

Where Local Good Grows



# Hendricks County Community Foundation

Ah, May. Spring is finally in full bloom, graduation ceremonies are proceeding, and The Race is close! My wife and I were thrilled last weekend to visit Boston to watch our son Benjamin graduate from the Berklee College of Music. And I was in Speedway this week and heard the sweet, familiar whine of cars at the IMS. I love May!

Exciting things are happening at HCCF too! Our partnership with our County's elected officials to distribute [American Rescue Plan Act funds](#) to nonprofits is continuing. Applications for 2023 competitive grants from APRA fund opens June 1. Read on for more information and how our local nonprofits can apply.

Our "My HCCF Story" series continued in highlighting one of our most venerable Corporate Partners, [North Salem State Bank](#). NSSB is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year! They've been a staunch supporter of HCCF since we started and a great partner through the years. Don't miss NSSB COO and former HCCF Board Member Sherri Reagin's video.

One of the things that makes me most proud of the work HCCF does in our community is our ability to respond to immediate needs. The beginning of the pandemic was a great example, and another occurred just in the last weeks. Special Olympics of Hendricks County reached out to let us know they needed funds to help their athletes attend the state Summer Olympics in June. Their fundraising had been curtailed by the pandemic and without an immediate grant they would have to cancel their participation in the event. One of our anonymous donor advised funds made a grant to cover the costs so the Hendricks County athletes will be there in June! Just another example of HCCF making our community better!

Want to learn more about how you could help make our community better? [Reach out to me](#) today!



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

## HCCF Awards Grant to Special Olympics

HCCF recently awarded a **\$4,900** grant to Special Olympics of Hendricks County through an anonymous donor advised fund. This grant will make it possible for local athletes with disabilities to participate in the Special Olympic Summer Games in Terre Haute Indiana. These games bring together over 3,000 athletes from across the



state and provide life-changing experiences for the participants.

Start your own [Donor Advised Fund](#) at the Community Foundation to support the projects and programs you are passionate about! Call us at 317-268-6240 or [email William](#), HCCF's President & CEO, today.

## ARPA Grant Applications for 2023 Opening June 1



HCCF is working with the Hendricks County Commissioners to assist with the distribution of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to nonprofits working in Hendricks County. Working with the county's ARPA Planning Committee, the Community Foundation designed a process to distribute approximately \$1.5 million through a three-year competitive grant cycle, approximately \$500,000 each year.

The first grant cycle was completed in 2022. Competitive grants will be offered through an annual application for the next two years, **with the next application period starting June 1, 2023.** Learn more [here](#).

## Welcome to Our Newest Board Members



We are excited to introduce two new members of the [HCCF Board of Directors](#): Al Geans and Stan Risser.

Alan Geans (pictured top left) serves as the Assistant Town Manager of Community Services in Plainfield and is part of the core management team for the town. Al has more than 10 years of operational leadership experience specifically in local government and nonprofit operations management. Al and his wife Tonya live in Avon.



Stan (pictured bottom left) has been serving Hendricks Regional Health as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since December 2020. Stan has a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Ball State University and is a Certified Public Accountant. Born and raised in Huntington, Indiana, Stan has spent all but brief segments of his life in northeastern and central Indiana. Stan and his wife, Kim, have three grown daughters: Kali, Courtney and Hannah.

Welcome to the team Al & Stan!

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## HCCF Volunteer Highlight

Tracy Justice lives in Avon and is the founder of "Be Bold Be You," an HR strategic planning practice. She also serves on both the HCCF Governance Committee and the DEI Committee. Read what Tracy has to say in her own words about her service for the Community Foundation.

"HCCF is the leading convenor and connector in Hendricks County. I'm honored to volunteer with an organization that supports local community growth by identifying needs and providing opportunities for individuals, nonprofits and businesses to connect and serve in a meaningful way!"

- Tracy Justice



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

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### My HCCF Story - North Salem State Bank

We are excited to continue our series of stories shared by our generous donors, supporters, grantees and volunteers who make our good work in this community possible!

Click the link below to hear Sherri Reagin share NSSB's HCCF story as a corporate partner of the Community Foundation, beginning over 20 years ago!



## 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 **Kirsten Simon**, Advertising Manager at [The Republican](#).

**If you could be a superhero for a day, who would you be?** Mrs. Incredible, because a lot would get done in a day

**What book are you reading right now or have recently read?** The High 5 Habit, by Mel Robbins

**What is one thing still on your bucket list?** To travel most of Europe and embrace the culture, food, and plein air paint the beautiful scenery

**What brings you happiness?** Spending time with my family, which usually centers on cooking together, or being at the soccer fields and swimming pool. Old friends and new friends. Working for the newspaper, traveling, art, gardening and horse races

**What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve?** Since I work for the newspaper, I'm choosing the topic of negative and false social media influencing our adults and children. One way we can improve is to continue addressing this issue about the negative effects of social media on mental health. Local newspapers are helping meet that need by consistently providing fact-based information. The Republican Newspaper covers all Hendricks County news, past, present, and future. More and more people of all ages are subscribing and more often our community is telling us it is their happy place and look forward to the newspaper in their mailbox every Thursday.

**Why do you do what you do?** My geography degree helped me find my way to my dream job. I really enjoy helping people creatively promote their business and events. I also work with a group of incredibly awesome people at the newspaper. We make a great team.

## Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Summertime is right around the corner, bringing lots of fun things to do in our community! Check out your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings in Hendricks County:





### Fave Five #1: McCloud Park is Celebrating 20 Years!

This month McCloud Park is celebrating 20 years of serving Hendricks County! Located just outside of North Salem, McCloud Nature Park opened to the public on May 3, 2003, and everyone is invited to celebrate its first two decades of success at the park throughout the month of May. Check out all the fun birthday events [here](#).



### Fave Five #2: New Virgil Park

Town of Brownsburg officials and other representatives gathered this month for a groundbreaking to celebrate the construction of a new 6.7-acre public park, Virgil Park, in Brownsburg. The park will serve as a trailhead to the B& O Trail and feature a 0.5-mile trail network with boardwalks, an exercise area, a picnic shelter with a year-round restroom facility, and a small playground. Read more [here](#).



### Fave Five #3: Creative Wellness Workshops

Crossroads Creative Endeavors in collaboration with the Hendricks County Health Partnership will be hosting a mental wellness art workshop Friday, June 2nd. Participants will learn to create mandalas to help reduce stress, anxiety and improve moods. Register [here](#).



### Fave Five #4: Lyons Championship

The [Indiana Lyons](#) are now the American Basketball Association (ABA) Champion Indiana Lyons! The Lyons are the first ABA champions from Indiana in 50 years. The Indiana Pacers last won the ABA title in 1973. Congrats Lyons!

### Fave Five #5: Farmers' Markets are Here!

One of the best parts of the season is finally here - local Farmers' Markets! Hendricks County offers 7 different Farmers' Markets, several of which opened

mid-May. Find the closest market to you [here](#).



## Thank You to Our 2023 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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Is your organization looking to expand your customer base? Join this group of community-minded organizations and become a HCCF Corporate Partner! Contact us to learn more.

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