

Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation



I sprained my ankle badly during one of my wilderness trips last summer. It was a scary injury, made more so by the fact that we were in Polar Bear Provincial Park in northern Ontario. I was reminded of the old joke about not needing to run faster than the bear, just faster than your buddy! After a long fall and winter of physical therapy and strengthening exercises, I'm almost back to form. This is great news since I love to run on the weekends with my yellow Labrador, Bonnie. Bonnie's favorite thing in the world is chasing a ball, but a close second is running in one of our local parks with me!

This personal experience makes me especially proud of HCCF's partnership with the [Parks Foundation of Hendricks County](#), which you'll read about below. Parks are an essential part of our community's life, and the Parks Foundation does so much to support and improve parks throughout our county. Their programs, like the Summer Fun Run, and funding for town and county parks improve access to green spaces, enhancing health and wellness opportunities for everyone.

Our funding of the Parks Foundation is made possible through our unrestricted Community Enhancement grants. These grants are made possible through our many unrestricted funds, including our Family Legacy Funds. **Do you want to leave a legacy of making our community better? All our unrestricted funds are now eligible for a \$2-to-\$1 match through our [Stronger Together campaign](#)**, so there's no better time to create that legacy than now!

Look for me and Bonnie running through one of our county's parks and be sure to say hi!



Yours in Philanthropy,
[William Rhodehamel](#)
President & CEO



Grant presentation to Washington Township Parks from The Parks Foundation, made possible by the

HCCF Awards Grant to the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County

HCCF is proud to be a strategic partner of the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County (PFOHC) to strengthen our collective impact in supporting parks, trails and outdoor spaces throughout Hendricks County.

As part of this partnership, HCCF recently awarded PFOHC **\$26,500** to fund projects and programs at Hendricks County parks. Read more about this grant [here](#).

We love supporting local parks because they're the heart of where people gather, play, and connect - making our neighborhoods happier, healthier, and more vibrant!

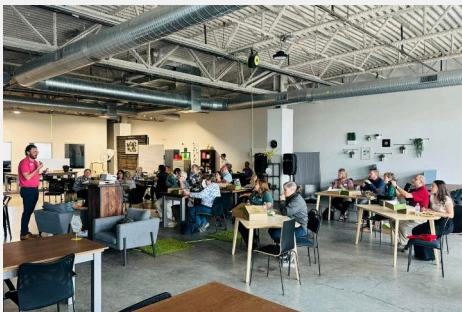


ARPA Grant Applications Open on June 5th

HCCF is working with the Hendricks County Commissioners to assist with the distribution of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to nonprofits working in Hendricks County. Working with the county's ARPA Planning Committee, the Community Foundation designed a process to distribute approximately \$1.5 million through a three-year competitive grant cycle.

The second grant cycle was completed in 2023. **The last cycle of competitive grants will be offered this year with the application period starting June 5, 2024.**

For more information, eligibility requirements and to apply for ARPA funds, visit our [website](#).



Diversity Series Lunch & Learn

Diversity Awareness Series

HCCF is partnering this year with expert organizations to provide a FREE 4-part lunch & learn Diversity Awareness Series, and attendees at our latest session- Beyond Ableism Towards Allyship - left with an increased awareness of the perspectives and challenges of those with disabilities in our community. Thank you Jessica Minor, Director of Community Engagement at [Accessibility Indiana](#), for sharing your knowledge and experience.

[The next session](#), Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth, will be held on Wednesday, August 7th at Level Two Coworking in Plainfield and lunch will be provided. **[Sign up today!](#)**

Stronger Together

We are excited to continue 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 for our video 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 Chris and Amber Tincher. The Tinchers love living in Hendricks County because of the family-friendly atmosphere and believe a legacy fund at HCCF is the best way for them to teach their kids the value of local philanthropy.

Click the link below to hear Chris & Amber 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.

[Contact us](#) to find out how you can be a part of this vision and partner with us.

