Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation

You may not know, but I am a huge Colts fan. One of the reasons I love fall – besides the cool crisp days and beautiful colors – is the return of football. And Colts football specifically. Our son Ben and I had season tickets through the heart of the Manning era, starting when he was 8 (he's now 26). It was great father-son bonding time as we shared so many highlights together. I dropped the tickets after he went off to college, picking up single games here and there. This year is exciting because I convinced my wife we should sign up for tickets again and attend all the games. So much fun!

Fall means the year is winding down, and that's true of our activities at HCCF too. We've completed some important projects this year, including our review of our scholarship process, our collaboration with the County to distributes grants from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds (see below) and much of our grantmaking. It also means we're planning for the year ahead and that's always exciting. Not to tease (well, maybe a little), but we've got a couple big announcements coming for 2024!

Wrapping up the year also means some of the most meaningful times of the year are approaching: the fun of Halloween, the blessings of harvest and Thanksgiving, and the season of giving. I hope you pause often over the next couple months to reflect on the many blessings we have in our community.

Oh, and GO COLTS!

Yours in Philanthropy,
William Rhodehamel
President & CEO

Year Two of ARPA Funds Awarded

The Community Foundation, in cooperation with the County Council and Commissioners, created a grant program in 2022 to distribute up to $6.6 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds allotted to Hendricks County.

The second year of ARPA grant applications closed this past July and the HCCF Program Committee recommended **$564,789** in competitive grants which have been approved and will be awarded to local nonprofit organizations by December 2023. Click here to read the list of nonprofit recipients.

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 fuel behind 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
Butler Fairman & Seufert Fund	Hendricks County International Festival	$ 1,152
GIFT VII Implementation Grant Fund	Leadership Hendricks County	$ 6,200
Anderson Family Fund	Level Two Inc.	$ 5,000
Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration Fund	Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration	$ 1,645
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition ARPA Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	$ 16,440
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Anderson Family Fund	Hendricks County International Festival	$ 4,500
Directors' Unrestricted Fund	Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	$ 50
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Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Hendricks Civic Theatre, Inc.	$ 1,500
Plainfield Community Fund	Main Street Plainfield, Inc.	$ 2,000
Hendricks Power Cooperative Operation Round-Up Fund	A and A Township Volunteer Fire Department	$ 2,500
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		$52,230

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.

Interfaith Basics Lunch & Learn

HCCF is partnering with the Center for Interfaith Cooperation (CIC) to host a Interfaith Basics Lunch & Learn, **Tuesday, November 14 from 11 - 12;30 pm at Level Two Coworking in Plainfield**.

This workshop will cover the following topics.

- Basic terms and definitions
- Religion and faith facts and figures
- Interfaith dialogue strategies followed by Q & A

Register today!

Leadership Hendricks County Applications are Open!

The applications for Leadership Hendricks County's 2024 adult class are open now but are closing on December 1st!

Participation is limited by class size, so don't miss your chance to participate in this outstanding leadership program. Click here here to apply.

HCCF Volunteer Highlight

Stan Risser is the CFO at Hendricks Regional Health and serves on the HCCF Board of Directors and the Finance Committee. Read what Stan 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 - Tim Whicker

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 Tim Whicker, HCCF Board Member and President of Electric Plus share his 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 **Autumn Bucy**, Marketing Manager at Hendricks County Bank & Trust Company.

If you could be a superhero for a day, who would you be? Just for a day? And just one? Can I cross the brains of Black Widow, with skills of Hawkeye and also the teleportation powers of Nightcrawler?!

What is your favorite Hendricks County Restaurant? The Kickstand (the food is soooo good)!

What brings you happiness? 3 "F" things:

Faith- everything about me goes back to my core values as a Christian, even when there is a life storm going on, I ultimately know who I am and what I am about because of this.

Family- being close in proximity and relationships.

Furbaby- the somewhat infamous pup, Ayla. People around the county ask about her all the time. She appeared on my doorway, I said "no way I can keep her, she's a pittie"... and 2 months later I resigned. Now 2 years from the resignation point, I can't imagine life without her.

What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve? My favorite is watching solutions for affordable housing come to fruition through multiple sources and partnerships. Haven Homes is a partnership between Sheltering Wings, Cummins Behavior and RealAmerica, providing some of the apartments to those affected by Domestic Violence, homelessness, etc. Another project is Glasswater Creek Plainfield, which provides affordable options for those needing assisted living, and the Community Reinvestment Foundation was just one partner in that project.

Why do you do what you do? My thing is helping people make connections. I love being out in our community and hearing someone needs something… whether it is connecting with a non-profit to get someone help, a business service to get something fixed or just an idea spark to remove obstacles and get things happening… anything that connects people and fills a gap!

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Check out our latest Five Favorite happenings in Hendricks County!

Fave Five #1: Danville Town Manager named Town Manager of the Year

Mark Morgan, Danville's Town Manager, was named Town Manager of the Year by the Indiana Municipal Management Association (IMMA). Congrats Mark!

Fave Five #2: Early Voting

You can vote early for the November elections beginning October 23 through November 6. Avoid the lines and vote early! Click here for polling locations.

Fave Five #3: Veterans' Day Celebration

The Town of Avon is hosting a Veterans' Day celebration Saturday, November 11th from 4-6 pm to honor the veterans in our community at Avon Town Hall Park. The day will include an amazing drone show over the Town Hall's 9-acre lake.

Fave Five #4: Storm Chasers Convention

If you love a good thunderstorm, tornado or any other crazy scary force of nature, then the Indiana Storm Chasers Convention is the place for you! This convention will take place November 4th at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex.

Fave Five #5: Halloween Events

Hendricks County offers plenty of spooky fun for all ages in our community! Check out all the fun events

for your kids and the whole family here.

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!

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