Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation

I love spring: longer days, warmer days and more time outside, spring bulbs. So much renewal and growth! Here at HCCF, as I've been hinting we have many new things coming. I'm excited that we're rolling out one here – our new series on "My HCCF Story."

My HCCF story started in 2008, when I read in the Hendricks County Flyer about the retirement of founding Executive Director Deedee Daniel. I hadn't heard of HCCF before then and started following news stories of the work the Community Foundation was doing in our county. My wife and I moved into the county in 1990, and I had no idea there was an organization working to make all of our community better. In 2012 I was thrilled to become the third CEO of HCCF and am still excited by the potential of the good HCCF does in our community.

There are so many compelling stories in our county, and HCCF is excited and proud to be part of many of them. Whether it's a family helping a beloved nonprofit to continue to thrive forever through a Designated Fund, supporting parks throughout our county, or Tanya Shelburne's very personal story below, HCCF is at the center of so many stories of making Hendricks County a better place to live, work and play. So, in closing, I ask: **what will your HCCF story be?**

Yours in Philanthropy,
William Rhodehamel
President & CEO

My HCCF Story

We are excited to introduce a series of stories shared by our generous donors, supporters and volunteers who make our good work in this community possible! Click the link below to hear **Tanya Shelburne's story** - how she first heard about HCCF and then became a monthly donor!

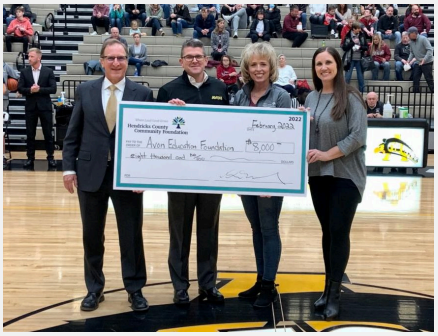
William Rhodehamel, HCCF's President & CEO, presenting a grant check to Travis Tranbarger, Director of Brownsburg Parks

Community Impact Grant to Brownsburg Parks

We are proud to support Brownsburg Parks, a recent recipient of an HCCF Community Impact Grant. This grant was used to purchase accessible playground equipment which will help children of all abilities have fun at Williams Park. 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.

Brownsburg Parks Director Travis Tranbargar said, "**We are so grateful to have received this grant from HCCF. The funds for new play equipment will help further our mission to re-energize Blast Off Playground in Williams Park and ensure it remains a place for everyone to play**!"

Read more about our Community Enhancement grants here.



HCCF Staff William Rhodehamel and Frances Mock presenting a grant check to Avon Superintendent Scott Wyndham and Avon Education Foundation Director Amanda Babinec

HCCF Awards Grant to Avon Community School

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 pretty fun! We presented the check at the Avon High School Boys Varsity Basketball game.

HCCF Awards over $280,000 in Designated Grants

HCCF awarded over **$280,000** in grants at the start of the year to organizations in every corner of Hendricks County to support education, agriculture, health and human services, parks and recreation, senior services and more!

These grants were made by our Designated Funds, funds established by donors with a passion to support an organization important to them.

Here's a small sample of these impactful grants:

$2,231 to Leadership Hendricks County from the **Whicker Leadership Hendricks County Fund.**

$4,777 grant to the Plainfield Community Schools Legacy Foundation from the **Henry & Vivian Haase Memorial Performing Arts Fund**.

$16,993 grant to the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County from the **Glen & Mildred Harlos Fund.**

Do you want to make a difference by supporting an organization you care about? Contact us today about starting a Designated Fund that will give back to your chosen organization every year!

A Board to Brag About

Ryan Tanselle, a 2004 Lilly Scholar, joined the HCCF Board of Directors in 2016 and has served as Board Chair as well as on the Strategic Planning, Lilly Scholarship and Governance Committees. Read what Ryan has to say in his own words about his service for the Community Foundation.

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 **Harry Gill**, Owner of Gill Insurance Advisors.

What is your favorite movie? Fast & Furious
What book are you reading right now? "Rich Dad, Poor Dad" by Robert Kiyosaki
What advice would you give your younger self? Start getting involved in the community sooner
If you could have dinner with someone from the past, who would it be? Steve Jobs
What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve?
Once the new Plainfield Performing and Fine Arts Center opens, it will give more art and culture options in Hendricks County. Also, the Hendricks International Festival that happens in October of every year is a great event showcasing to the county all the different cultures in our community.
What brings you happiness? Seeing my kids grow up in a community that will help them be better people.

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

The days are longer and warmer, and filling up with exciting things going on in Hendricks County! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:

Holden Higbie

Fav Five #1: Holden Higbie named IHSSA Boys' 1 Meter Champion

Danville Community High School junior Holden Higbie was recognized at the Board of School Trustees meeting for being named the IHSSA Boys' 1 Meter Diving State Champion. Congratulations to Holden for his outstanding achievement!

Bristol

Fav Five #2: 12 year-old girl donates all her birthday gifts to the Humane Society

To celebrate her 12th birthday, Bristol asked her family and friends to bring food and donations for animals instead of gifts for her. Then she donated all the items to the Hendricks County Humane Society. She has been making birthday donations since she was 6 years old! We love her philanthropic spirit!

Summer Fun Run

Fav Five #3: Summer Fun Run!

The Parks Foundation of Hendricks County is excited to host the 14th Summer Fun Run Series. If you love our parks and are up for an active summer challenge, you'll want to sign up! Click here for more information.

Governor Eric Holcomb

Fav Five #4: Governor Holcomb to Speak at the Danville Chamber

The Danville Chamber of Commerce is excited to host Governor Eric Holcomb at the April members' meeting, open to all county-wide chamber members. Read more here.

Fav Five #5: Historical Museum Re-Opens

The Hendricks County Historical Museum is open

Hendricks County Historical Museum

again for in-person tours and visits! This is a great place to visit to learn the history of our county. There is also a new virtual tour available on their website.

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