

Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation



I hope your summer has been filled with memorable moments, whether picnics, pools or adventures with family and friends. My family recently returned from an incredible trip to Kenya for my niece's wedding on the Kilifi Coast (we even squeezed in a few days on safari)!

As vacations fade and we settle back into our routines, it might be a good time to think about something important: your future. This month is National Make-A-Will Month—a perfect opportunity to consider your legacy.

Do you have a will? If not, now is the time to take action! Creating a will is one of the most important steps you can take to protect your loved ones and ensure your wishes are honored. It's more than just a legal document; it's a powerful way to shape the future.

Hendricks County is close to your heart, and by naming the Hendricks County Community Foundation in your will, or as a beneficiary of your retirement fund or life insurance policy, you can help ensure that future generations will continue to thrive in our community. Your thoughtful planning today can make a lasting impact.

This month, I encourage you to take a moment to consider how you want to be remembered and what kind of legacy you want to leave behind. You can learn more about supporting HCCF through estate planning on our [website](#), or feel free to [reach out to me](#) directly with any questions.

Your will is your way to protect your loved ones, preserve your legacy, and make a difference for generations to come. Let's make this August the month you secure your future and the future of Hendricks County.



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

HCCF Supports the Imagination Library in Hendricks County

HCCF is proud to support the new Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Hendricks County with a **\$25,000** grant. This program provides an age-appropriate book every month for any child who applies in the community from birth to age 5. HCCF is also

pleased to be serving as fiscal sponsor for the project.

Sign your child up at this [link](#) and help him/her to develop a life-long love of reading!

Do you want to help support this program providing books to our local children? Donate [here](#)!



HCCF Scholarships Closing August 29

Don't miss the deadline! HCCF Scholarship applications, which includes the application for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, are due at **3:00 pm on Thursday, August 29.**

[Click here](#) for more info and to apply.



Meet the Candidates Forums

As part of our commitment to encouraging civic engagement, HCCF is partnering with The Republican, the Hendricks County GOP and the Hendricks County Democrats to bring Meet the Candidates Forums to our community on September 11th and 18th.

[Click here](#) for more information and to RSVP.



Help Shape the Future of Hendricks County

Smallbox, in conjunction with Connected Community and the Central Indiana Community Foundation, is conducting a survey and would like your input about parks and trails in Hendricks County. Whether you've never set foot on the Vandalia Trail or bike the B&O Trail every day, you're invited to take a [short survey](#) about trails and outdoor spaces across our region.



My HCCF Story

We hope you have had a chance to listen to our video series "[My Family Legacy Story](#)," which highlights the generous families in our community who have established a Family Legacy Fund at HCCF!

The Community Foundation is home to 67 Family Legacy Funds, each founded by a local family dedicated to making a lasting positive impact. One of these awesome families is Steve and Linda Eichenberger who raised their children in Hendricks County and established a Legacy Fund as a way to give back to the community they care about deeply.

Listen to their inspiring 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.

Fund Name	Grantee	Amount
9-11 Memorial at Arbuckle Commons	Brownsburg Fire Territory	\$ 61,741
Amo High School Alumni Association Education Fund	Amo High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund	\$ 8,000
Anderson Family Fund	Main Street Plainfield, Inc.	\$ 7,000
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition ARPA Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$ 16,500
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$ 3,997
Hendricks Power Cooperative Operation Round-Up Fund	Eel River Township Fire Rescue Inc.	\$ 1,000
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Marsha Louise Moore Family Fund	Hendricks County Health Department	\$ 1,112
North Salem State Bank Community Fund	Hendricks County 4-H and Agri Fair Association, Inc.	\$ 4,517
Russell Kirts Memorial Fund	Danville Community School Corporation	\$ 3,825
TOTAL		\$ 109,192

HCCF also awarded \$75,420 in scholarships last month. [Click here](#) for a listing of all the 2024 HCCF scholars.

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

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 Cliff Sweazey, the new Executive Director of [Hope Healthcare Services](#).



What is your favorite movie?

The Green Mile by Stephen King. It is a poignant tale of compassion, injustice, and the supernatural. Plus, it has Tom Hanks!

Name your favorite Hendricks County restaurant: The Locale in Brownsburg. Best kept secret in Hendricks County... well, I guess not now.

If you could have dinner with someone from the past, who would it be? I would like to have dinner with Jesus to gain timeless wisdom, spiritual insight, and experience the profound compassion that has inspired billions.

What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve? I think the dramatic decrease of unhealthy addiction concerns is something to celebrate. I think we have made progress with these concerns by increasing awareness, providing accessible treatment programs, offering support groups, and reducing stigma. However, there is more work to be done.

Why do you do what you do ? First and foremost, we are called to serve others. By helping those in need we create a more just and caring society. Serving others fosters connection, builds community, and reflects shared human values of kindness and solidarity. This is exactly why I am at Hope Healthcare Services. I believe everyone deserves to have access to quality mental, spiritual, dental and medical care, regardless of their financial situation and I get the joy of serving people everyday.

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

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Summer is fading fast, but there are still plenty of things to celebrate in Hendricks County! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:



Fave Five #1: North West Hendricks Schools Rank First in State

Final results for the 2023-2024 IREAD 3 test have been released and North West Hendricks School Corporation ranks number **#1** in the state! Congratulations to the teachers, staff and students of our North West Hendricks Schools! Read more [here](#).



Fave Five #2: Avon High School Student Wins World Championship

Congratulations to Avon High School student Calleigh Neal as she was just crowned the World Champion at the Optimist International Oratorical Contest! Read more [here](#).



Fave Five #3: Hendricks County International Festival

The 2024 Hendrick County International Festival is right around the corner - Saturday, October 5th. Check out all the fun activities planned for the day [here](#).

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available for the day of the event, so please consider [volunteering](#)!



Fave Five #4: North Salem Old Fashioned Days

You don't want to miss the annual North Salem [Old Fashioned Days](#), August 31 - September 2nd. This small town hosts the largest parade in Hendricks County! [Click here](#) for a listing of all the fun activities for the whole family to enjoy.



Fave Five #5: Autumn Bucy wins Community Spirit Award

[Hendricks County Bank & Trust](#) Marketing Manager Autumn Bucy has been awarded the Community Spirit Award from the Federal Home Bank of Indianapolis. Congrats Autumn!



Hendricks County Community Foundation

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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