Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation

I think we're all excited for the total eclipse on April 8. I've got family coming in to be here from all over the country! Note that our offices will be closed that day so our staff can revel in the darkness at home!

We're also exited for the upcoming primary election and pleased to share valuable resources and updates to keep you informed and engaged.

In early March, we hosted "Meet the Candidate" nights, providing a platform for local candidates to connect with the community. If you missed these events, don't worry! We have videos of the presentations of candidates in contested races speaking on their races. You can find these on our website.

We have also produced a series of voter education videos in association with the Hendricks County Democrats, the Hendricks County GOP, the Republican Newspaper, and the Clerk of Elections. These videos cover key topics, including voter registration, voting by mail and other means, how to find your ballot, how to find your polling place, and the importance of local elections. Whether you're a seasoned voter or new to the process, these resources are designed to empower you with knowledge. View each of these videos here.

Our commitment to voter education and community engagement is stronger than ever. Together, let's make informed decisions and shape a brighter future for Hendricks County.

Thank you for being an active member of our community.

Yours in Philanthropy,
William Rhodehamel
President & CEO

Register to Vote!

Check out the first video in our 8-part Voter Education Series supporting civic engagement in Hendricks County, produced in partnership with The Republican Newspaper, the Hendricks County Republican Party and the Hendricks County Democratic Party.

Don't miss your chance to voice your opinion - register to vote atthis link.

Registration for the 2024 Primary ends April 8!

Meet the Candidates Forums

Forum Night 2

The Community Foundation hosted two "Meet the Candidates" Forums in partnership with the Hendricks County Republican Party, the Hendricks County Democratic Party and The Republican.

Over 130 community residents attended the forums held at the Hendricks County 4H Conference Complex to engage with over 30 candidates for public office to learn their positions on issues important to them.

If you missed the forums, you can listen to the recordings here: Forum Night 1 and Forum Night 2

HCCF Awards Grant to Hendricks College Network

HCCF's Eric Hessel presents grant to Chase Cotten of the Hendricks County Health Partnership and Brandy Perrill of Hendricks College Network

The Community Foundation recently awarded Hendricks College Network **$40,000** to provide educational resources to those in the community pursuing careers in the Mental and Behavioral Health fields. These resources will assist in the development and retention of much needed mental and behavioral health professionals in Hendricks County.

Chase Cotten of the Hendricks County Health Partnership said, "We are thrilled to collaborate with the Hendricks College Network team on developing this important resource, and we are incredibly grateful for the financial support of the Hendricks County Community Foundation."

Read more here.

Stronger Together

We are excited to announce 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 or Community Enhancement Fund. When you donate **$1**, we’ll match it with **$2**! Your contribution to the Stronger Together campaign is an investment in Hendricks County's resilience, unity, and lasting prosperity.

Click here to learn more about Stronger Together.

My Family Legacy Story

We are excited to introduce our new series - My Family Legacy Story - highlighting the generous families in our community who have started a Family Legacy Fund at HCCF!

There are 67 Family Legacy Funds at the Community Foundation, each started by a local family who wants to leave a legacy for good. One of those families is the Jaworski family who moved to Hendricks County because of the family-friendly atmosphere and resources.

Click the link below to hear the Jaworskis share their Family Legacy Story.

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.

In February 2024, HCCF awarded **$115,604** in Designated and Agency Advised Grants, as well as **$267,989** in Donor Advised, Field of Interest and Unrestricted Grants, for a grand total of **$383,593** in grants to make our community better!

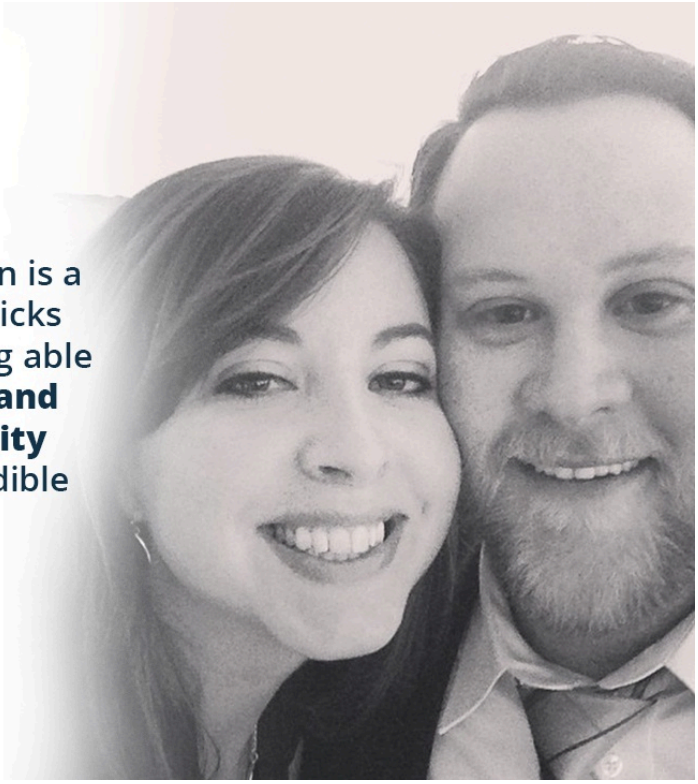
Contact us to find out how you can be a part of this vision and partner with us.

