Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation

So much to do in August! It may be the dog days of summer, but things aren't slowing down at your Community Foundation!

Bonnie is lobbying for more treat breaks, Skye's campaigning to turn the conference room into a dog park, and Moose is diligently testing every nap spot in the office—but the rest of us are hard at work on some exciting opportunities for our community:

We need your voice! Our **2025 Community Needs Assessment survey** is open now, and we want to hear from you—and from everyone you know! Please take a few minutes to share your perspective and help shape the future of Hendricks County. Then, spread the word in your neighborhood, workplace, and social circles. Every voice matters.

Round two of our **Community Impact grants** is open until August 8. If you're part of a local nonprofit making Hendricks County better, we encourage you to apply—or share the news with those who should!

Scholarship applications for the Class of 2026 open August 6 and close September 3. If you know a high school senior with big dreams, make sure they check out this opportunity.
It's a busy, hopeful season at HCCF—and we're glad you're part of it!

P.S. With just five months left in our **Stronger Together campaign**, every gift to an unrestricted Community Enhancement Fund is still eligible for an amazing $3-to-$1 match! Help us meet this moment and make the biggest impact possible—before time runs out.

Yours in Philanthropy,
William Rhodehamel
President & CEO
(and Moose, Bonnie & Skye)

Invest in Hendricks County's Future!

Your generosity makes a difference! Thanks to our amazing donors, the Community Foundation recently granted $4,865 to Jameson Camp! For nearly 100 years, Jameson Camp has provided a space where any child can feel welcome, safe, and accepted while they discover their strengths, build friendships, and experience nature.

Feeling inspired to make your own life-changing impact right here in Hendricks County? You can!

Right now every dollar you give to a Family Legacy or Community Enhancement Fund (unrestricted) will be matched with **THREE** more dollars! That's a **3-to-1 match**—turning **$1 into $4!** 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.

HCCF Community Impact Grant presentation to Jameson Camp

Take the Community Needs Assessment

What would make Hendricks County a better place? There's a lot to like about Hendricks County, but we know it can be even better.

HCCF is conducting a community- wide needs assessment and we want to know what you think!

Tell us what matters most to you by taking just a few minutes to complete the Hendricks County Community Needs Survey at this link.

Community Impact Grants Close Soon

HCCF Community Impact Grants offer financial assistance for charitable programs and projects serving Hendricks County. This responsive grant program is designed to be open-ended allowing for nonprofits and charitable groups to apply for

funding to help meet the needs of their organization in service to the needs of Hendricks County.

Applications are due no later than Friday, August 8th at 3 pm. Applications and further information on these programs can be found on the HCCF's website.

HCCF Community Impact Grant to Brooke's Place For Grieving Children

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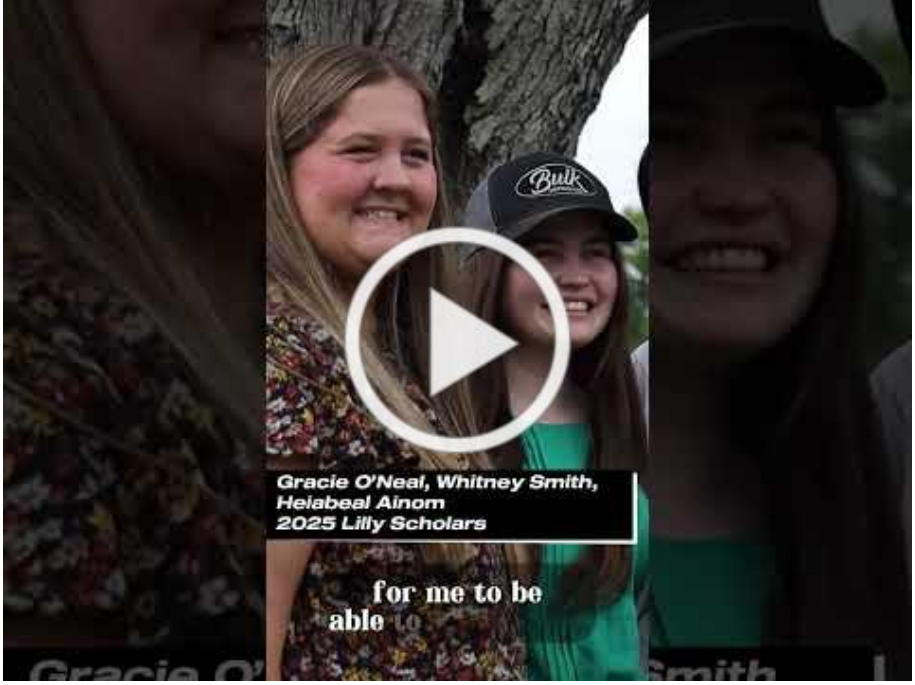
Scholarship Program Opens August 6

The application process for all scholarships at HCCF will open on **August 6** and will close **September 3**. The application for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship will also be available at the same time and through the same application process. Click here to learn more.

