Where Local Good Grows

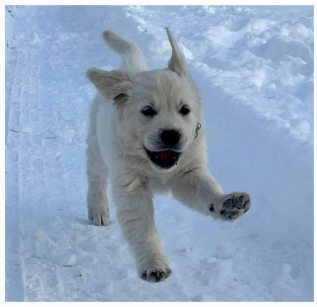
Hendricks County Community Foundation

When people ask me what a community foundation does, I tell them this: We exist to make Hendricks County better—today, tomorrow, and forever. Unlike most nonprofits that run specific programs, our role is to fuel those programs by making grants. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, we invest in the causes that matter most to our community.

That's why the start of the year is so exciting! We begin by awarding our Designated Fund grants—gifts that donors have set up to provide ongoing support to the nonprofits they love. This year, we're distributing nearly $200,000 to local organizations, ensuring they have steady, reliable funding to continue their vital work. For example, a Designated Fund at HCCF provides annual support to Sheltering Wings, helping survivors of domestic violence rebuild their lives.

What's even better? It's easier than you think to create a lasting impact. Whether it's a Designated Fund, a Donor Advised Fund, or a simple bequest, there are so many ways to turn your annual giving into forever giving—and we're here to help you find the right fit.

Do you have a nonprofit close to your heart? Let's make sure they have the support they need not just for this year, but for generations to come. Give me a call at 317.268.6240 —I'd love to help you make it happen!



Yours in Philanthropy,
William Rhodehamel
President & CEO

HCCF Awards $200,000 in Designated Grants

HCCF awarded $200,000 in grants this month to organizations in every corner of Hendricks County to support education, agriculture, health and human services, parks and recreation, senior services and more! These grants were made by our Designated Funds, funds established by donors with a passion to support an organization important to them.

Here's a small sample of these impactful grants:

HCCF Grant presentation to Hendricks County Soccer

- **$4,760** grant to the **Avon-Washington Township Public Library** from the Avon-Washington Township Public Library Fund
- **$723** grant to **Hendricks County Soccer** from the Hendricks County Youth Soccer Fund
- **$1,738** grant to the **Coatesville-Clay Township Public Library** from the Dr. James F. Elrod Fund

Do you want to make a difference by supporting an organization you care about? Contact us today about starting a Designated Fund that will give back to your chosen organization every year!

Women's Giving Circle Grant Applications Live

Nonprofits, if you serve women and children in Hendricks County, you are invited to apply for funding from the Hendricks County Women's Giving Circle, a new women's philanthropy group and program of HCCF. This group provides financial support for local nonprofit organizations while encouraging women to get involved and engaged in local philanthropy.

Applications and further information on the Women's Giving Circle grant program can be found on the HCCF's website. Grant applications are due no later than March 12, 2025 at 3 pm.

HCCF Awards Grant to Help Build Kitty City

HCCF was thrilled to support the opening of Misty Eyes Animal Center's Kitty City through a grant from Daisy's Animal Fund, a donor advised fund at HCCF. We were also able to partner with the county to award ARPA funds for this project as well.

A kitty intake room at Kitty City

Kitty City is a beautiful new facility that will house and care for kitties in process of being adopted. Congrats Misty Eyes!

Donor Advised Funds at the Community Foundation allow donors the ability to support the causes and organizations they care about and be involved in the grant process. Contact us today to start your own Donor Advised Fund to make a a difference in our community!

Don't Miss Out on Stronger Together!

Our Stronger Together Campaign is matching every dollar you give to a Family Legacy or Community Enhancement Fund with **TWO** more dollars! That's a **2-to-1 match**—turn $1 into $3! It's a fantastic way to support Hendricks County and build a stronger community. This amazing opportunity ends this year, so don't miss out!

Click here to learn more about Stronger Together.

Religious Diversity Workshop 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 workshops. The next workshop is March 5 on Buddhism - 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! We are excited to share with you our latest month of grants, building a stronger future for our community.

Fund Name	Grantee	Grant Amount
Anderson Family Fund	Plainfield High School	$ 19,750
Anonymous Donor Advised Fund	Parks Foundation of Hendricks County	$ 10,000
Daisy's Animal Fund	Misty Eyes Animal Shelter & Learning Center	$ 7,000
Daisy's Animal Fund	Oinking Acres Farm Rescue & Sanctuary	$ 3,000
Electric Plus Cares Fund	Samaritan's Purse	$ 11,000
HCFPC Libby Hammond Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	$ 749
Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration Fund	Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration	$ 1,979
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition ARPA Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	$ 14,486
Imagination Library of Hendricks County Fund	Dollywood Foundation	$ 2,901
XFUND	Young Professionals of Hendricks County	$ 833
TOTAL		$ 71,698

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

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

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

It might be on the cold and dreary side of winter, but there are still lots of great things to celebrate in Hendricks County! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:

Fave Five #1: Hues of Hendricks County

The Hendricks County Arts Council and Visit Hendricks County are partnering to launch the "Hues of Hendricks County Public Art Initiative." This project will bring five vibrant public art installations to communities across the county. HCCF is proud to support this project to beautify our county and celebrate our rich culture and diversity. Learn more here.

Fave Five #2: Hendricks County's Flavor Fest

Mark your calendar for a new culinary event highlighting all the wonderful food and flavors west of Indy - "Hendricks County Flavor Fest!"

Hendricks County Flavor Fest will run from Feb. 17 to March 17. During that time, diners will be rewarded for dining locally with a chance to win one of ten $50 gift cards throughout the event. Restaurants in all corners of the county are participating and each is local to our community. Read more here.

Fave Five #3: Men in Action Read!

On March 13th, Sheltering Wings and Men IN Action will send 450+ men into schools throughout the county to read a book to students that focuses on supportive adult relationships, a caring community climate, service to others and a sense of purpose. Volunteer to read today!

Fave Five #4: Brownsburg Coach Named NFL HS Coach of the Year

John Hart of Brownsburg High School has been named the AFC winner of the NFL's 2024 Don Shula High School Coach of the Year award.

The NFL selected Hart from among the 32 club nominees based on character, integrity, leadership, community service, commitment to player health and safety and on-field success. Congrats John!

Fave Five #5: Winter Farmers' Market

The Hendricks County Winter Farmers' Market has returned to the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Center! The dates are 3/5/2025, 3/26/2025, 4/2/2025, and 4/16/2025 from 4 - 7 pm. Read more here.

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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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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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