

Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation



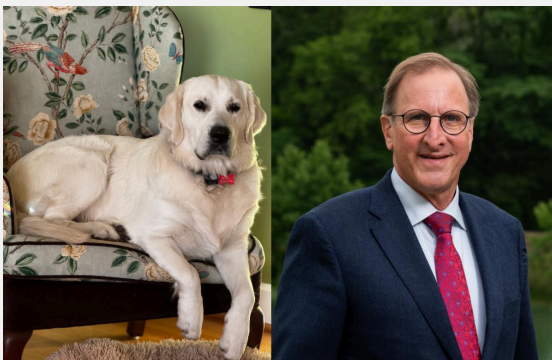
As we head into Thanksgiving week, I've been thinking a lot about gratitude – and in our house, that starts with the constants: Moose just turned one, which he's celebrating by proudly carrying around every shoe he can find and greeting each day like it might be his birthday again. Skye and Bonnie are grateful too, mostly because Moose occasionally naps now, giving them a little peace after twelve months of puppy enthusiasm.

This same mix of joy and steady progress feels a lot like our work at HCCF this season. **Thanks to supporters like you, 2025 has been one of our most impactful years ever – with more than \$2.2 million in grants strengthening families, nonprofits, and neighborhoods across Hendricks County.** Your generosity continues to make our community more connected and compassionate. See below for how this played out with the Women's Giving Circle and recent grants.

And speaking of generosity ... we're incredibly close to reaching a major milestone for our [Stronger Together](#) matching opportunity. I can't share the full update just yet, but let's just say we're in the home stretch – and I am deeply grateful for every person who has helped get us here.

Thank you for believing in this community. Thank you for trusting HCCF. And thank you for making Hendricks County stronger, kinder, and more hopeful every single day.

From all of us at HCCF – and from Moose, Skye, and Bonnie – we wish you and your family a warm and joyful Thanksgiving.



Yours in Philanthropy,
[William Rhodehamel](#)
President & CEO
(and Moose on his birthday)

Join the Women's Giving Circle!

We'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to our 2025 [Women's Giving Circle](#) members! Your generosity resulted in **\$45,000 in grants** awarded to 9

amazing nonprofit organizations serving women and children in our community:

- Allies, Inc. - \$3,000
- Brooke's Place - \$7,500
- Childcare Answers - \$3,000
- Hendricks County Youth Assistance Program - \$7,500
- Hope Healthcare - \$4,500
- Imagination Library of Hendricks County - \$4,500
- Safe Families - \$4,500
- Sheltering Wings - \$3,000
- Special Olympics of Hendricks County - \$7,500



HCWGC Grant Award Night

[Membership for 2026](#) is OPEN NOW! Join us in making a vital difference in Hendricks County. [Join the Circle today!](#)

Give Local on Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is Tuesday, December 2nd!

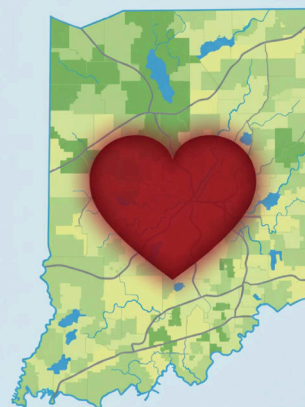
The global generosity movement was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past decade, it has grown into a global movement that inspires millions of people to give and make a difference in their world.

This year, HCCF is proud to continue our focus on Giving Local in Hendricks County! Throughout the day on Giving Tuesday, we will be highlighting on our [Facebook page](#) local nonprofits that serve our community and who need your support to keep up their good work!

So mark your calendars and get ready to give local on December 2nd!

GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Local in Hendricks County
means your gifts stay here!



Take this Survey to Help Senior Services

[Hendricks County Senior Services](#) has a [survey](#) that just went live for all residents in Hendricks County who are 50 or older. The survey only takes a few minutes, and your input makes a real difference. The results will be used to shape programs, services, and how older adults in our community are supported.



Check out dozens of great events in our community on the [Hendricks Community Calendar!](#)

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. In addition to these grants, HCCF also awarded **\$86,500** in Community Impact grants last month. Read more [here](#).

