Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation

It's natural, during this festive season, to pause and count our many blessings. We have so much to be thankful for. It's also natural to pause and consider the past year and the year ahead.

The past year has been eventful for the Community Foundation. We completed a 2022 Needs Assessment, a Community Behavioral Health Plan, a new strategic plan, a Nonprofit Learning Series, and awarded Community Unity grants. We partnered with county government to help distribute $6.6 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants to nonprofits working in our community. Bryan Chatfield, our Community Inclusion & Engagement Manager, joined our team in May, opening a new scope of work for us, reaching out in new ways to diverse populations in our county. And we distributed over $1.6 million in grants and scholarships from the funds that generous people have started with us over our nearly 30-year history.

As we look forward to 2023 we have some exiting plans. We'll be releasing the results of the Needs Assessment refresh shortly after the new year. Our partnerships with Leadership Hendricks County and the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County will be more robust. Competitive ARPA grants will again be available in the summer. And we'll be working through some exciting parts of the first year of our strategic plan.

At its simplest, our mission is to make Hendricks County a better place. We do that by being a trusted community partner in understanding needs, aligning resources, and empowering people to address today's priorities and create lasting impact together. We did that in 2022 and looking forward to continuing our work in 2023.

We couldn't do any of this good work without the generous people who have supported our work for almost 30 years. I pause to thank them for helping make our community a better place.

May the blessings of this holiday season fill you with joy. All best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2023!

Yours in Philanthropy,
William Rhodehamel
President & CEO

HCCF Awards Grant to North West Hendricks Schools

We are grateful to have incredible schools in each of our county school districts, and HCCF is showing our support by awarding grants to each schools' education foundation. Each school received a proportional amount of a

HCCF VP of Programs Eric Hessel presents grant check to North West Hendricks Education Foundation

$25,250 grant to be used to support their staff and students.

Our most recent grant presentation was at a Tri-West Varsity basketball game. HCCF staff presented a check for $1,500 to the North West Hendricks Education Foundation.

New Behavioral Health Plan for Hendricks County

In partnership with the Hendricks County Health Partnership and Community Solutions, HCCF convened community health leaders over the past 6 months to develop a county-wide behavioral health plan with the goal that all people in Hendricks County are mentally healthy, free of addiction, or on a path to recovery

The Health Partnership just released the final Hendricks County Community Action Plan, which provides strategies for partners to work together in service of this shared result. Read the plan here.

Support Your Community Foundation This Year

2022 has been a great year for the Community Foundation and our county. We've increased our impact because of the generous people who've chosen to invest in their community by investing in HCCF. 2023 will bring additional opportunities for us to step forward and make this county a better place to work, live and play. But to do this, we need your financial help.

Our vision is Hendricks County is a place where everyone has the opportunity to have a fulfilling life and the tools they need to build a stronger future together. Help us work towards this goal by making a gift this year to your Community Foundation here.

Thank You for Giving Local on Giving Tuesday!

#GivingTuesday2022 was a success thanks to you! HCCF posted videos on Facebook highlighting local nonprofits along with direct giving links. Those nonprofits reported donations of over **$77,000** on Giving Tuesday! Thanks to your generosity our local nonprofits will have more resources to serve the people of Hendricks County

and make our community an even better place to live.

Way to go Hendricks County!

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94 Events added to the Hendricks Community Calendar!

We are excited to share our new Hendricks Community Calendar! This calendar is designed to highlight local events and encourage people to explore all the exciting things to do in Hendricks County.

Do you have an event you'd like to add to the calendar? Click here to read the calendar guidelines and submit your event. Our team will review it and if approved, it will be added to the calendar!

