Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation

Audits Are Boring. But Trust? That's Exciting.

Let's be honest: After a year full of record-breaking grantmaking, game-changing gifts, and the momentum of our Stronger Together campaign, our 2024 audit is … well … the least exciting thing we've done lately.

But that's kind of the point.

After all the energy and generosity that fueled an incredible year, it's reassuring to know that the dollars entrusted to us were managed with the same steadiness and integrity we've demonstrated year after year. **Our latest independent audit, conducted by Estep Burkey Simmons, was squeaky clean**—just like every other audit in my 13 years at HCCF. **No issues. No concerns. No surprises. Just solid financial stewardship.**

It might not be riveting reading, but it is a big reason why donors and community members continue to place their trust in us. We take that trust seriously, and we back it up with transparency: you can find years of financials and 990s anytime on our website.

Of course, if you're in the mood for something a little more exciting, don't forget: Gifts to unrestricted funds are still being **matched $3 to $1** through Stronger Together—quadrupling your impact on Hendricks County.

So no, our audit doesn't include fireworks, puppies, or matching T-shirts—but it does confirm that we're dotting every "i" and minding every decimal, just like always.

And with our $3-to-$1 match through Stronger Together still in play, now's the perfect time to turn that very responsible financial stewardship into something wildly impactful (and yes—maybe even a little exciting).

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

Community Impact Grants Open Soon

HCCF will open the second round of its Community Impact Grant program on July 7.

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 will open July 7th and 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.

Mill Creek Mural Project, supported in part by an HCCF grant

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.

Our apologies! The Scholarship Recepient list sent out last month was not correct. Click here for an updated list of HCCF Scholars.

Meet our 2025 Lilly Scholars!

Congrats to our 2025 Lilly Scholars: **Heiabeal Ainom**, Avon High School; **Graci O'Neal** Danville High School; and **Whitney Smith**, Cascade High School. The scholars recently took a tour of Misty Eyes Animal Shelter, 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!

The Women's Giving Circle Awarded $15,000 in Grants

This month, the Hendricks County Women's Giving Circle (HCWGC) had the honor of hearing from 3 of the top 9 grant applicants at their first Grant Award Meeting. The members awarded a total of **$15,000** to the following organizations making a real difference for women and children in our community:

- Special Olympics - Hendricks County- $7,500
- Safe Families for Children - $4,500
- Sheltering Wings - $3,000

Congratulations to each of these nonprofits doing important work in Hendricks County!

If you are interested in joining the HCWGC, click here for membership details.

Invest in Hendricks County's Future!

Thanks to our generous donors, the Community Foundation recently awarded a $3,000 Community Impact Grant to support the vital work of Junior Achievement of Central Indiana. This grant will help JA expand its reach right here in Hendricks County, offering programs that are essential for bridging educational inequities. Just last year, 937 students in Hendricks County benefited, gaining skills for financial independence.

Would you like to be a part of this kind of life-changing impact in our community? Join us in our Stronger Together campaign at HCCF! 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 Junior Achievement

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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
Butler Fairman & Seufert Fund	Hendricks County International Festival	$ 1,435
Daisy's Animal Fund	Oinking Acres Farm Rescue & Sanctuary	$ 2,000
Harold Schooler & Virginia Schooler Morrison Memorial Fund	Main Street Plainfield, Inc.	$ 4,667
HCFPC Libby Hammond Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	$ 104
Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration Fund	Hendricks County Historical Museum	$ 475
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition ARPA Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	$ 15,614
Imagination Library of Hendricks County Fund	Dollywood Foundation	$ 3,311
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Avon High School	$ 250
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Avon Intermediate School East	$ 250
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Avon Intermediate School West	$ 250
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Avon Middle School North	$ 250
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Avon Middle School South	$ 250
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Cedar Elementary	$ 250
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Hickory Elementary School	$ 250
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Maple Elementary School	$ 250
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Pine Tree Elementary School	$ 250
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	River Birch Elementary School	$ 250
Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund	Sycamore Elementary School	$ 250
Smithville Charitable Foundation Endowment Fund	Hendricks County Tourism Commission	$ 14,000
Total		$ 44,356

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: Rib Fest

Don't miss Hendricks County's annual Rib Fest sponsored by the Avon Chamber of Commerce. Come on out Saturday, June 28 at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds for a full day of food, fun, and fireworks to end the night.
Download the Rib-Fest app for the full schedule, vendor list, & more! Click here for more information.

Fave Five #2: WNBA Scavenger Hunt

The WNBA All-Star 2025 Host Committee announced a statewide scavenger hunt this past week inviting fans across Indiana to join an interactive, women's basketball-themed adventure leading up to the biggest weekend in women's hoops. Congrats to **Plainfield** for being chosen as one of the scavenger sites! Sign up now to get early clues and the chance to win WNBA tickets and prizes!

Fave Five #3: Calling All Artists!

The second annual Hendricks Live! Art Exhibition is coming to the Hendricks Live! lobby this August. Submissions for artwork are open NOW through July 11th at 5 PM to Hoosier artists over 18! In collaboration with the Hendricks County Arts Collective, this exhibition will celebrate the work of Indiana artists and showcase the best of the visual arts. For more details and to submit your work, click here.

P.S. HCCF supported the purchase of some of the equipment to host this event each year!

Fave Five #4: 4th of July Events

The Fourth of July is right around the corner and there are LOTS of exciting things to do and places to celebrate all around Hendricks County! Check out your options on the Visit Hendricks County events page here.

Fave Five #5: Town Scavenger Hunt

Explore Danville's past and present while having fun on a scavenger hunt with the whole family! This is a

walking tour of Downtown Danville on Tuesday, July 8th that you can do at your own pace. Enjoy an ice cream social at the end! Register here.

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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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