EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL
1250 Airport Road - enter at the green banner flags

WHAT?
Household chemicals, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, medicines, medical sharps, and more (accepted for free). Also accepting tires (limits & fees may apply), electronics (TVs < \$20/\$25), & appliances (\$5/\$10). Cash & check only.

WHO?
Hendricks County households only. Wastes from businesses, churches, & other organizations cannot be accepted at Tox-Away Day.

MORE QUESTIONS? VISIT RECYCLEHC.ORG

of chemicals, fluids, bulbs, batteries, tanks, medicines, medical sharps, tires, electronics, appliances, and more. [Click here](#) for a more complete list of the items and materials accepted.



Hendricks County Community Foundation

Thank You to Our 2025 Corporate Partners

Thank you to our incredible corporate partners! Their generous support is essential to making our vision for Hendricks County a reality – a place where everyone has the chance to thrive and build a brighter future. We encourage you to show your appreciation for these community-minded businesses by supporting them in return.

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