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The Hendricks County Community Foundation Awards \$36,000 to Local Food Pantries

The Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund at the Community Foundation recently awarded \$36,000 in grants to 18 local food pantries and one pet food pantry serving the food insecure in Hendricks County. Hunger in Hendricks County is a real issue with over 17,000 residents (4,600 of which are children) living in food insecure homes, meaning they don't know where their next meal is coming from. Thankfully, Hendricks County is home to the Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition (HCFPC), a group of local food pantries sharing resources and ideas to better serve individuals in need. HCFPC was established in 2006 to enhance the collaborative efforts of Hendricks County food pantries to help meet basic nutritional needs of residents and to provide training and education to the affiliated pantries by working through its members and other supporting agencies.

"The grants from the Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund are an excellent example of how HCCF funds work for a stronger Hendricks County," said William Rhodehamel, President & CEO of HCCF. "These grants provide food and support the critical work of the Food Pantry Coalition every year, bringing together and equipping folks in the community passionate for a worthy cause -feeding the hungry of Hendricks County."

Shirley Larsen, HCFPC Treasurer commented on the grants, "We greatly appreciate the continued support we receive from the community and HCCF. The grant money received through this distribution of funds is vital for our pantries in serving the needs of the many Hendricks County residents who are dealing with food insecurity."

The Mission of the Hendricks County Community Foundation: To be a trusted community partner in understanding needs, aligning resources, and empowering people to address today's priorities and create lasting impact. Our vision is 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. The Community Foundation manages assets of over \$23 million in a collection of funds created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2023 the Community Foundation gave over \$1.7M in grants to charitable organizations and scholarships to local students. For more information, call 317-268-6240 or visit www.hendrickscountycf.org.

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