HCCF Board Member Highlight

Joanna Sproull is the Community Liaison at the Plainfield Guilford Township Public Library and serves on the HCCF Board of Directors and the Awareness Committee. Read what Joanna has to say in her own words about her service for the Community Foundation:

"The Hendricks County Community Foundation is a strong leader in Hendricks County and I love being able to help **grow, enrich, and support our community** through such an incredible organization"

- Joanna Sproull



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

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 **Sobia Khan**, Information Services Librarian at the Brownsburg Public Library.

What book are you reading right now or have recently read?
The Book that Won't Burn by Mark Lawrence
The Book Hater's Book Club by Gretchen Anthony
Almost Surely Dead by Amina Akhtar
One Summer in Savannah by Terah Shelton Harris
The Lost Bookshop by Evie Woods

Name one thing still on your bucket list: Travel the Caravanistan (all the major cities along the Silk Road)

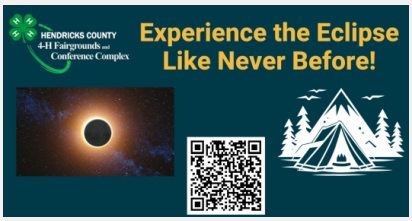
What do you love most about our community? I like the small small town feel, but still being able to get the big town amenities by being close to Indy and a somewhat major airport. I like how it's getting more diverse and accepting of various populations.

What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve?
County and towns don't coordinate planning efforts/work together.
Roads are being improved all the time, but it seems like there is no communication between the two. A road will be reopened after being closed for several months for repaving just to close again a few month later for lack of proper drainage or to widen it. So the repaving was done for no reason.

Why do you do what you do ? At various points in my life, starting from middle school, I've always either worked or volunteered in a library setting. Libraries were always one of the first places I went to when we moved to a new place and I made sure my kids went to their local library regularly as well. I love helping people find the books and information they are looking for and meeting all the diverse people at the library where it brings us all together to learn and grow. And of course, I love all things books and there's no better place than a library.

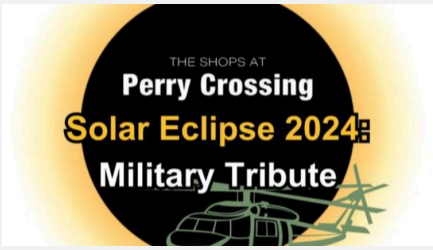
Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

A once-in-a-lifetime event is only days away!! Check out our five favorite eclipse events in Hendricks County! Find a list of all the county-wide eclipse events on Visit Hendricks County's website.



Fave Five #1: Eclipse Viewing at the Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds

Watch the eclipse at the 4H Fairgrounds and enjoy an all day education experience for children of Hendricks County! Activities will include STEM-related activities. Onsite camping will be available. Learn more here.



Fave Five #2: Military Tribute at Perry Crossing

Hosted by The Shops at Perry Crossing in Plainfield, the outdoor lifestyle mall will provide a great spot to view the eclipse. The event, held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., will also recognize all branches of the armed forces with a variety of experiences. Learn more here.

Fave Five #3: Race to the Eclipse

Don't miss this unforgettable celebration on Monday, April 8th as excitement takes over the town of

Brownsburg during the Race to the Eclipse event at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park. This event is in partnership with the Town of Brownsburg and Visit Hendricks County. Learn more here.

Fave Five #4: Copper Top Customs Solar Eclipse Event

View the solar eclipse in the parking lot of Copper Top Customs in Clayton! Blankets and chairs welcome! Enjoy some Double D Southern BBQ and complementary laser engraved, handmade magnets and ornaments, commemorating the event, as well as safety approved glasses. Learn more here.

Fave Five #5: Eclipse Viewing Party at Murphy Park

Enjoy a stylish viewing of the solar eclipse with Washington Township Parks & Recreation at Murphy Aquatic Park! Your registration includes access to a diverse range of bounce houses and interactive activities from E'clipse Party Rental, live music, food trucks, and Eclipse Glasses certified by ISO and CE standards.
Register here.

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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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