Fund	Grantee	Grant Amount
Anonymous Fund	Hendricks County Fraternal Order of Police #132, Inc./Shop with a Cop	\$ 10,000
Benson Fund	Hendricks County Parks and Recreation	\$ 2,910
Brownsburg Parks Department Fiscal Sponsorship Fund	Brownsburg Parks and Recreation Department	\$ 8,080
Brownsburg Parks Foundation Fund	Brownsburg Parks Foundation Fund	\$ 1,878
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Hendricks County Education Foundation Alliance	\$ 4,400
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Visit Hendricks County	\$ 5,000
Directors' Unrestricted Fund	Dick & Qara Thompson Family Legacy Fund	\$ 50
Electric Plus Cares Fund	Project A.N.G.E.L	\$ 25,000
HCCF Memorial Fund	Plainfield Police Department	\$ 1,379
HCCFPC Libby Hammond Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$ 15,860
Hendricks County 4-H Foundation Fund	Hendricks County 4-H Foundation Fund	\$ 2,181
Hendricks Power Cooperative Operation Round-Up Fund	B&O Trail Association	\$ 2,000
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Imagination Library of Hendricks County Fund	Dollywood Foundation	\$ 3,729
Indiana University Health West Hospital Cancer Center Fund	Indiana University Health West Hospital	\$ 589
Jacobs Family Fund	Plainfield Youth Assistance Program	\$ 1,500
James P. Crowe Memorial Fund	Paws & Think	\$ 1,654
Pingel Memorial Fund	Tri-West Theater Boosters	\$ 500
Sargent Fund for the Arts	Plainfield Performing and Fine Arts Council/Hendricks Live!	\$ 1,616
Sports for All Kids Fund	Danville Little League Baseball, Inc.	\$ 1,980
Susan & Beverly Memorial Fund	Hendricks County Parks and Recreation	\$ 3,882
Total		\$ 97,187

Your Gift to a Family Legacy Fund will be multiplied by 4 right now!

[Family Legacy Funds](#) (FLF) are permanent, unrestricted funds invested at HCCF that are used to meet our community's greatest challenges when and where they arise. By starting this fund, you ensure your family name is memorialized while making a positive impact on Hendricks County, forever.

Check out this video where HCCF Donor Chris Tincher shares why he and his family started a FLF at the Community Foundation!

Right now, a new Family Legacy Fund qualifies for an incredible **\$3 to \$1 match**. [Contact us today](#) to build your family's permanent legacy in Hendricks County.



Holiday Closing Notice:

The HCCF offices will be closed Wed – Friday, Nov 26-28 for Thanksgiving, and Dec 22-30 for year-end holidays.

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

As Thanksgiving approaches, it's a great time to reflect, give thanks, and celebrate community right here in Hendricks County! The local calendar is packed with opportunities to gather with friends and neighbors and enjoy the season. Check out our Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the area this month.



Fave Five #1: Danville Resident Receives Hoosier Hospitality Award

Danville's Betty Ann Kessinger, a major contributor to Hendricks County tourism through her roles at Beasley's Orchard and Visit Hendricks County, received statewide recognition Monday as one of 12 recipients of the 2025 Hoosier Hospitality Awards from the Indiana Destination Development Corporation. Congrats Betty Ann!



Fave Five #2: NSSB Vice President Receives Woman on the Rise Award

Ashley Ahrens, SVP Retail Operations at North Salem State Bank (NSSB), was recently honored with the 2025 Indiana Bankers Association Woman on the Rise award. The award celebrates a woman age 40 or younger who drives meaningful change through passion and community commitment. Ashley began her career with NSSB in 2010 and has since held key leadership roles, including Teller Trainer, Branch Manager, and Retail Operations Manager, before achieving her current Senior Vice President role this summer. Congrats Ashley!



Fave Five #3: Hendricks Live! Art Exhibition

The annual Hendricks Live! Art Exhibition is coming soon! This exhibition showcases the best in visual arts, celebrating diverse cultural heritage to build the county's reputation as a creative and vibrant region. The invitational is open to all Indiana artists over age 18. HCCF was proud to award a grant to Hendricks Live! to purchase curatorial equipment needed for the show. Learn more [here](#).



Fave Five #4: Avon High School Band Wins National Championship

Avon High School clinched its third consecutive Bands of America Grand National Championships title this month. The Marching Black and Gold capped off its 2025 season, which included a Class A win at the Indiana State School Music Association's Marching Band State Finals Nov. 8, with a 97.825 final score to beat out 11 other finals bands for first place at Lucas Oil Stadium Nov. 15. Congrats Avon High School!



Fave Five #5: Shop Local this Holiday Season!

For the 13th consecutive year, Visit Hendricks County is promoting local holiday shopping with an online guide featuring top gifts and experiences from locally owned stores in Avon, Brownsburg, Camby, Clayton, Danville, and Plainfield. The initiative encourages shopping local and highlights unique, locally specific gifts, experiences, clothing, and more. Find the full guide [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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