Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation

It's spring and new things are growing! I am excited to announce a new partnership we've begun. HCCF recently received a $500,000 gift from the Lincoln Legacy Foundation, Inc., which will be used to open a donor advised fund at the Community Foundation. Read the feature below for more on the new fund.

I've been working with the Lincoln Legacy Foundation Board, especially Hendricks County members John Baer, Jerry Holifield and Dave Mansfield, for a number of years to understand their goals while exploring continuing the Foundation's grantmaking under HCCF's auspices. These conversations led to this new partnership as we found just the right fit. This new fund – like all our endowed funds – will forever be part of HCCF. This fruitful partnership will continue to grow and benefit our community in perpetuity!

We are honored by the opportunity to partner with Lincoln and these fine community members. Do you have a charitable project you'd like to see continue into perpetuity? Contact me today to learn how a partnership with your Community Foundation can make that happen!

Yours in Philanthropy,
William Rhodehamel
President & CEO

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, $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.

HCCF Receives Gift of $500,000 from Lincoln Legacy Foundation

HCCF received a $500,000 gift from the Lincoln Legacy Foundation to open the new Lincoln Bank Legacy Donor Advised Fund, to benefit both Plainfield and Hendricks County as a whole.

The new fund will continue the legacy of charitable grantmaking of the Lincoln Federal Charitable Foundation, Inc., which was founded in 1998 by Lincoln Federal Savings Bank The Foundation made charitable grants to nonprofits in the counties where Lincoln Bank had branches and customers prior to the acquisition by First Merchants.

Lincoln Legacy Foundation Board President David Mansfield stated, “We are excited to begin this new partnership with HCCF and continue our commitment of supporting the many fine charitable organizations who do so much to make Hendricks County a great place to live."
Read more here.

HCCF Partners with The Republican Newspaper

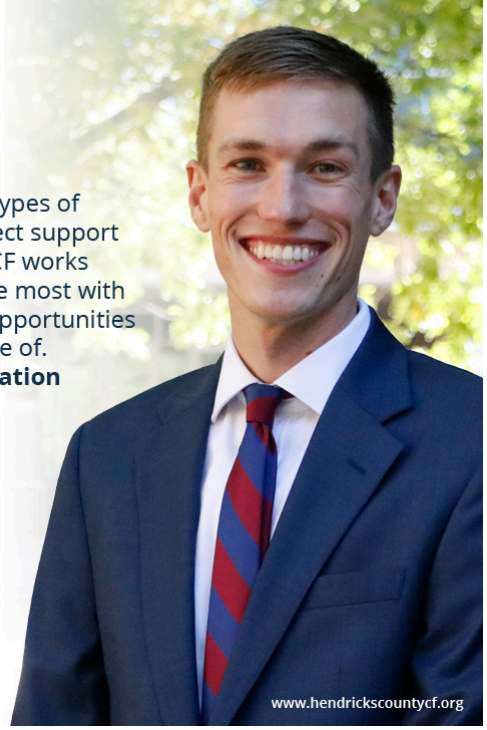
The 2022 Needs Assessment highlighted the need for increased community knowledge among our local elected officials. Local news is a vital resource to our community and an avenue to greater shared knowledge, for our leaders and all our residents.

HCCF is excited to partner with The Republican Newspaper to supply every elected official and office in Hendricks County a copy of the paper every week. The Community Foundation has committed to covering half the cost of the first year (beginning after the fall elections) and a quarter of the second year, for a total grant of approximately $7,500.

Check out The Republican on their website here.

A Board to Brag About

Derek Dixon is a lifelong resident of Plainfield and enjoys spending time outdoors in the many parks that Hendricks County has to offer. Derek currently serves as Senior Director of Development at Indiana University School of Medicine. Derek also serves on the HCCF Awareness Committee. Read what Derek has to say in his own words about his service for the Community Foundation.



What new and exciting community events are you planning this year? Add them to our Hendricks Community Calendar!

My HCCF Story - The Parks Foundation

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!

In case you have missed a few of these stories, here is one we shared last year from the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County. Click the link below to hear Robin share about a HCCF grant for Scamahorn Park, and Katy shares about a new partnership with HCCF!

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 **Kevin Miller,** Chief Lending Officer at North Salem State Bank.

What is your favorite movie? Top Gun Maverick-What a great movie and sequel. Not often does a sequel live up to its expectations, but I believe this one did.
What book are you reading right now or have recently read? I'm not your typical reader. Generally, I read news articles, magazines articles on hunting or the outdoors, etc. I find I like to read only relevant information. The only book I pick up regularly is the Bible. I figure it can't get any more relevant than that...
What is your favorite Hendricks County restaurant? Two Guys Pies - I can find anything I would like to eat there for any occasion. If I want something tasty, I'll go for the pizza or wings. The next day, I probably need to be a little healthier so I will go for the fresh salad bar.
What brings you happiness? I'm generally a very positive and happy person, so many things bring me happiness. Faith, family, friends, my career and co-workers. But outside of people, being in the woods enjoying God's creation is where I find my peace.
What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve? Limited art and culture options - when I look across this state and the country, I see certain areas that draw people in. One of the attractions are downtown areas with sites to see, places to visit, and areas that have been revitalized. I look at many of the downtown areas in Hendricks County and that is finally starting to happen. You have buildings being renovated and improved, and new establishments coming to town. And this is not just happening in the largest of towns, we have small towns in this county that have local people and businesses investing money to improve the lives for everyone. We have several areas with restaurants and shops that have created a fun environment in which local people, as well as visitors want to come to.
Why do you do what you do? Simple-I enjoy helping others achieve their goals. There is great satisfaction in receiving a thank you and to know you are impacting the lives of others. The fact that I can be involved in the community everyday doing what I love and working with great people and organizations is a true blessing. As I mentioned earlier, my advice is to find something you enjoy and go do it. I have found it...

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Spring has arrived and things are hopping around the community! Check out your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings in Hendricks County:

Fave Five #1: Vote on May 2!

Primary Election Day is May 2! Check out early voting locations here. Show how much you care about your community - get out and vote!

Fave Five #2: Bicentennial Logo Contest

Hendricks County is turning 200 next year and the Bicentennial Steering Committee is sponsoring a contest for the best bicentennial logo design! Submit the winning design and win $500! Read more here.

Fave Five #3: Summer Fun Run

The Parks Foundation of Hendricks County is hosting its annual Summer Fun Run Series. If you love our parks, enjoy being outdoors, and are up for an active summer challenge, you'll want to sign up!

This virtual event begins in May and is dog and stroller-friendly! Sign up here.

Fave Five #4: Local Arts Gala

Support the Plainfield Guildford Township Public Library while also supporting local artists and artisans! The Arts Gala begins Friday April 28th. Click here for more information

Fave Five #5: Tox-Away Day

The next Tox-Away day is May 20th at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. Tox-Away Days are collection events where Hendricks County households can properly dispose of chemicals, fluids, bulbs, batteries, tanks, medicines, tires, electronics, appliances, and more. Click here for more information.

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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