Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation

At HCCF, we believe philanthropy is even more powerful when it's shared. That spirit was on full display at the recent gathering of our Women's Giving Circle, where the 174 members came together to award **$15,000** in grants to three outstanding organizations: Brooke's Place for Grieving Children, Child Care Answers, and Hope Healthcare Services. These awards show what happens when people pool their resources and their passion for Hendricks County—real change takes root.

That same principle drives our Stronger Together campaign. Thanks to the extraordinary $3-to-$1 match, every gift to our unrestricted funds multiplies fourfold, turning today's contributions into tomorrow's transformational grants. In fact, you'll see in this issue how Stronger Together dollars are already fueling important projects in our community. With just a few months left to maximize the match, now is the time to make the biggest impact possible.

And in case you're wondering, Bonnie, Skye, and Moose also believe in teamwork. Bonnie brings the enthusiasm (and the ball!), Skye keeps us steady, and Moose—being a Golden Retriever—does his part by proudly carrying shoes around the house. Different roles, one shared goal: getting the job done. That's the kind of teamwork that makes Hendricks County stronger, too.

Yours in Philanthropy,
William Rhodehamel
President & CEO
(and Bonnie, Skye & Moose)

P.S. Moose may like to turn a shoe into a treasure, but with Stronger Together your $1 actually becomes $4 for Hendricks County! Don't miss this match—it ends December 31.

Build a Better Hendricks County Future

Your generosity makes a difference! Thanks to our amazing donors, the Community Foundation is proud to support The Miles We Walk with a recent Community Impact grant of $2,000.

The Miles We Walk is a non-profit dedicated to building a community focused on mental wellness. They support, educate, and empower youth and their families by providing a variety of resources, including online and in-person workshops, in-school and after-school programs, and family supportive services.

This grant is just one example of the life-changing impact being made in Hendricks County through a grant from HCCF. Are you feeling inspired to make a difference too?

Join the Stronger Together campaign at HCCF, and **your gift to our unrestricted funds will be matched $3 to $1**! Your donation directly supports vital programs like The Miles We Walk,

helping us build a stronger, brighter community for everyone.

Click here to learn more and give to Stronger Together.

HCCF Community Impact Grant presentation to The Miles We Walk

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Women's Giving Circle Awards $15,000

The Women's Giving Circle recently awarded grants totaling **$15,000** to three outstanding organizations at their quarterly grant award night.

The following organizations received grants:

- **Brooke's Place:** $7,500
- **Hope Healthcare Services:** $4,500
- **Child Care Answers:** $3,000

All three organizations were incredibly deserving, and the Giving Circle members were thrilled to see their collective giving translate into direct support for the community. Thank you members for your commitment and generosity.

Don't Miss Your Chance to Quadruple Your Gift!

Click here to learn more about how you can multiply your gift by **4** and help HCCF make your community a better place!

Religious Diversity Series

Join us for HCCF's 2025 Religious Diversity Workshop Series, presented in collaboration with the Center for Interfaith Cooperation (CIC).

These free monthly workshops will explore and celebrate the core beliefs and unique practices of different religions, creating space for understanding and meaningful conversations. The sessions will feature engaging speakers, panel discussions and opportunities for attendees to gain knowledge and appreciation for the diverse religious traditions that enrich our community.

The workshops will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, from February through November of 2025, at MADE@Plainfield, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.

Click this link to register for the last two workshops! A free boxed meal will be provided. The next workshop is **October 7 (**CHANGE in date) on Baha'i -** sign up today!

Opening Doors Series

The Opening Doors Series, presented by HCCF and The Republican, proudly presents an evening with the critically acclaimed documentary "The Best We've Got – The Carl Erskine Story," directed by Ted Green.

Discover the extraordinary life of Indiana's own Carl Erskine. While known as a baseball legend, the film reveals his groundbreaking contributions to human rights.

After the film, we will host a vital discussion panel featuring leaders from our community partners: Hendricks County Special Olympics, My Time to Shine, and Sycamore Services. Purchase your tickets here.

