

Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation



I am sad to share that our [Community Inclusion & Engagement Manager Bryan Chatfield](#) left HCCF at the beginning of April to accept a key political appointment in Marion County. Bryan's significant accomplishments during his tenure with HCCF include the revision of our scholarship application process in partnership with HCCF Vice President of Programs Eric Hessel, launching our inaugural [Diversity Training Series](#), and founding the Hendricks County Interfaith Council. We were very sorry to see Bryan go but are excited for him as he explores this new opportunity

HCCF is actively assessing how to fill Bryan's role and ensure the continuity of our community engagement efforts. The Community Foundation's commitment to this vital work remains unwavering, and we'll be continuing to build on the foundation Bryan helped establish. I am confident that our team will continue to make great strides in building a more inclusive community. The next Diversity Awareness session, "Beyond Ableism Toward Allyship," will take place on May 16 at Level Two – [please join us!](#)



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

The Importance of Voting

Check out this next video in our 8-part Voter Education Series supporting civic engagement in Hendricks County, produced in partnership with [The Republican Newspaper](#), the [Hendricks County Republican Party](#) and the [Hendricks County Democratic Party](#).

The right to vote is a fundamental right of citizens and your vote helps determine how the government serves the community. Listen to this video to learn all the ways your vote really counts! Visit indianavoters.in.gov or votehc.org for more voter information.



Diversity Awareness Series



Presentation by the Center for Interfaith Cooperation to attendees of Interfaith Lunch & Learn.

HCCF is partnering with expert organizations to provide a FREE 4-part lunch & learn Diversity Awareness Series, and the second session - Beyond Ableism Towards Allyship - is coming soon!

This workshop will cover how the historical mistreatment of individuals with disabilities has shaped society's current perspective and bias; current statistics for people with disabilities; reveal biases toward disability and show the impact of the intersectionality between the largest marginality (disability) and other historically underserved communities.

[This session](#) will be held on Thursday, May 16th at Level Two Coworking in Plainfield from 11am-12:30 pm, and lunch will be provided. [Sign up today!](#)

HCCF Grantmaking



Grant presentation to the Central Indiana K9 Association

In 2023, HCCF awarded over \$1.6 million in grants to make our community a better place!

The application for Community Unity grants is open all year long, and you can find more information [here](#). These grants are for projects and programs that meet these priorities: Increased civic engagement, Inclusivity, diversity, equity & accessibility, voter education and engagement, volunteerism and a stronger sense of county pride/brand.

Additionally, the grant application for 2024 [ARPA funding](#) will be live on our website June 6.



What Do You Love about Your Community?

As part of our focus on County pride, HCCF is partnering with Visit Hendricks County to survey residents and find out what they love about their community and what they want more of in Hendricks County! Please consider attending one of Visit Hendricks County's upcoming community meetings to share your opinion!

You can view all meeting dates and locations on the VHC website [here](#).

You can also take the survey online [here](#).

This is a great opportunity to contribute to the future vision of Hendricks County - let your voice be heard!

Stronger Together

We are excited to announce our “Stronger Together: Building a Better Community” Campaign!

Between now and December 31, 2025, you can **TRIPLE your donations** to any new or existing [Family Legacy Fund](#) or [Community Enhancement Fund](#). When you donate \$1, we'll match it with \$2! Your contribution to the Stronger Together campaign is an investment in Hendricks County's resilience, unity, and lasting prosperity.

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



My Family Legacy Story

We are excited for the most recent video in our series - My Family Legacy Story - highlighting the generous families in our community who have started a Family Legacy Fund at HCCF!

There are [67 Family Legacy Funds](#) at the Community Foundation, each started by a local family who wants to leave a legacy for good. One of those families is Max Hank and his wife Patricia

Cabrera. Max and Patricia love living in Hendricks County and believed a legacy fund at HCCF was the best way for them to give back.

Click the link below to hear Max & Patricia share their Family Legacy Story.



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.