My HCCF Story - Kevin Speer, Hendricks Regional Health

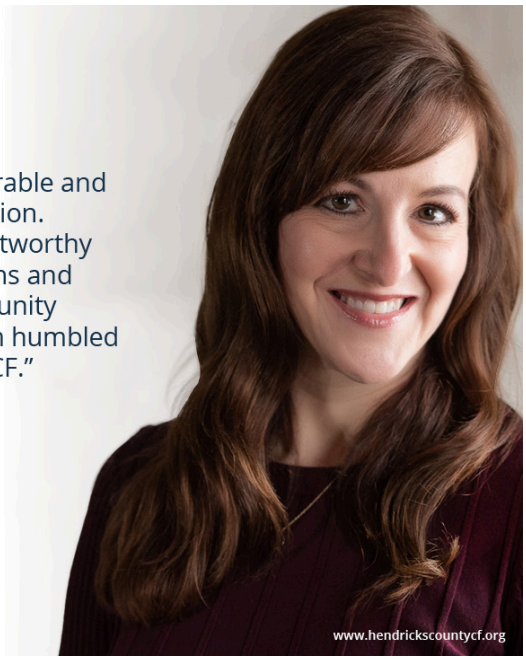
We are excited to continue our series of stories shared by our generous donors, supporters, grantees and volunteers who make our good work in this community possible! Click the link below to hear Kevin Speer, President & CEO of Hendricks Regional Health, share HRH's story as a Platinum Corporate Partner of HCCF.

A Board to Brag About

Amy Comer Elliott, owner of Abstract Title & Insurance, joined the HCCF Board of Directors in 2022 and serves on the Program Committee. Read what Amy has to say in her own words about her service for the Community Foundation.

"Assisting and advancing vulnerable and marginalized people is my passion. HCCF provides the perfect, trustworthy avenue to invest in organizations and projects throughout our community that advance these needs. I am humbled and blessed to be a part of HCCF."

- Amy Comer Elliott



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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 **Jessica Ledford**, District Vice President at the Hendricks Regional Health YMCA.

What is your favorite movie? Love & Basketball
Favorite Hendricks County restaurant? Cooper's Hawk
What book are you reading right now or have recently read? The Success of Failure
If you could have dinner with someone from the past, who would it be? Betty White
What do you love most about our community? I love the uniqueness of each town that creates a county full of rich history, innovation and growing diversity!
What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve?
Negative and false social media influencing issues:
There have been strides by town council, police and other public service organizations to increase transparency and communication to be proactive but also limit impact of negative narratives made on social media platforms.
More collaboration on social media platforms may help unite the community more and also limit negative narratives being shared. This could look like more virtual community conversations.
Why do you do what you do? When I was a teenager I was greatly impacted by a Youth Director mentoring and providing access to experiences I would not have otherwise had. I do what I do to help provide that access to others.

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

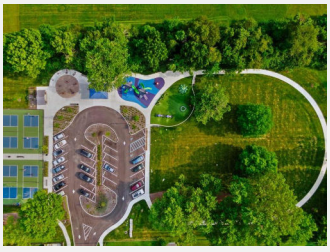
The holidays are here and there are lots of things to celebrate in Hendricks County! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:

Fave Five #1: Lieutenant Governor Honors Eric Ivie

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch presented Eric Ivie. Hendricks County Parks Assistant Superintendent the 2022 Lieutenant Governor's Hoosier Hospitality Award. Congrats Eric! Read more here.

Fave Five #2: Jamie Bohler Smith Celebrates 20 years at Visit Hendricks County

Visit Hendricks County (VHC) Executive Director Jamie Bohler Smith is celebrating her 20th anniversary in tourism at VHC. She was also recently recognized as the Indiana Tourism Association's Member of the Year. Congrats Jamie! Read more here.



Fave Five #3: Brownsburg Park Wins Exceptional Park Design Award

Stephens Park of Brownsburg Parks & Recreation has won the Exceptional Park Design Award for 2021 projects, awarded by the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association. Learn more here.

Fave Five #4: Tri-West Wins 2022 State Cheer Championship

The Tri-West Cheerleaders won the State Cheer Championship in the Varsity C Division hosted by the Indiana Association of School Principals. Way to go Tri-West! Read more here.

Fave Five #5: New County Jail

Hendricks County has a new state-of-the-art 150,000 sq. ft. jail that just recently opened. The building includes a new sheriff's office and space for therapy and rehabilitation programs. Take a virtual tour here.

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