

Where Local Good Grows



Hendricks County Community Foundation

I just got back from the fishing trip of a lifetime. I was in northern Ontario near Hudson Bay and it was an inspirational experience! Until I fell and sprained my ankle badly. I had a quick thought as I went down: "I'm in the middle of nowhere – this could be it!" I had a med kit, and my wife and I recently refreshed our estate planning, so I'm glad I was prepared – at home and in the wilderness!

Are you prepared for the unexpected? Did you know that August is [National Make-A-Will Month](#)? Making a will creates peace of mind for you and the people and organizations you love. A will is important because it's the foundation of your estate planning - a legal document designed to distribute your estate when you die. It is practical, but it is also personal and should reflect your values and concern for your loved ones.

If you do not have a will, or if you haven't reviewed your will in the past few years, the first advice is to get started – today is the day to plan! Here are several great reasons to create a will:

- Everyone needs a will, whether you're 18 or 80. And there's no better moment than now to begin planning for the future.
- Your will gives you peace of mind knowing that your loved ones are taken care of, your assets are distributed accurately, and that your charitable gifts reflects your personal values. Selecting the right estate planning vehicle can allow you to reduce your estate taxes and income taxes while avoiding the stress and cost of interstate probate proceedings and, if you choose, creating a larger charitable gift than you may have ever thought possible.
- [Creating a will](#) is one of the kindest things you can do for yourself and your family. By putting your affairs in order, you can prevent stress and provide for the people and causes YOU love.
- Wills aren't just for the rich and famous. There are many important reasons to have a will, and passing on your money and property is only one of them. With a will, you can choose guardians for your minor children, name caretakers for your beloved pets, write your funeral wishes, support charitable causes, and more.

When you include the Community Foundation in your estate plans, you also ensure that your charitable goals are met for the betterment of Hendricks County. We can help you get started. [Contact me today](#) for more information!



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

HCCF Scholarships Close Next Week!

HCCF Scholarships close August 30th at 3 pm!



More than 15 scholarships are offered by HCCF to local high school seniors - don't miss your chance to earn financial aid for college!

Applications for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship (LECS) are available through the same online application.

Learn more and [apply at this link](#) today!



Ariane Cagle, VP of Avon Tri Kappa

Board Training Series Off To a Great Start

HCCF is partnering with [Leadership Hendricks County](#) and [Hedges](#) to provide an 8-part webinar series to prepare individuals to be great board members for local nonprofits. We are excited to have 72 community leaders participating and working to build their leadership skills!

Arian Cagle, Vice President of [Avon Tri Kappa](#), shared what she learned in the first session: "The Non-Profit Lifecycle Assessment Tool is a great tool for helping assess where your organization is at in the cycle, so you can take steps to renew your organization if you don't want to decline and dissolve."



Grant presentation to The Little Red Door Cancer Agency

ARPA Funds Making an Impact

The Community Foundation, in cooperation with the County Council and Commissioners, created a [grant program](#) to distribute up to \$6.6 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds allotted to Hendricks County. Last year, HCCF distributed over \$548,000 in competitive grants to 25 local nonprofits.

One of the grant recipients was The Little Red Door Cancer Agency, which received **\$24,500** to be used for Hendricks County patients' transportation and nutrition supplements.

The second year of ARPA grant applications closed in July and grants will be awarded by December 2023.

HCCF Volunteer Highlight

Dr. Aaron Willis is an Assistant Principal at Avon High School and volunteers on the HCCF DEI Committee. He also participated in the Lilly Scholarship Task Force in early 2023. Read what Aaron has to say in his own words about his service for the Community Foundation.

"HCCF's work in the community is invaluable - from supporting education for the next generation of residents to promoting an equitable and welcoming community for the growing diverse population. I find joy in volunteering with HCCF and supporting their work in Hendricks County."

- Aaron Willis



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

My HCCF Story - Chris & Amber Tincher

We are excited to continue with our collection of stories shared by generous individuals and organizations who support the Community Foundation, all of whom play a crucial role in enabling our positive impact within this community!

Click the link below to hear Chris and Amber Tincher, HCCF [Family Legacy Fund](#) Owners, share their HCCF Story.





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 **Josh Duke**, Senior Manager of Content & Communications at [Visit Hendricks County](#).

What's your favorite movie? Field of Dreams

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

What is your favorite Hendricks County Restaurant? Perillo's Pizzeria, but I just ate at Hoosier Roots in Pittsboro for the first time recently, and the food was excellent!

If you could have dinner with someone from the past, who would it be? Jesus

What do you love most about our community? I love the people and how we rally together for common causes.

What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve? Regarding the limited art and culture options, I love that the Town of Plainfield is stepping up to create Hendricks Live! which is set to open next spring. I believe that is going to be a valuable asset for our county. Considering my job in the tourism industry, I would love to see more people, county and town leaders or organizations step up to create more attractions not only for our residents but that we can promote here at Visit Hendricks County to draw more visitors and continue to bolster our economy.

Why do you do what you do? I love our team here at Visit Hendricks County, and what could be better than promoting all the fun things we have to do and see in our county that put smiles on people's faces and create lasting memories while also supporting our business owners. It truly is a win-win, and I'm so blessed and fortunate to be a part of it.

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Check out our latest Five Favorite happenings in Hendricks County!



Fave Five #1: Avon Top 25 Teacher

Sarah Valentin, a Multilingual Learner Teacher at Pine Tree Elementary in Avon, was named a [Top 25 finalist](#) for Indiana State Teacher of the Year! Congratulations Sarah!



Fave Five #2: North Salem Old Fashioned Days

You don't want to miss the annual North Salem [Old Fashioned Days](#), September 2-4. This small town hosts the largest parade in Hendricks County! There are lots of activities for the whole family to enjoy!



Fave Five #3: Community Survey

County leaders are working on an update for the Hendricks County Comprehensive Plan which establishes the future of zoning and development in our community for the next 20 years. Please [complete this survey](#) to share what you think about the future of Hendricks County!



Fave Five #4: Tour the Hendricks County Museum Virtually

The Hendricks County Historical Museum recently partnered with [Ash Interactive](#) to produce an updated virtual tour of the museum! Tour this piece of Indiana history from the comfort of your couch! [Click here](#) for the tour.



Fave Five #5: Holden Higbie is USA Boys National Diving Champ

Holden Higbie, a resident of Danville, is the USA Diving 3m 16-18 Boys National Champion after recently competing in California. Holden also made the cut for the Olympic trials next year! Go Holden!

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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