

Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation



I love fall. The crisp clear days and cool nights. Trees starting to show color. It's been a lovely coda to summer before the coming cooler days.

We held our Board of Directors Retreat last week. At least once a year the [HCCF Board](#) – made up of volunteers from around our community – gets together for a few hours to do a deep dive into a topic or issue of importance to our community and our work. It is so important for nonprofit boards to be refreshed and encouraged by taking time out from the regular business of overseeing an organization's activities. In the words of preeminent governance nonprofit BoardSource, "A retreat offers the opportunity to delve more deeply into strategic issues that there may not always be time to address during regular board meetings."

Last week our Board focused on our community engagement work and how inclusivity flows through our current work. Our goal, at its simplest, is that every person in Hendricks County feels they are part of the on-going discussion on how to make our community better. This is reflected in our Mission and Vision statements, as well as our 2023-2025 Strategic Plan Vision: "HCCF is a trusted partner and leader in proactively and inclusively meeting the needs of Hendricks County today and tomorrow."

Our work in this area isn't about politics, or current trends, or taking a side, it's about making sure all Hendricks County residents are invested in our future. It's about HCCF partnering with the community to create positive change. Our Board and staff had some great discussions on these points last week, and I expect them to continue as we finish our work in 2023 and plan for 2024. Won't you [join us](#) in this important conversation?



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

Meet the Candidates Forum



HCCF is partnering with the Hendricks County Democrats, Hendricks County GOP, and The Republican Newspaper for a forum where you can meet the candidates for the contested November elections and learn about why they're running for office.

This event will be held on **October 11 from 5:30-9 pm in the North and South Halls of the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex.** The event will be broken up into four parts, one for

each of the four contested elections in 2023: **Amo, Avon, Brownsburg and Coatesville**. Attendees are welcome to come for the entire evening or stay only for a specific community's candidates.

Community members are encouraged to [submit questions](#) for their candidates

[Reserve your spot today!](#)

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
Anonymous Donor Advised Fund	Shepherd's Pathway	\$ 14,400
Anonymous Donor Advised Fund	Shepherd's Pathway	\$ 645
Plainfield Performing and Fine Arts Center Fund	Hendricks Live!	\$ 75,000
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund	North Salem United Methodist Church	\$ 126
Sports for All Kids Fund	Danville Junior Football League	\$ 2,603
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund	Abundant Life Food Pantry	\$ 299
Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration Fund	John and Anne Johansson	\$ 500
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration Fund	\$ 10,000
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	WYRZ-LP FM	\$ 2,700
		\$ 106,273

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!](#)

ARPA Funds Making an Impact

The Community Foundation, in cooperation with



Grant presentation to Meals on Wheels
Hendricks County

the County Council and Commissioners, created a [grant program](#) to distribute up to \$6.6 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds allotted to Hendricks County. Last year, [HCCF distributed over \\$548,000 in competitive grants to 25 local nonprofits.](#)

One of the grant recipients was [Meals on Wheels of Hendricks County](#). Meals on Wheels received **\$10,000** for their Special Funds program which helps provide food to those in our community facing food insecurity.

The second year of ARPA grant applications closed in July and grants will be awarded by December 2023.

HCCF Volunteer Highlight

With family connections to Hendricks County, Russ Walker wanted to volunteer his time to give back to this community. Read what Russ has to say in his own words about his service for the Community Foundation as a member of the Awareness Committee.

"Having family all around Hendricks County, I volunteered with HCCF to give back to a community I love. I appreciate the work of the Community Foundation, especially through their unrestricted funds. These funds allow HCCF to adapt to the ever-changing needs of the community and make grants that leave a positive impact."

- Russ Walker



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

My HCCF Story - Hope Healthcare Services

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 John Mollaun, Executive Director of [Hope Healthcare](#), 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 **Bridgette Collins-George**, Community Corrections Director at Hendricks County Community Corrections.

What's your favorite movie? Coco

If you could be a superhero for a day, who would you be? Thor

What is your favorite Hendricks County Restaurant? Pho 36

What brings you happiness? Feeding people good food

What do you love most about our community? The work and effort being put forth to be more inclusive recognizing that diversity isn't enough.

What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve? Lack of affordable housing. Our community is meeting that need by multiple organizations getting grant funding to provide additional housing where there is none. A way to improve is by having housing that isn't based on being in recovery or survivor of domestic violence. Just be affordable housing for whomever needs it, regardless of the life experiences.

Why do you do what you do? I do this work because it is my responsibility to be a part of the solution and not just complain about the problem.

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Check out our latest Five Favorite happenings in Hendricks County!

Fave Five #1: Avon High School is a National Blue Ribbon School!



Avon High School (AHS) has earned the distinction of being named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2023! This recognition is based on the school's overall academic performance. AHS is one of only eight public schools in Indiana – and the only public high school – to earn the honor. Congrats!



Fave Five #2: Miss Indiana USA represents Hendricks County

A native of Pittsboro, Haley Begay represented Central Indiana at Miss Indiana USA 2023 and competed against 25 other candidates at Noblesville High School. Haley won the title and was crowned Miss Indiana in July. Congrats Haley!



Fave Five #3: Community Survey

County leaders are working on an update for the Hendricks County Comprehensive Plan which establishes the future of zoning and development in our community for the next 20 years. Please [complete this survey](#) to share what you think about the future of Hendricks County!



Fave Five #4: Fun Fall Festivals in Hendricks County

Fall is a great time to have fun with friends and family in Hendricks County! Check out all the fall festivals going on now at [this link](#).



Fave Five #5: Brownsburg Night Out

The Brownsburg Police Department is presenting National Night Out 2023 on October 3 at Arbuckle Acres Park. Check it out [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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