Fund	Grantee	Grant Amount
Avon Chamber of Commerce Fund	Avon High School	\$2,000
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Level Two Inc.	\$498
Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration Fund	Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration	\$291
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund	19 Hendricks County Food Pantries & Pet Food Pantries	\$36,000
Indiana University Health West Hospital Cancer Center Fund	Indiana University Health	\$500
Kappa Kappa Kappa-Delta Pi Chapter (Plainfield) Fund	Leadership Hendricks County	\$400
Miracles for Melanoma Fund	Miracles for Melanoma	\$150
XFUND	Young Professionals of Hendricks County	\$152
TOTAL		\$39,991

HCCF Volunteer Highlight

Scott & Sue Walton both enjoy volunteering in the community, and Scott serves on the HCCF Finance Committee. Read what Scott has to say in his own words about his service for the Community Foundation:

"Hendricks County's thriving communities offer many different resources to their residents. The Hendrick County Community Foundation works to expand these resources and make our community a better place to live. I am proud to volunteer my time to the Community Foundation serving on the HCCF Finance Committee."

- Scott Walton



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 **Ericka Bethel**, Digital Content Specialist at Purdue University.

What book are you reading right now or have recently read?

I just finished, "The Women" by Kristin Hannah. This was a powerful story from a time in our world history I don't believe we discuss enough.

Name one thing still on your bucket list: I would love the opportunity to visit some of the places my grandfathers experienced during World War II.

If you could have dinner with someone from the past, who would it be?

There are so many but Jesus Christ would be the very first. Second place, Abe Lincoln.

What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve? As a nearly lifelong resident of Hendricks County there has seemed to always be limited art and culture options. It is truly exciting to me to see the focus and growth happening in our community in this area, namely with the opening of Hendricks Live! This is a fundamental first step and I look forward to seeing other offerings, namely for children especially with a focus on access for all. **Why do you do what you do ?** I have found a home in the world of communications and marketing because at my core I am a story teller. Whatever the medium I love the opportunity to meet others and to share their stories!

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Do you need a little post-holiday cheer? Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:



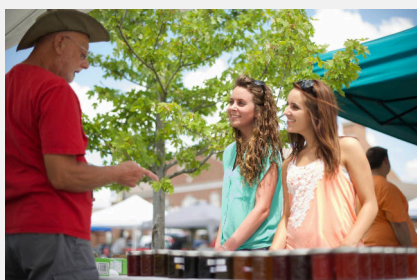
Fave Five #1: Summer Fun Run is Here!

The 2024 Summer Fun Run & Walk Series presented by the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County and Hendricks Regional Health starts May 29! [Register today!](https://summerfunrun.org)



Fave Five #2: Miracle Mascot Camp

Miracle Mascot Summer Camp is an inclusive camp designed for students with or without disabilities, and it's coming up on June 17-19. Campers will play games, learn cheer routines, and get tips from experienced mascots, including Big O, the Avon High School mascot! Register [here](https://www.miraclemascotcamp.com).



Fave Five #3: Farmers Markets are Open

One of the best parts of the season is finally here - local Farmers' Markets! Hendricks County offers 7 different Farmers' Markets, some of which opened in May. Find the closest market to you [here](https://www.hendrickscountyfarmersmarkets.com).



Fave Five #4: HCCF Board Member Honored for Her Art

Congratulations to HCCF Board member Libby Whipple on her five spectacular paintings, “Stories of Hendricks County” now on permanent display in the lobby of Hendricks Live! in Plainfield. The paintings were supported, in part, through a 2022 competitive ARPA grant. Read more [here](#).



Fave Five #5: Care Giver Learning Session

Hendricks County Senior Services is offering a learning session, Care Giver Connection, June 5 at 1:30 pm. This event is designed to equip attendees with invaluable techniques for reframing thoughts and overcoming negative self-talk, ensuring that caregivers can navigate their journey with resilience and clarity. 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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