

Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation



I mentioned in my last message that we have exciting plans for 2022. One of those is to renew our strategic planning, a process we began last year. Over the last two quarters of 2021, our Board and staff revisited our key Vision, Mission and Values statements. This thoughtful process led to revisions of these critical statements for the first time since 2015. You can [find these on our website](#), and I am excited and proud to share them with you here:

Our Vision is that: 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.

The **Mission of HCCF** is: To be a trusted community partner in understanding needs, aligning resources, and empowering people to address today's priorities and create lasting impact together.

The **Values** we use to structure our work are:

- **Community:** Every decision we make is grounded in the needs and aspirations of the current and future people of the Hendricks County community.
- **Future Focus:** We use data and experience to make responsible, transparent financial decisions that focus on creating and facilitating transformational change with sustainable impact.
- **Collaboration:** We work closely with people and organizations to facilitate connection and catalyze partnerships that increase impact across our community.
- **Inclusion:** We respect and value the unique perspectives of every individual and intentionally work in ways that increase diverse participation and equitable opportunity.

These are critical to the work we do in Hendricks County and beyond. The statements are guideposts to help us understand, structure and justify what we do, and determine if we're living up to our own expectations for our role in the community. I'm proud of our Board for the hard work they put into crafting these new statements. I welcome your input on them as well.

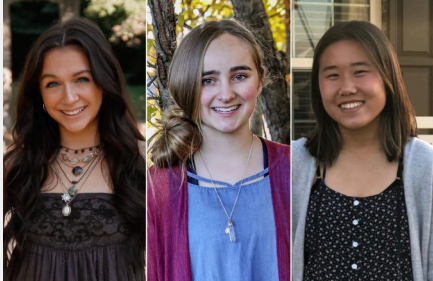
Read on for more exciting 2022 news, including our new Board members and the announcement of our Lilly Endowment Community Scholars for the Class of 2022!



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

Congrats 2022 Lilly Scholars!

We are excited to announce HCCF's 2022 Lilly



From left: Summer Adkins, Justine Vandenberg, and Karlee Waugh

Endowment Community Scholars! Congrats to Summer Adkins (Avon High School), Justine Vandenberg (Danville High School) and Karlee Waugh (Plainfield High School).

HCCF is proud to have partnered with Lilly Endowment since 1998 in offering these scholarships to Hendricks County seniors. This scholarship provides full tuition to an accredited public or private nonprofit college or university in Indiana and a yearly stipend for required books and equipment.

Read more [here](#).



Eric Hessel, HCCF's VP of Programs and John Mollaun, Exec. Director of Hope Healthcare Services

Community Enhancement Grant to Hope Healthcare

We are proud to support Hope Healthcare Services, a recent recipient of an HCCF Community Impact Grant. Our Community Enhancement funds, including the Family Legacy Funds, give HCCF the ability to pivot grantmaking as new issues and needs emerge in the community.

Hope's Executive Director John Mollaun said "In 2021, Hope Healthcare Services saw an 82% increase in mental health counseling services. Once again, HCCF has come alongside Hope to help meet this growing need. Thank you HCCF!"

Read more about our Community Enhancement grants [here](#).

"Thank You" & "Welcome" to Our Board Members



From left: Jerry Orem, William Rhodehamel, Max Hank, Ryan Tanselle, Gary Pohl

We are so grateful for the service of 3 retiring Board members who collectively have served HCCF for over 30 years! Thank you Jerry Orem, Max Hank and Gary Pohl for your dedication and generous gifts of talent, time and treasure for your community!



Clockwise from top left: Brad Riley, Harry Gill, Dan Dunbar, Amy Comer Elliott, Shariq Siddiqui

With a new year comes new Board members, and HCCF is pleased to welcome 4 new members, and one current member to a new role.

Our new members are Dan Dunbar, Amy Comer Elliott, Harry Gill and Shariq

Siddiqui. Current member Brad Riley will be transitioning to Vice Board Chair. We are grateful for excellent volunteer leadership!

Read more about our new members [here](#).



HCCF Grants Schedule

HCCF's grant application process is live right now on our website. Here is the schedule:

- Community Unity Grants - Live (rolling review)
- Open Application Grants - Live (rolling review)
- Community Impact Grants - Live Wednesday, June 1 (grants paid by September 1)

Read more about each grant program [here](#).

A Board to Brag About

Kim Baver, Mortgage Broker at Citizens Bank, joined the HCCF Board of Directors in 2020 and has served as a member of the Development and Governance Committee. Read what Kim has to say in her own words about her service for the Community Foundation.



"The Community Foundation has a strong reputation in this community. For me, I love being a part of an organization that is **committed to addressing community needs** in a county where I live and work."

- Kim Baver



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 **Jon McDugle**, Lead Pastor at West Bridge Church in Danville.

What is your favorite movie? Braveheart

What is one thing still on your bucket list? Bike across the USA

What advice would you give your younger self? You can trust the Lord. Keep love as the main thing. Enjoy the adventure of life. And prioritize friendship.

What do love most about our community? The people in our community are wonderful. Here's an example: the Whicker family. If you know them, you know they live to serve those around them. Our community is what it is because of countless others like them who share the value of service above self.

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

Unhealthy addictions. It's been encouraging to see churches, schools and mental health counseling services team up to address this need. Care to Change is a counseling service in our county that's leading the way in bringing community leaders together to tackle the need of unhealthy addictions.

Why do you do what you do? My passion is helping people experience the joy of a growing relationship with God! I love using my abilities to lead and care for a church family that shares this passion.

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

It may be cold outside but we've got some good news to share that will warm your heart! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:



Tracy Whetstone

Fav Five #1: Tracy is ICON of the Year

Tracy Whetstone of Visit Hendricks County was named the [Hendricks County ICON of the Year](#)! Tracy does amazing work for our community and is well deserving of this distinction. Congrats Tracy!



Fav Five #2: New Class for LHC

Leadership Hendricks County announced their Class of 2022. From January to November, these [28 Hendricks County leaders](#) will gather to learn about the county, develop leadership skills, and build a network. Learn more about LHC [here](#).



Fav Five #3: MLK Donation Drive

The [Hendricks County Alliance for Diversity](#), a fund of HCCF, is holding a donation drive this week in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The items collected will go to support Family Promise of Hendricks County. Click [here](#) for the drop off locations (which includes the lobby of our building in Avon) and help support those in need in our community!



Fav Five #4: Opportunity to Engage with Local Officials

Join our local representatives at the monthly Legislative Breakfasts sponsored by [Hendricks Power Cooperative](#), [North Salem State Bank](#) and [Hendricks County Farm Bureau](#). Register [here](#).



Fav Five #5: Free COVID Tests

The federal government is now providing 4 free COVID-19 at-home tests to every household. Place your order for free tests [here](#).

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