Where Local Good Grows

# Hendricks County Community Foundation

August is Make a Will Month, a reminder to think about the people, causes, and community you hold most dear, and to take action today. A will is more than a legal document—it's a reflection of your values, your priorities, and the love you want to leave behind.

By partnering with HCCF, you can ensure that your care for Hendricks County lives on for generations. Together, we can transform your generosity into a lasting legacy—supporting the neighbors, organizations, and opportunities you believe in most. It's a way to make sure your impact doesn't just last a lifetime, but forever.

And right now, through our **Stronger Together campaign**, that legacy can start today. **Thanks to a $3-to-$1 match from Lilly Endowment and an anonymous donor, your gift can go four times as far in strengthening our community's future.**

As for Moose, our resident golden retriever puppy, he's all about living in the moment. But when it comes to your giving, planning ahead is the key to making a difference that lasts. Plan now, give now, and know you're building something that will outlast us all.

Yours in Philanthropy,
William Rhodehamel
President & CEO
(and Moose)

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## Invest in Hendricks County's Future!

Your generosity makes a difference! Thanks to our amazing donors, the Community Foundation is proud to support Brooke's Place with a recent Community Impact grant of $2,500.

Brooke's Place believes that every child and family deserves the chance to heal in a supportive and caring environment after the death of a loved one. Their mission is to provide a safe space where children and their families can share their stories and begin to heal.

This grant is just one example of the life-changing impact being made in Hendricks County through a grant from HCCF. Are you feeling inspired to make a difference too?

Join the Stronger Together campaign at HCCF, and **your gift to our unrestricted funds will be**

**matched $3 to $1**! Your donation directly supports vital programs like Brooke's Place, helping us build a stronger, brighter community for everyone.

Click here to learn more and give to Stronger Together.

HCCF Community Impact Grant presentation to Brooke's Place

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## It's National Make-a-Will Month

We encourage you to take a personal step that can bring peace of mind to you and your family - make a will! A will isn't just a legal document; it's a way to ensure the people and causes you love are cared for exactly as you wish.

While there are great online tools like FreeWill for a simpler process, we always recommend consulting an attorney for more complex situations.

As you think about the future you want to leave behind, we hope you'll consider the impact you can make right here in Hendricks County through a planned gift to HCCF. To learn how you can support our community through your will, please contact William.

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## Time is almost up - Take the Community Needs Assessment Today!

Tell us what matters most to you by taking just a few minutes to complete the Hendricks County Community Needs Survey at this link.

## Scholarship Program Closes September 3

The application process for all scholarships at HCCF will close **September 3**. The application for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship will also be available at the same time and through the same application process. Click here to learn more and apply.

## Religious Diversity Series

Join us for HCCF's 2025 Religious Diversity Workshop Series, presented in collaboration with the Center for Interfaith Cooperation (CIC).

These free monthly workshops will explore and celebrate the core beliefs and unique practices of different religions, creating space for understanding and meaningful conversations. The sessions will feature engaging speakers, panel discussions and opportunities for attendees to gain knowledge and appreciation for the diverse religious traditions that enrich our community.

The workshops will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, from February through November of 2025, at MADE@Plainfield, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.

Click this link to register for any or all of the remaining workshops. A free boxed meal will be provided. The next workshop is **September 3 on Sufism-** sign up today!

## 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! Below are the grants awarded last month, building a stronger future for our community.

| Fund Name | Grantee | Grant Amount |
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| Anonymous Donor Advised Fund | Hendricks County 4-H and Agri Fair Association, Inc. | $ 25,000 |
| Anonymous Donor Advised Fund | Purdue for Life Foundation | $ 100,000 |
| HCHealth Partnership 2025 Resource Guide Fund | Hendricks County Health Partnership Community Project | $ 9,240 |
| HCHealth Partnership Community Project Fund | Hendricks County Health Partnership Community Project | $ 50 |
| HCFPC Libby Hammond Fund | Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition | $ 1,923 |
| Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition ARPA Fund | Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition | $ 12,955 |
| Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund | Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition | $ 498 |
| Imagination Library of Hendricks County Fund | Dollywood Foundation | $ 3,253 |
| Westside Senior Advocates Fiscal Sponsorship Fund | Westside Senior Advocates | $ 153 |
| TOTAL | | $ 153,072 |

Contact us to find out how you can partner with us and be part of this vision!

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**Check out dozens of great events in our community on the Hendricks Community Calendar!**

## Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Summer is almost over, but not the fun things going on here in Hendricks County! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:

### Fave Five #1: Volunteer for the International Festival

The Hendricks County International Festival is an annual family-friendly event that celebrates the diversity found throughout Hendricks County, and it's coming soon! The Festival needs your help. Sign up to be a volunteer and enjoy a great day celebrating the diverse cultures in our community!

### Fave Five #2: Opening Doors Series

Join us for an evening of storytelling on September 13 when five Hendricks County residents will share their captivating stories at Hendricks Live! – each story unveils powerful moments of connection and transformation. The Opening Doors Series is presented by **The Republican** Newspaper and supported by **Hendricks County Community Foundation**. Click here to reserve your spot.

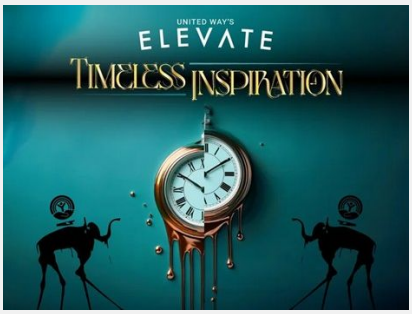
### Fave Five #3: Movie Night in Pittsboro

Come to Scamahorn Park on September 20 for a FREE movie on the big screen (INSIDE OUT 2) and FREE popcorn! Bring your blankets and chairs and lay out in the grass. Movie will start shortly after sunset.

The Wandering Bee will be there with wonderful drink options and Garnacha Spot will be there with food! Click here for more information.

## Fave Five #4: Blues in the 'Burg

The Blues in the 'Burg FREE outdoor music festival returns to Arbuckle Acres Park on Saturday, September 6, for its eighth year! The festival begins at 4 PM and offers 5 hours of live music ranging from soul, rock, and jazz, blues across two stages. Families are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets. Food and drinks will also be available for purchase from food trucks. Local vendors will also host a beer and wine garden for adults 21+.




## Fave Five #5: Nominate a leader for Elevate!

ELEVATE honors individuals aged 21 to 40 who are dedicated advocates, leaders, nonprofit employees and volunteers. The event also serves as a fundraiser to support United Way's basic needs initiatives, which provide vital resources like food, housing, transportation and healthcare access to Hoosiers in need. Know someone in our county that we can ELEVATE? Nominations open September 2!

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# Thank You to Our 2025 Corporate Partners

Thank you to our incredible corporate partners! Their generous support is essential to making our vision for Hendricks County a reality – a place where everyone has the chance to thrive and build a brighter future. We encourage you to show your appreciation for these community-minded businesses by supporting them in return.

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Hendricks Power Cooperative

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State Bank – Indiana strong. Locally loved.

*Silver Partners*

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Hendricks County Community CONNECT

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**Is your organization looking to expand your customer base?** Join this group of community-minded organizations and become a HCCF Corporate Partner! Contact us to learn more.

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