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HCCF Hires Community Inclusion & Engagement Manager

The Hendricks County Community Foundation (HCCF) is excited to announce that Bryan Chatfield has joined the staff as HCCF's new Community Inclusion and Engagement Manager.

One of HCCF's core values is "Inclusion: respecting and valuing the unique perspectives of every individual and intentionally working in ways that increase diverse participation and equitable opportunity." In light of this value, the Community Foundation Board of Directors recognized the need to ensure that Hendricks County is a welcoming community for all, and approved this new position to work towards those ends.

This new position is responsible for internal and external implementation of HCCF's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) policy, as well as serving as a primary liaison between the Community Foundation and nonprofit organizations, community and corporate leaders, governmental officials, and others regarding HCCF's community unity work. The role is also designed to work in coordination with the Vice President of Programs on efforts to engage the community in community unity work which developed out of the GIFT VII Community Leadership Implementation Grant from Lilly Endowment.

Chatfield brings valuable experience and education to this position. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and African American & African Diaspora Studies from Indiana University, as well as extensive training in civic leadership and engagement. Chatfield most recently worked as the Associate Director of the Holy Family Shelter in Indianapolis. He has also worked with the Marion County Election Board and is an elected official, currently serving on the Wayne Township board as District 3 Representative and Board Chair.

"We are excited for this new staff role and what Bryan brings to the table," said William Rhodehamel, President & CEO of the Community Foundation. "We are looking forward to working intentionally to engage new and diverse members of our community while continuing our core work of making Hendricks County a better place. We are all looking forward to working with Bryan to make our home a more vibrant and welcoming community."

Chatfield is passionate about this work and eager to get started. "I am excited to join HCCF to expand its work in one of our core values - inclusion. We will face challenges along the way, but I see those challenges as opportunities to make Hendricks County a more inclusive community. I look forward to working with other community leaders to achieve this goal."

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 $20 million in a collection of funds created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2021, the Community Foundation gave over $2M 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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