Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation

I have a lot to be thankful for in this week of Thanksgiving. My brother Hap will be visiting from Spokane for the week, and our son is coming up from his new home in Nashville, where he's working to start a career in the music business. I am looking forward to a few lovely days of rest and fellowship. This is also the time of year where our family decides on our year-end gifts and how we want to give back from the many blessings we've received. Thanksgiving will be followed closely by Giving Tuesday, a day for all of us to extend our spirit of thankfulness into meaningful action and give back to our community.

As we embrace the warmth of autumn, I find myself reflecting on the blessings that enrich our lives and strengthen the bonds of our community. In this season of gratitude, I'm reminded of the incredible generosity that defines our shared journey. Together, we've woven a tapestry of support, kindness, and resilience, creating a community where each thread contributes to the vibrant fabric of Hendricks County.

We are thankful for each of you, our donors and supporters, whose gifts ensure that our shared tapestry continues to flourish with threads of compassion, unity, and positive change.

Wishing you a Thanksgiving filled with warmth, gratitude, and the joy of giving.

Yours in Philanthropy,
William Rhodehamel
President & CEO

Announcing Our 2024 Lilly Finalists

We are pleased to announce our ten Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Finalists! Three of these students will be awarded a full-tuition scholarship to any public or private college or university in Indiana.

Congratulations scholars!

- **Tiba Altower**, Plainfield High School
- **Eyob Asfaha**, Brownsburg High School
- **Aahan Bajpai**, Brownsburg High School
- **Bayleigh Cottrell**, Cardinal Ritter High School
- **Haydan Gabbard**, Cascade High school
- **Kirandeep Kaur**, Avon High School
- **London Moore**, Cascade High School
- **Mason Munn**, Avon High School
- **Mariam Olagunju**, Avon High School
- **Ahtziri Pelayo-Pelayo**, Avon High School

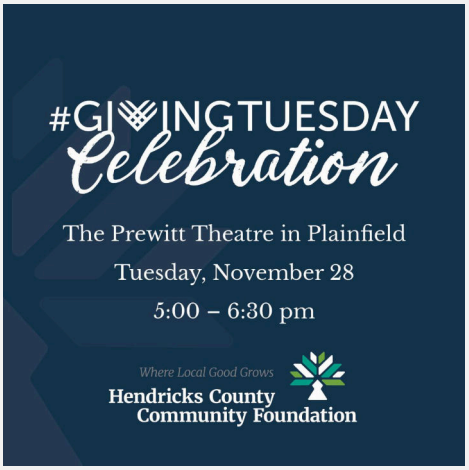
Grants at a Glance

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 Name	Grantee	Grant Amount
Anonymous Fund	Hendricks County Fraternal Order of Police #132, Inc./Shop with a Cop	$ 10,000.00
Daisy's Animal Fund	Misty Eyes Animal Shelter & Learning Center	$ 4,000.00
Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration Fund	Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration	$ 500.00
Plainfield Performing and Fine Arts Center Fund	Plainfield Performing and Fine Arts Council/Hendricks Live!	$ 136,765.94
Robert G. Porter Thank You Fund	North Salem Revitalization Inc	$ 1,500.00
Sports for All Kids Fund	Danville Junior Basketball League	$ 1,700.00
	TOTAL	**$ 154,465.94**



Giving Tuesday 2023!

#GivingTuesday2023 is November 28th this year and we are excited to partner with Hendricks County nonprofits to help them raise needed year-end support.

Last year we raised over **$77,000** for our amazing local nonprofits! Let's raise even more this year! Visit our Facebook page on November 28th and choose your favorite nonprofit to support.

Then please join us at The Prewitt that evening for appetizers and beverages from 5:00-6:30 pm to celebrate a great day of giving in Hendricks County!

Give Local on Giving Tuesday!

Interfaith Basics Lunch & Learn

HCCF partnered with the Center for Interfaith Cooperation to host a Interfaith Basics Lunch & Learn last week at Level Two in Plainfield. Over 35 community members and nonprofit leaders attended the session to gain a deeper understanding of the diverse faiths represented in our community.

Stay tuned for more interfaith learning events in 2024!

HCCF Board Highlight

Al Geans is the Assistant Town Manager for the Town of Plainfield and serves on the HCCF Board of Directors, the Finance and Governance Committees. Read what Al has to say in his own words about his service for the Community Foundation:

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

My HCCF Story - Stacey Monnett, Mill Creek Community Schools

We are excited to continue with our collection of stories shared by generous donors, supporters, grantees and volunteers who make our good work in this community possible!

Click the link below to hear Stacey Monnett of Mill Creek Community Schools share their HCCF Story.

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 **Chris Petrelli**, Executive Director of Hendricks Live! at the Plainfield Performing and Fine Arts Center.

What is your favorite movie? Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid

What advice would you give your younger self? Invest your high school graduation money in Apple stock.

What do you love most about our community? The sense of pride it gives to all who know it .

What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve?

As the executive director of a new arts, culture and community space being built in Plainfield, I am excited to be working to expand the community's arts and culture options. The new arts center aims to be the premiere performance and community venue in the region, showcasing the best of Hendricks County while bringing the best to Hendricks County. One way we can continue to improve is by supporting local arts and artists with our patronage and philanthropy. The Hendricks County Arts Council, the Hendricks Symphony, the Hendricks Civic Theatre and the Children's Ballet are all exceptional organizations that were greatly impacted by the pandemic. I would encourage everyone in the community to purchase a ticket to an upcoming performance, buy some artwork from a local artist, get involved as a volunteer and/or donate to these organizations so that we can ensure they will be creating great art for the community.

Why do you do what you do ? It's my firm conviction that the arts are essential to our quality of life. They provide us with beauty, modes of expression, new perspectives, a sense of identity and a sense of community. I do what I do because I believe the arts can help us realize our potential and make our world better.

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

We have so much to be grateful for here at HCCF. In the spirit of the season, we want to share who and what we are most thankful for this Thanksgiving:

Fave Five #1: Our Donors

We could not serve this community that way we have for almost 30 years without the amazing generosity of our donors! Thank you donors for supporting us and helping us grow local good.

Fave Five #2: Our Board

HCCF has had the tremendous advantage of passionate, visionary leadership through our Board of Directors from our first day until today. We are so grateful for our volunteer leadership!

Fave Five #3: Our Corporate Partners

Our Corporate Partners have a heart for their community and show it through their generous support of our daily work. 16 local organizations gave to HCCF operating costs in 2023. Thank you Corporate Partners!

Fave Five #4: Our Local Nonprofits

Supporting our local nonprofits - the boots-on-the ground organizations that serve the needs of our community - is the core of what we do. How grateful and proud we are to support over 300 outstanding nonprofits serving Hendricks County.

Fave Five #5: Our Staff

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." Together this HCCF team has gone far - through mutual respect and care for each other, years of education and experience, and love for serving our community!

Thank You to Our 2023 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!

Platinum Partners

Hendricks Regional Health

STATE BANK
Indiana strong. Locally loved.

Gold Partners

BF&S Butler Fairman Seufert Civil Engineers

4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex

Hendricks Power Cooperative

Silver Partners

Abstract & Title

Electric Plus

Hendricks County Icon

NSSB North Salem State Bank

The Republican

Capital Cities
Institutional Investing Made Personal

Bronze Partner

TKO Graphix

HCBT Hendricks County Bank and Trust Company

Foundation Friends

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Is your organization looking to expand your customer base? Join this group of community-minded organizations and become a HCCF Corporate Partner! Contact us to learn more.

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