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Hendricks County Community Foundation

Well, after sharing stories about our dogs over the last two months, it seems only fair to introduce you to the other member of our household: our cat, Buster. I wouldn't want him to feel left out and retaliate with his notorious feline temper! Buster is a beautiful DSH brown tabby with an incredibly soft coat that you could easily spend all day petting. He came into our lives in 2015 as a stray, turning up at our backdoor with plaintive cries and quickly made himself at home.

Buster, like many cats, seeks attention on his own terms. Most of the time, he's content to be left alone, but when he does want affection, he demands it in no uncertain terms. He'll jump up on the bed, running the dogs off in the process, and insist on being petted. Timing Buster's petting sessions correctly is essential to avoid his sharp reminders of who's really in charge.

Just like with Buster, timing is crucial when it comes to the **$2 to $1 match** we're able to offer through our Stronger Together campaign. With a goal to raise $1.5 million for unrestricted endowment funds, this campaign is strengthened by a $3 million grant from Lilly Endowment, providing a generous **$2 to $1 match for gifts to unrestricted funds**, resulting in a total impact of $4.5 million. However, this matching period is limited, much like Buster's patience.

We invite you to join us in this extraordinary journey to create a stronger Hendricks County. You have the unique power to bring about change and shape the future of our community. Please make a gift to one of our unrestricted funds. Your contribution to the Stronger Together campaign is an investment in Hendricks County's resilience, unity, and lasting prosperity.

Contact me to find out more!

Yours in Philanthropy,
William Rhodehamel
President & CEO

HCCF Scholarships Opening Soon!

Men account for only 30% of scholarship applicants, and only 40% of college students overall. Don't let financial barriers hold you back from getting a college education because scholarships can make a big difference!

HCCF Scholarship applications open **August 1** - click here to learn more.

Check out the video below from men in our community encouraging you to apply for scholarships

that will lead to a better tomorrow for YOU!

Diversity Awareness Series

Our next Diversity Awareness Series session, Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth, is right around the corner - Wednesday, August 7 at 11:00 am at Level Two Plainfield..

The session is free, and lunch will be provided. Sign up here.

Stronger Together

Join us in 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. The Wiles family wanted to honor the memory of their much-loved aunt and took advantage of a Lilly Match to establish the Whiles-Wiles Family Legacy Fund.

You and your family can do the same and maximize your impact through this **$2 to $1 match**. Contact us to start your own Family Legacy Fund.

Click here to learn more about Stronger Together.

My HCCF Story

Our latest HCCF Story highlights our 2024 Lilly Scholars: Tiba Altower - Plainfield High School, Aahan Bajpai - Brownsburg High School, and Haydan Gabbard - Cascade High School. The scholars recently took a tour of 98.9 WYRZ Radio, a local nonprofit supported by HCCF.

Check out this video to hear what they learned about HCCF grantmaking and what the Lilly Scholarship means to them!

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	Amount
Behavioral Health Needs Assessment and Community Planning Fund	Family Promise of Hendricks County, Inc.	$ 50,000
Butler Fairman & Seufert Fund	Hendricks County International Festival	$ 1,170
Danny Schenck Memorial Fund	Bruin Youth Basketball League, Inc.	$ 1,810
HC Health Partnership Community Project Fund	Hendricks County Health Partnership Community Project	$ 150
Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration Fund	Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration	$ 600
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition ARPA Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	$ 13,982
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	$ 174
Hendricks County Women and Children's Fund	Family Promise of Hendricks County, Inc.	$ 40,000
Hendricks Power Cooperative Operation Round-Up Fund	Susie's Place - The Hendricks County Child Advocacy Center	$ 3,000
Miracles for Melanoma Fund	Miracles for Melanoma	$ 150
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Avon Education Foundation	$ 4,467
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Avon Outdoor Learning Center	$ 4,467
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Avon Community School Corp. -Teacher of the Year Awards	$ 3,000
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Avon Community School Corp. -Elementary Media Centers	$ 2,000
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	$ 1,610
Sports for All Kids Fund	Danville Little League Baseball, Inc.	$ 840
Sports for All Kids Fund	Danville Girls Softball Association	$ 2,390
XFUND	Young Professionals of Hendricks County	$ 161
	TOTAL	$ 129,971

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

HCCF undergoes a professional financial audit every year to ensure accurate and transparent financials for all our donors and supporters. The 2023 Audited Financials are now available on our website - check them out!

