Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation

Last week, I was pleased to attend the groundbreaking for the Plainfield Performing and Fine Arts Center. The new facility, being constructed as part of the Plainfield Civic Center at the corner of Main and Center Streets in downtown Plainfield, is intended to be an arts and civic hub for all of our community.

HCCF has been proud to partner with the Town of Plainfield to incubate Hendricks Live!, the new nonprofit arts and entertainment organization that will operate and develop the programming for the Center. We entered into a fiscal sponsorship agreement with the Town last October, and then worked with the steering committee to hire Chris Petrelli, who is the Executive Director of Hendricks Live! (Chris is actually an employee of HCCF, and will be until the organization gains independent status!).

Fiscal sponsorships like this are one of the unique and flexible tools HCCF has to realize our mission of making Hendricks County a better place. We're able to handle the money for an important project or emerging nonprofit until they develop the capacity to become independent. Nonprofits working in our area that have grown out of fiscal sponsorships here at HCCF include Family Promise of Hendricks County and Indy Honor Flight. We're proud to have helped these nonprofits come to fruition, as we are with Hendricks Live!

I'm excited about the new venue, and you have the opportunity to make your voice heard! Hendricks Live! would like to know the types of programs that people in the community would like to see there. Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey to let Chris know what you'd like to experience when the Center opens early 2024. Fill it out today!

Yours in Philanthropy,
William Rhodehamel
President & CEO

My HCCF Story - 2022 Lilly Scholars

We are excited to introduce a series of stories shared by our generous donors, supporters, grantees and volunteers who make our good work in this community possible! Click the link below to hear from our 2022 Lilly Scholars and their visit to one of HCCF's grantees - Rock Steady Boxing of Brownsburg.

Save the Date for Nonprofit Learning Sessions

As part of our Community Unity initiatives, HCCF has hired Johnson Grossnickle and Associates to run a three-part nonprofit learning series for local nonprofit staff and volunteers to learn about **"Building Better Boards**." You won't want to miss this!

See session dates below. The sessions are FREE; however, you must register for all three sessions individually. Register here.

- Thursday, July 28 from 9 -10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 8 from 9 -10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 3 from 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Grant presentation to Mill Creek Community Schools

Grant to Mill Creek Community Schools

We are grateful to have incredible schools in each of our county school districts, and HCCF is showing our support by awarding grants to each schools' education foundation.

Each school will receive a proportional amount of a **$25,250** grant to be used to support their staff and students!

Our most recent grant presentation was on the beautiful baseball fields of Cascade High School.

Working towards Better Community Mental Health

HCCF is excited to partner with Community Solutions to engage Hendricks County stakeholders to work collaboratively and strategically to improve the behavioral health outcomes of Hendricks County residents. The work will include gathering key data, engaging cross-sector leaders and facilitating the development of a community-wide plan to ensure that all Hendricks County residents have access to healthcare and wellness services and supports and experience optimal health and well-being.

This project works in two stages. The first is planning, in which cross-sector leaders are engaged to develop a community plan on behavioral health. The second is implementation, where funds are set aside to support putting the plan in motion.

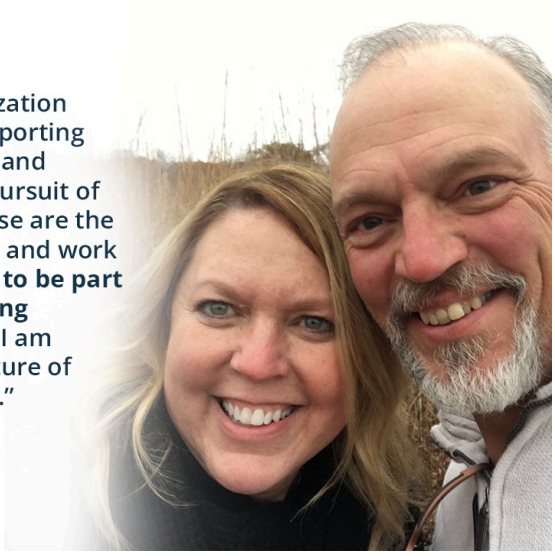
Contact VP of Programs, Eric Hessel, if you are interested in participating in the process.

A Board to Brag About

Denise Robinson joined the HCCF Board of Directors in 2019 and has served as Board Secretary as well as on the Executive Committee. Read what Denise has to say in her own words about her service for the Community Foundation.

"HCCF is an organization committed to supporting charitable people and organizations in pursuit of their dreams. These are the same people I live and work beside. **I'm proud to be part of a dream-building organization** and I am excited for the future of Hendricks County."

- Denise Robinson



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 **Laurel Setser**, Director of the Avon-Washington Township Library.

If you could be a superhero for a day, who would you be? I am a librarian; I am a superhero every day
What book are you reading right now? Boy's Life by Robert McCammon (I love the book so much, I re-read it every couple of years)
What brings you happiness? Making food for people I care about
What is a piece of advice you would give your younger self? Quit trying to make everything perfect
What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve?
Family Promise has been a blessing to many in the county seeking a residence. However, we see many using the library who appear to be homeless. There are no shelters in Hendricks County for them.
*(Note: Family Promise will soon be opening an overnight shelter for families experiencing homelessness. Read more about Family Promise services **here.**)*
Why do you do what you do? I believe public libraries are a gateway for everyone. By providing resources and expert help, we can help every single resident improve their quality of life.

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

It's summertime and the living is easy and fun with exciting things going on in Hendricks County! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:

Murphy Aquatic Park

Fave Five #1: Murphy Aquatic Park Now Open!

The Avon-Washington Township Park built a new and innovative aquatic park in Avon that opened at the end of May. One large focus of the project was inclusivity - ensuring that individuals in the community of all needs and abilities can explore the amenities the park has to offer. Check out their website here.

Brown Skin Coffee Shop

Fave Five #2: New Coffee Shop in Brownsburg

A new black-owned business in Brownsburg just opened this past week - Brown Skin Coffee. The shop serves coffee, tea, wine and delicious baked goods. Learn more here.

Hendricks County Speaker's Bureau

Fave Five #3: Avon Student Creates Hendricks County Speaker's Bureau

Avon High School student Katherine Langford created a new forum, the Hendricks County Speaker's Bureau, for bringing together expert speakers with community groups. If you are interested in being part of the Bureau, either as a speaker or as a community group or educator, submit an interest form through the website.

Blast Off Park

Fave Five #4: Volunteer at Blast Off Park in Brownsburg

Brownsburg Parks and Recreation needs your help updating Brownsburg's iconic Blast Off Playground!

Build site opportunities range from mulching to carpentry. Volunteers should be able to stand for long periods of time, walk over uneven terrain, and have a positive can-do attitude! Sign up here.

Fave Five #5: 4th of July Events

The 4th of July is one of the best days of the summer to enjoy with family and friends. Check out all the great activities going on in the community to celebrate our country's birth!

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