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

Fund Name	Grantee	Grant Amount
Psi Iota Xi Sorority-Gamma Nu Chapter Fund	Psi Iota Xi Sorority-Gamma Nu Chapter Fund	\$ 1,548.00
Foster and Thelma Jean Jensen Christian Ministry Foundation	White Lick Presbyterian Church	\$ 482.00
Covenant Christian High School Teacher Appreciation Fund	Covenant Christian High School	\$ 592.02
Joseph Mulholland III Memorial Fund for Children's Needs	Hendricks Regional Health Foundation	\$ 12,750.00
Brownsburg Kiwanis Club Foundation Fund	The Dictionary Project	\$ 990.00
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Leadership Hendricks County	\$ 2,000.00
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Susie's Place - The Hendricks County Child Advocacy Center	\$ 2,000.00
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Friends of the Lab	\$ 2,000.00
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Hendricks College Network	\$ 1,000.00
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Hope Healthcare Services	\$ 2,000.00
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Sheltering Wings	\$ 2,000.00
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Family Promise of Hendricks County, Inc.	\$ 2,000.00
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Hendricks County Senior Services	\$ 2,000.00
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Plainfield Youth Assistance Program	\$ 1,000.00
Anderson Family Fund	Just Be Kind Club	\$ 3,000.00
XFUND	Young Professionals of Hendricks County	\$ 174.00
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund (2 grants)	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$ 1,413.91
Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration Fund (3 grants)	Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration	\$ 3,015.04
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition ARPA Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$ 14,587.75
Directors' Unrestricted Fund	Leadership Hendricks County Fund	\$ 200.00
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Hendricks County International Festival	\$ 5,000.00
		\$ 61,752.72

HCCF Volunteer Highlight

Nicolas Jones is a 2019 Lilly Scholar and also serves on the HCCF Lilly Scholarship Committee. Read what Nic has to say in his own words about his service for the Community Foundation:

"The Community Foundation has blessed me with the opportunity to meet and engage with the people that contribute to the success of Hendricks County. Volunteering has opened my eyes to the obstacles those in my community face, and the resilience they have to make a difference. I believe we cannot change the world until we are willing to make a difference in our own backyard."

- Nicolas Jones



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



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 **Rev. Danielle Cox**, Senior Minister at Avon Christian Church.

What book are you reading right now or have recently read?

"The Art of Gathering" by Priya Parker

Name one thing still on your bucket list: To visit the Redwood Forest National Park

What do you love most about our community? I love our parks! I have a toddler, and I am amazed at how many wonderful playgrounds we have in Hendricks County, in addition to the amazing bike trails and hiking paths.

What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve? One of the biggest issues facing our community is lack of affordable/attainable housing. As a part of the Hendricks County Workforce Barriers Housing Taskforce, I'm excited about creative solutions to the housing problem that many organizations across are collaborating on, including the neighborhood development project that my congregation, Avon Christian Church, and Habitat for Humanity are currently working together on. There is definitely room for a lot of

improvement though- there are some in our community who are weary of affordable housing and take a "not in my backyard" stance. The reality is that so many people in our community are impacted by this barrier- it's our teachers, hospital workers, fire fighters, grocery workers, and more who give so much to our community but cannot afford to live here. If we can work together to break down that mindset, even more collaboration can happen to help solve this problem.

Why do you do what you do ? I take Jesus' command to love God and love neighbor seriously. I believe that by serving, welcoming, and loving others we bring God's kingdom into the here and now and shine God's light into our community.

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Could you use a dose of cheerful news to jumpstart your Monday? Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:



Fave Five #1: HCCF Celebrates Partnership with Hendricks Live!

HCCF Board, staff and honored guests enjoyed celebrating our partnership with [Hendricks Live!](#) at the new Plainfield Performing Arts Center last week.

Thank you to our generous donors and supporters whose gifts allow us to help grow and launch incredible new nonprofits- like Hendricks Live!- in our community!



Fave Five #2: Summer Fun Run is Almost Here!

The 2024 Summer Fun Run & Walk Series presented by the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County and Hendricks Regional Health starts May 29! [Register today!](#)



Fave Five #3: Avon Middle School Student wins Civics Bee

Avon Middle School North student Davis recently took home first prize in the schools' inaugural Civics Bee. He will now move on to the State level competition. Congrats Davis!

Fave Five #4: Hendricks County Visitor Spending Sets All time Record!



[Visitors to Hendricks County](#) spent **\$352 million** in 2022, up 11% from prior year. The rise in visitor spending generated \$205 million in new net value added to the economy. Way to go Hendricks County!



Fave Five #5: Open House to Celebrate Patrick Cockrum

Sycamore Services is hosting an Open House to honor CEO Patrick Cockrum for his 28 years of service! Congratulations Pat! [RSVP here](#) to attend.



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Thank You to Our 2024 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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