Volunteer for the International Festival

The Hendricks County International Festival is an annual family-friendly event that celebrates the diversity found throughout Hendricks County, and it's coming soon! Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 4 - don't miss your chance to experience all the sights and sounds of the many different cultures represented in our community.

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? The Festival needs your help. Sign up to be a volunteer and enjoy a great day celebrating the diverse cultures in our community!

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.

Fund	Grantee	Grant Amount
Amo High School Alumni Association Education Fund	Amo Volunteer Fire Department	$ 2,500
Amo High School Alumni Association Education Fund	Cascade Youth League	$ 3,100
Amo High School Alumni Association Education Fund	Coatesville-Clay Township Public Library	$ 1,200
Amo High School Alumni Association Education Fund	Mill Creek West Elementary School	$ 700
Amo High School Alumni Association Education Fund	Town of Amo	$ 3,100
Ben and Melba Hanlon School Lunch Assistance Fund	Mill Creek West Elementary School	$ 2,186
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Avon Community School Corporation	$ 305
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Hendricks County Community Foundation	$ 340
Harold Schooler & Virginia Schooler Morrison Memorial Fund	Main Street Plainfield, Inc.	$ 860
HC Health Partnership 2025 Resource Guide Fund	Hendricks County Health Partnership Community Project	$ 100
HCFPC Libby Hammond Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	$ 14,847
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	$ 1,385
Imagination Library of Hendricks County Fund	Dollywood Foundation	$ 3,349
Sports for All Kids Fund	Danville Junior Football League	$ 805
TOTAL		$ 34,777

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

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

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Fall is the perfect season for community in Hendricks County, and the calendar is packed with local fun! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:

Fave Five #1: Matt Howrey Honored with Distinguished Service Award

Matthew W. Howrey, President and CEO of North Salem State Bank (NSSB) and prior HCCF Board Chair, has been honored with the Distinguished Hoosier Award by Governor Mike Braun.

The award, one of the State of Indiana's highest distinctions, was recently presented to Howrey at the Indiana Bankers Association's Annual Convention in French Lick. The award recognizes individuals whose achievements and service have made a lasting impact on their communities.

Fave Five #2: Vaccine Clinic

A community immunization clinic is being offered in partnership with the Indiana Immunization Coalition on October 7th, 2025, from 3 PM to 6 PM at the MADE Center in Plainfield (1610 Reeves Road, Plainfield, IN. 46168).

Those needing to register should scan the QR code or visit patients.vaxcare.com/registration. Use Enrollment Code: IN65942, then select: Hendricks County-10/7/25.

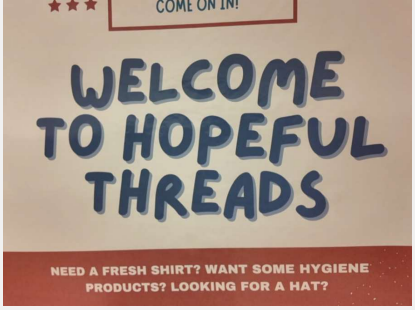
Fave Five #3: Happy Haunted House

Bring the whole family to the Sensory Friendly Happy Haunted House on October 28, 2025, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the ABA Opportunity Center (1285 E Main St, Danville, IN 46122).

This inclusive Halloween celebration is designed for children and families of all abilities, offering a trick-or-treating experience with no loud noises, jump scares, or flashing lights. Costumes are encouraged! Explore different themed rooms where community members and staff will be handing out candy and treats.

Fave Five #4: Hopeful Threads

Plainfield High School is now home to "Hopeful Threads," a student-initiated boutique providing



essential support to classmates in need. The space offers a welcoming and dignified "shopping" experience where students can get clothing, hygiene products, and other essentials during school hours. Thanks to the vision of student founders and the support of the Plainfield Kiwanis Club and local donors, this class assignment has grown into a valuable resource for the PHS community. Read more here.

Fave Five #5: Movies in the Park

Catch the final installment of the free Movies in the Park series, presented by Centier Bank. Bring your blankets, chairs, and family to Arbuckle Acres Park on October 17 for one last film under the stars—Hotel Transylvania!

Activities start at 6:30 PM and the film begins at 7:00 pm. Don't miss the last of this fun-filled tradition!

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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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