HCCF Volunteer Highlight

Judy Pingel has served as a volunteer with the Community Foundation in various capacities for over 10 years, including as a member of the Board of Directors. She currently serves on the Stronger Together Campaign Taskforce. Read what Judy has to say in her own words about her service for the Community Foundation:

"When the Community Foundation first began, I had no idea what it could do for our county. Now almost 30 years later, I don't believe you can even count all the individuals, families and nonprofits HCCF has impacted for good in this community. I am so proud to serve as a volunteer for this amazing organization."

- Judy Pingel

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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 **Patricia Baldwin**, President, Board of Directors of the Hendricks County Historical Museum.

What book are you reading right now or have recently read?
Still Life by Louise Penney.

Name one thing still on your bucket list: Visit England and Belgium. My maternal grandparents were from West Flanders.

If you could have dinner with someone from the past, who would it be? Abigail Adams. She was educated, a wife and advisor to her husband, First Lady, mother of a president, kept the family going while John was gone during the Revolution, had a front row seat on so much of the early days of the USA.

What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve? County and town coordination could be improved with meetings about things like roads and zoning and working together. It is sometimes hard to choose a cooperative mindset rather than working just as individual entities.

Why do you do what you do ? I was a History major in college, so the Museum allows me to return to that, as well as volunteer with a lot of very interesting people and use some of the skills I used at work. I like watching our visitor's reactions looking at items that used to be in every day use, and talking about what children played with or the college experience, which seems more real because it is local.

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

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Summertime and the livin' is easy - and fun in Hendricks County! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:

Fave Five #1: Visit Hendricks County Travel Guide

Don't miss out on any of the fun events around the county as the summer wraps up- request your own digital copy of the Visit Hendricks County Travel Guide! Special shout out to Mama Bird Bakery in Plainfield for the delicious treats on the guide cover!

Fave Five #2: July is National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

July is Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month. Bebe Moore Campbell was an author and mental health advocate who co- founded the National Alliance on Mental Health in Los Angeles. Click here for more resources and information on BIPOC Mental Health Month.

Fave Five #3: July is National Parks & Rec Month

July is National Parks & Rec month and we want to express our appreciation to the staff and volunteers who work at Hendricks County's 40 parks & trails to make them clean, accessible and fun for our whole community. Check out the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County Facebook page where our awesome parks staff around the county are highlighted. Thank you for your service!

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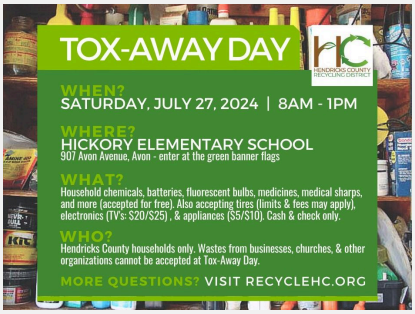
Five #4: New Financial Literacy Program

Hendricks County Bank & Trust is offering a free, interactive program - Banzai Interactive Financial Literacy - that teaches real-world finance and practical life skills. There are courses for kids, teens, adults and on digital safety as well as articles, calculators and coaching scenarios. Check it out here.



Fave Five #5: Tox Away Day

The Hendricks County Recycling District's next Tox Away day is Saturday, July 27th at Hickory Elementary School in Avon from 8 am - 1 pm. Items accepted include chemicals bulbs, batteries, tires, electronics and appliances.

Visit RecycleHC.org for more information.

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Thank You to Our 2024 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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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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