

Where Local Good Grows



Hendricks County Community Foundation

As we come to the end of the year, I enjoy reflecting on our many blessings. Our generous donors, past and present, who make our work better. Our community partners, who do so many things to make Hendricks County a better place. Our volunteer Board and committee members, who give selflessly of themselves to guide and enhance our work. And our Hendricks County community, where there are so many good people and exciting things happening.

Our work this year has been expansive, helping to make our community a better place. We made over \$1.8 million in grants and scholarships in 2023. We helped the County distribute over [\\$580,000 in American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\)](#) dollars to nonprofits working in our community. We helped raise civic engagement through our voter information project and meet the candidates forum, as well as the Lead with Purpose program (see below) in conjunction with Leadership Hendricks County to educate nonprofit volunteers. And we helped launch [Hendricks Live!](#), one of the newest nonprofits working in our community and one that will have an incredibly positive impact on arts and entertainment for decades to come.

As we come to the end of 2023, I also have very exciting news to share: For a limited time, thanks to a new, bountiful gift, our Board of Directors has chosen to provide you with a 2-to-1 matching opportunity for all donations to any new or existing Family Legacy Fund or Community Enhancement Unrestricted Fund. That's right – you can **Triple Your Donations!** When you donate \$1, we'll match it with \$2! Read more about this below, and if you want to take advantage of three tax years for the matching opportunity, [reach out to me today!](#)

I wish you all the blessings of this season and all the best for 2024!



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

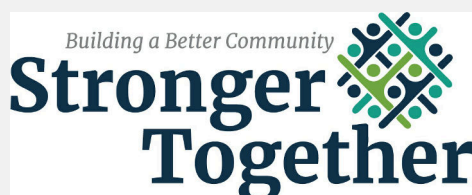
Lead with Purpose Graduates Celebrate

HCCF partnered with [Leadership Hendricks County](#) and [Hedges](#) to provide a board training series, Lead with Purpose, with 72 community leaders participating over the course of 4 months.

The program wrapped up last month and we enjoyed celebrating with all the participants at a gathering at [Level Two](#). Local nonprofits were also in attendance and the program graduates were encouraged to put their new board leadership skills to use by volunteering with one of the organizations. Congratulations to all the participants!

Fund Name	Grantee	Grant Amount
Anderson Family Fund	Level Two Inc.	\$ 5,000
Anonymous Fund	Shepherd's Pathway	\$ 81,173
Anonymous Fund	Hendricks Regional Health Foundation	\$ 60,000
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	The Republican Newspaper	\$ 5,000
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Central Indiana K9 Association, Inc.	\$ 750
Indiana University Health West Hospital Cancer Center Fund	Indiana University Health	\$ 500
North Salem State Bank Community Fund	North Salem Revitalization Inc	\$ 4,947
Project Blue Light Ceremony Fund	Indiana Law Enforcement Academy	\$ 1,915
Sports for All Kids Fund	Danville Girls Softball Association	\$ 2,280
TOTAL		\$ 161,565

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.

To learn more about Stronger Together, contact [William](#).

Sign Up for Monthly Updates About Hendricks County's Bicentennial



As we head into our county's Bicentennial year, there are many activities in the works including a monthly email newsletter to keep residents informed about everything that is happening.

This monthly newsletter will become your one-stop shop for all things bicentennial. Here's what you can expect by subscribing:

- Latest News - Be the first to know about activities, ways you can help and other information centered around our year-long celebration.
- Exclusive updates on upcoming events - As festivals, concerts and any other programs related to the Bicentennial come up, you can learn more about them here.
- Local history highlights - Each month, we will highlight a specific, significant moment in our history that helped shape who we are.

[Sign up](#) today!

Thank You for Giving Local on Giving



Tuesday!

#GivingTuesday2023 was a success thanks to you! HCCF posted videos on Facebook highlighting local nonprofits along with direct giving links. And Hendricks County came through in a BIG way - giving over **\$137,000** in just one day!

Thanks to your generosity these 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!

HCCF Volunteer Highlight

Jeff Donovan is the Managing Partner of Donovan CPA's and serves on the HCCF Finance Committee. Read what Jeff has to say in his own words about his service for the Community Foundation:

"HCCF is a cornerstone of influence within our Hendricks County community. I am grateful to be a part of an organization that seeks to benefit the lives of so many individuals, and I am honored to work alongside the caring people within the organization."

- Jeff Donovan



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

My HCCF Story - Ryan Tanselle

We are excited to continue with our collection of stories shared by generous donors, supporters, grantees and volunteers who make our good work in this community possible!

Click the link below to hear Ryan Tanselle, Hendricks County Superior Court Judge and HCCF Board Member, share his 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 **Joel Powell**, Associate Director of Orchestras and Director of String Activities at [Avon Community High School](#).

What is your favorite movie? I love Back to the Future! I've seen it more times than I can count and look forward to owning a DeLorean one day! Long live 1985!

What book are you reading right now or have recently read? The Secrets of Stradivari. It's a great book that delves into the master luthier Antonio Stradivari and his timeless instruments he and his sons created.

What do you love most about our community? I LOVE our community! We care about others and go out of our way to help one another just as any great community should. We are not afraid of hard work and are happy to give our best effort. Our community also values educating the WHOLE child, and the arts play a huge role. I love that our students in our schools have the opportunity to learn lots of different subjects, participate in many sports, and study unique specialties that ensure that school is a deeply human experience in the best sense.

What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve?

I am very encouraged to see our community and leaders working to improve traffic congestion. The good news is that this is an excellent problem to have, as so many people want to live in this incredible community! As we continue to grow, I'm confident we will remain committed to thoughtfully planning ahead for necessary infrastructure changes.

Why do you do what you do ? I have the best job in the world. I get to use music as a vehicle to empower kids. My students continually inspire me! They are an example of the very best of humanity. Every day, I see our students set aside differences and come together for an amazing common goal. They truly are an example of what is possible when we, as human beings, put aside differences, work hard, and care for others.

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

We have so many things to celebrate in Hendricks County this holiday season! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:



Fave Five #1: Steve Patterson Recognized

Steve Patterson, Certified Fair Executive (CFE), [Hendricks County 4-H Fair](#), was recognized as certified in facilities management at the 2023 International Association of Fairs and Expositions Convention and Trade Show held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Congrats Steve!



Fave Five #2: Congrats to Lora Helmick

Congratulations to Lora Helmick for recently receiving the [Outstanding Professionals Award](#) from the Indiana Park & Recreation Association. We are grateful to have outstanding park leaders in our community!



Fave Five #3: Bicentennial Bash!

Washington Township Parks and Recreation will host its [Bicentennial Bash](#) from 5 to 7 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Washington Township Park Pavilion Center. Bring the whole family out! The event will include a DJ, photo booths, light snacks and fun activities. The party ends with a fireworks show at 7 p.m.



Fave Five #4: Free Transportation

Workers riding Workforce Connectors shuttles from Indianapolis to industrial parks in Plainfield and Whitestown can now ride for free!

The [Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority](#) (CIRTA) is going fare-free on the route by eliminating its \$1-a-trip fee, starting January 2, 2024.



Fave Five #5: Christmas Radio Theatre

Listen to your favorite holiday movies on the radio with a spoken intro by Jerry Vornholt of the Republican newspaper and WYRZ's Shane Ray! These radio plays are condensed versions of the original movies and had the original stars from the movies.

Beginning December 18th, all shows air on 98.9 WYRZ and online at wyrz.org at 7:00 p.m.

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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