Did You Know?

Did you know that HCCF has been administering the Lilly Endowment Scholarship for 28 years? Check out the video below to see some of the students who received this life-changing scholarship!

Scholarships like the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship are just one of the many ways HCCF supports our community. Help us continue to do great things in our community - right now, your gift to our unrestricted funds will be matched $3 to $1 and will directly support the work of HCCF, helping us make Hendricks County better. Click here to learn more and give today!



Religious Diversity 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. A free boxed meal will be provided. The next workshop is **August 6 on Islam** - 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! Below are the grants awarded last month, building a stronger future for our community.

Fund Name	Grantee	Grant Amount
Danville Community Fund	Danville Rotary Club Foundation, Inc.	$ 600
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Balance and Breath Yoga and Wellness Center	$ 1,040
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Powerhouse Community Development Corporation	$ 1,250
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Hendricks County Health Partnership Community Project	$ 80
Harold Schooler & Virginia Schooler Morrison Memorial Fu	Main Street Plainfield, Inc.	$ 521
HC Health Partnership Community Project Fund	Hendricks County Health Partnership Community Project	$ 363
HCCF Inclusive Philanthropy Fund	Plainfield Performing and Fine Arts Council/Hendricks Live!	$ 4,200
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition ARPA Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	$ 31,411
Hendricks County Women's Giving Circle Fund	Safe Families for Children Central Indiana	$ 4,500
Hendricks County Women's Giving Circle Fund	Sheltering Wings	$ 3,000
Hendricks County Women's Giving Circle Fund	Special Olympics Hendricks County	$ 7,500
Hendricks Power Cooperative Operation Round-Up Fund	Little Red Door Cancer Agency	$ 1,500
Hendricks Power Cooperative Operation Round-Up Fund	Shared Blessings Food Pantry	$ 2,500
Imagination Library of Hendricks County Fund	Dollywood Foundation	$ 3,186
Miracles for Melanoma Fund	Miracles for Melanoma	$ 775
North Salem United Methodist Church Fund	North Salem United Methodist Church Fund	$ 1,179
TOTAL		$ 63,605

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

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 here in Hendricks County! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:

Fave Five #1: New CEO at Family Promise

Jenni Crago has been selected as the new Chief Executive Officer of Family Promise of Hendricks County.

Jenni brings years of leadership experience in the nonprofit sector, a deep commitment to serving underserved populations, and strong roots in Hendricks County. In fact, she was part of the initial group that helped establish Family Promise in our community. Welcome Jenni!

Fave Five #2: Little Miss & Mister

The Hendricks County 4-H Fair was fun for all, but especially for Maggie Moser of Danville and Henry Pepper of Plainfield. These two 8-year olds were selected as "Little Miss" and "Little Mister" on the opening day of the fair and quickly took up their role and led the Farm Bureau Parade of Animals. Congrats to both!

Fave Five #3: Ribbon Cutting for New Avon School

On July 22, a large crowd of students, families, educators, and other community leaders gathered to celebrate the ribbon cutting for a brand new middle school: Avon Middle School West.
The new school was a critical component to make room for more students and the realignment of the school corporation into k-5 elementary schools and 6-8 middle schools. Congrats Avon!

Fave Five #4: Tox Away Days

Tox-Away day is August 16th!

Tox-Away Days are collection events where Hendricks County households can properly dispose of chemicals, fluids, bulbs, batteries, tanks, medicines, medical sharps, tires, electronics, appliances, and more. A more complete list of the items and materials accepted and dates of collection can be found here.

Fave Five #5: Claudia Cummings named to the IBJ's 250 Most Influential Business Leaders

Claudia Cummings, President of the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, was recently named one of IBJ's 250 Most Influential Business Leaders in the Nonprofit sector in Indiana. Congrats Claudia!

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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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