Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation

Our recent Meet the Candidate Forums on September 11 and 18 showcased how HCCF is making a real, positive impact in our community. By collaborating with local organizations and candidates for elected office, we provided a space for important public discussions that benefit everyone.

But that's just one piece of our civic engagement efforts. We're also funding the Republican Newspaper's Voter's Guide, which will be delivered to every household in the county. This guide ensures that voters have the information they need to make informed decisions, reinforcing our commitment to a more engaged and educated community.

We've also just completed our partnership with Hendricks County government, distributing the final round of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants to local nonprofits. This third and final round of competitive funding will have a lasting impact on those who need it most.

In addition, we were proud to support the **Interfaith Picnic**, an event spearheaded by the Hendricks County Interfaith Council, which itself grew from HCCF's Community Unity initiatives. The Council itself is a direct outcome of HCCF's commitment to fostering a more inclusive and engaged community.

All of this work—from voter education to funding critical programs—is made possible by the flexibility of unrestricted funds. These funds give us the ability to respond to emerging needs, support vital initiatives, and seize opportunities to improve the quality of life in Hendricks County.

Through our Stronger Together campaign, you can ensure that this important work continues. For every dollar you give to our unrestricted funds, HCCF will receive a $2 to $1 match, tripling your impact and helping us make an even bigger difference. Your support empowers us to keep doing the work that builds a better future for all.

Will you join us today and be part of the transformational change happening in Hendricks County? Together, we're Stronger!

Yours in Philanthropy,
William Rhodehamel
President & CEO

Meet the Candidates Forums

As part of our commitment to encourage

civic engagement, HCCF partnered with The Republican, the Hendricks County GOP and the Hendricks County Democrats to bring Meet the Candidates Forums to our community in September. If you missed the events, click here to watch a video recording of each forum.

Don't miss the deadline to register to vote - **October 7**! Click here to register and watch this Voter Education Video for more information.

Meet the Candidates Forum, September 18

Final Year 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. During the first two years of ARPA grants (2022 and 2023), competitive grants totaling **$1,113,184** were awarded to local nonprofits.

The third and final year of ARPA grant applications closed this past July and the HCCF Program Committee recommended **$284,485** in competitive grants which will be distributed by December 2024.

Grants awarded are as follows:

- Volunteers of America of Ohio and Indiana - **$40,000.00**
- Imagination Library of Hendricks County - **$30,000.00**
- Hope Healthcare Services - **$26,000.00**
- Hendricks County Child Advocacy Center dba Susie's Place - **$25,750.00**
- Cummins Behavioral Health Systems, Inc. - **$25,000.00**
- Child Care Answers of Central Indiana - **$20,000.00**
- Hendricks Regional Health Foundation - **$20,000.00**
- Meals on Wheels of Hendricks County, Inc - **$20,000.00**
- Hendricks County 4-H & Agricultural Fair Association, Inc. - **$16,035.49**
- Little Red Door Cancer Agency - **$12,000.00**
- Sheltering Wings - **$10,000.00**
- The Parks Foundation of Hendricks County, Inc. - **$10,000.00**
- North West Hendricks Education Foundation - **$7,500.00**
- Avon Education Foundation - **$5,000.00**
- Bear Hugs Giving Foundation - **$5,000.00**
- Jameson Camp - **$5,000.00**
- Stilesville Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. - **$5,000.00**

Inaugural Interfaith Picnic

Hendricks County's inaugural Interfaith Picnic last week was a celebration of diversity, bringing together people of different faiths for a fun-filled day of shared experiences and an

array of ethnic food!

Read more about HCCF's diversity initiatives here.

My HCCF Story

We hope you have had a chance to listen to our video series "My Family Legacy Story," which highlights the families in our community who have established a Family Legacy Fund at HCCF!

The Community Foundation is home to 67 Family Legacy Funds, each founded by a local family dedicated to making a lasting positive impact. One of these generous and caring families is Bob and Alice McColgin. The McColgins started a Family Legacy Fund at HCCF because they believe in the Foundation's ability to address critical needs in our community.

Listen to their inspiring story!

Contact us to start your own Family Legacy Fund and receive a **$2 to $1 match** on your gift!

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.

Fund Name	Grantee	Amount
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Sheltering Wings	$ 1,500
GIFT VII Implementation Grant Fund	Meet the Candidates Forums	$ 1,750
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition ARPA Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	$ 16,500
Imagination Library of Hendricks County Fund	Dollywood Foundation	$ 912
Legacy Grantmaking Fund	Imagination Library of Hendricks County Fund	$ 25,000
Pingel Memorial Fund	Tri-West High School	$ 850
Plainfield Community Fund	Hendricks County International Festival	$ 1,200
Sports for All Kids Fund	Danville Junior Football League	$ 2,770
TOTAL		$ 50,482

Contact us to find out how you can be a part of this vision and partner with us.

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 **Emily Biehn**, Commercial Real Estate Lender at Stock Yards Bank & Trust.

What is your favorite movie?
Silver Linings Playbook. It portrays family dynamics and mental health in such a real, raw fashion .

What book are you reading right now or have recently read? On Grief and Grieving--I recently lost my sister and this has been a great resource for me as I navigate the stages of loss. On a lighter note, I also like to listen to celebrity memoirs or books about cults when I'm walking.

If you could have dinner with someone from the past, who would it be? Mary, mother of Jesus. I find her story fascinating.

What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve? Unhealthy addictions--I feel that our community has several resources, and we are making strides to make folks aware of those resources and making the connections. My family was impacted by addiction and at the root of the addiction was a mental health issue that went undiagnosed for many years. Addressing mental health, early diagnosis, and bringing it more to the forefront will hopefully have a positive result in lowering addiction.

Why do you do what you do ? I love watching a client's dream of owning or growing a business or buying or building a facility come to fruition. It's not all about the bottom line, but impacting the community through jobs, etc. I'm grateful that my career enables and empowers me to give back to my community through service.

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

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Fall is here and it's a great time to enjoy all the fun activities in Hendricks County! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:

Fave Five #1: General Election Voter Guide

Thanks to a partnership between HCCF and The Republican, every household in Hendricks County will be receiving a copy of the 2024 General Election Guide. If you have misplaced your copy, you can find it online here. Get informed and then get out your vote on November 5!

Fave Five #2: Hendricks County International Festival

The 2024 Hendrick County International Festival is this coming Saturday, October 5th. Check out all the fun activities planned for the day here.

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available for the day of the event, so please consider volunteering!

Fave Five #3: Visit Hendricks County's Fall Fun Events

Fall is a great time to enjoy the wonderful amenities of our community! Click here for a list from Visit Hendricks County of fun events this season for the whole family.

Fave Five #4: Volunteer for Hendricks Live

Interested in getting more involved with your community and the arts?
Volunteer for Hendricks Live! They need ushers, ticket scanners, greeters, setup and tear down crews and more. there's a role for every art enthusiast!
Click here to learn more and sign up!

Fave Five #5: National Night Out

October 1st is National Night Out in Brownsburg, Danville, Plainfield and PIttsboro. National Night Out is a community-wide event where police, firefighters, and other safety agencies come together to educate the public about crime prevention. Folks can meet local heroes, enjoy free food, games, and activities

for the whole family. Click here for times and locations.

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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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