

Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation



Spring in Indiana always keeps us on our toes. One day brings sunshine and the promise of warmer days ahead, and the next reminds us winter isn't quite finished. It's a season of unpredictability—but also one of progress, as things begin to take shape in ways we couldn't quite see just a few months ago.

That sense of momentum is playing out across Hendricks County. We're proud to share that more than **\$2.3 million in grants were awarded in 2025**—supporting nonprofits, students, and community initiatives throughout the county. It's a meaningful reminder of what thoughtful, collective generosity can accomplish over time.

Here at HCCF, that work is continuing behind the scenes. Our Grants Committee has just completed its review of Community Impact applications, and members of the Women's Giving Circle have wrapped up their own thoughtful process. Both will be finalized by our Board next week, and we look forward to sharing more soon.

Our **2025 Annual Report** is also now available, offering a closer look at the partnerships, generosity, and impact that continue to shape our community. Let us know if you'd like a print copy. Digital version is coming soon!

And as for Moose, he's embracing the season wholeheartedly—never quite sure what the day will bring, but always ready to get outside and make the most of it. Not a bad approach for spring in Indiana.



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

HCCF Awards \$52,775 to Susie's Place

HCCF recently awarded a **\$52,775 Community Support grant** to **Susie's Place Child Advocacy Center** to help them hire a new Director of Development. By bringing on a dedicated fundraiser, Susie's Place can move away from unpredictable government funding and build more reliable support from local donors and businesses. This shift allows their core team to stay focused on protecting and healing children in crisis, ensuring that care of our community's most vulnerable members will continue.

We are incredibly grateful for the life-changing work Susie's Place does every day to support and advocate for our county's children. Read more [here](#).



HCCF grant presentation to Board & Staff of Susie's Place

Nonprofit Events Coming Soon

Our next nonprofit networking is right around the corner - at **The Green Room** in Plainfield. Mark your calendars!

These gatherings offer space for local leaders to sharpen their skills and build relationships that strengthen our entire community. Join us to learn, share ideas, and grow together!

Nonprofit Networking Opportunities:

- **May 19 from 4:00pm - 6:00p: The Green Room (Plainfield) ****Location Change****
- **August 18 from 8:00am - 10:00am: MOTW Coffee (Avon)**
- **December 1 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm: Pinheads (Brownsburg)**

Nonprofit Learning

Opportunities: (MADE@Plainfield):

- **October 27 8:00am - 12:00pm & November 17 8:30am- 3:30pm: Storytelling for Impact – A Leadership Workshop**



TEDx Event at Hendricks Live!

Through a matching grant from the Hendricks County Youth Philanthropy Fund, HCCF was honored to help fund the inaugural TEDx Avon High School event presented recently at Hendricks Live!



It was truly inspiring to experience the AHS TEDx Club bringing their hard work to life. Seeing our local students take the stage to share their passions and perspectives is exactly why the Youth Philanthropy Fund exists.

Congratulations to every student organizer and speaker for making this inaugural night such a success.

Vote Early and take your Voter's Guide!

Your voice is your power, and today is the day to start using it! Early voting is officially open from now until May 4th. For more information about locations and times in Hendricks County, click [here](#).



Before you go, don't forget to grab the [Voter's Guide](#) you received in the mail! HCCF was proud to award a grant to The Republican to ensure every resident had this resource to study the candidates and their positions.

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.

FUND	GRANTEE	GRANT AMOUNT
Anonymous Fund	Shepherd's Pathway/Take Time and Pray Church	\$ 15,796
Daisy's Animal Fund	Creekside Animal Rescue	\$ 500
Daisy's Animal Fund	Hendricks County Animal Control/Shelter	\$ 2,000
Daisy's Animal Fund	Misty Eyes Animal Shelter & Learning Center	\$ 1,970
HCFC Libby Hammond Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$ 15,060
Hendricks Power Cooperative Operation Round-Up Fund	Brooke's Place for Grieving Young People (d/b/a "Brooke's Place")	\$ 1,895
Hendricks Power Cooperative Operation Round-Up Fund	Forged from Cascade FFA	\$ 500
Hendricks Power Cooperative Operation Round-Up Fund	North Salem Revitalization Inc	\$ 1,000
Huron Family Fund	Avon-Washington Township Public Library	\$ 2,500
Imagination Library of Hendricks County Fund	Dollywood Foundation	\$ 3,679
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Cummins Behavioral Health Systems Inc.	\$ 1,000
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Family Promise of Hendricks County, Inc.	\$ 2,000
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Friends of the Lab	\$ 2,000
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Hendricks College Network	\$ 2,000
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund	\$ 2,000
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Hendricks County Senior Services	\$ 2,000
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Hope Healthcare Services	\$ 2,000
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Leadership Hendricks County	\$ 2,000
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Plainfield Youth Assistance Program	\$ 2,000
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Sheltering Wings	\$ 2,000
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	St. Stephens Lutheran Church	\$ 1,000
Lincoln Bank Legacy Fund	Susie's Place - The Hendricks County Child Advocacy Center	\$ 2,000
North Salem State Bank Heritage Fund	Hendricks County 4-H Youth Council	\$ 4,900
North Salem State Bank Heritage Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund	\$ 4,235
North West Hendricks Education Foundation Fund	North West Hendricks Education Foundation	\$ 75
North West Hendricks Education Foundation Fund	North West Hendricks School Corporation	\$ 500
TOTAL		\$ 76,610

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Spring is here, and as Hendricks County begins to green up and wake up, we're finding more ways than ever to connect and help our community thrive.

Check out our team's favorite picks for local happenings and ways to get involved this next month:



Fave Five #1: Visit Hendricks County Travel Guides

Visit Hendricks County just launched a new 40-page Travel Guide that's all about the authentic **For Real** vibe of our local community. It's packed with photos, maps and "Real Ones Know" tips straight from local folks who know the best spots. You can request a free copy [here](#).



Fave Five #2: Kiwanis Comfort Bags

The Kiwanis Club of Avon and Be Kind for Ollie are partnering to create Comfort Bags for children facing crisis situations, such as accidents or emergencies. These bags, filled with soothing items like blankets and fidget toys, will be provided to the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department to offer immediate emotional relief and security to young residents. Contact [Jennifer Coffey](#) with questions and to donate.



Fave Five #3: Summer Fun Run

The 18th Annual Summer Fun Run & Walk Series presented by the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County is coming soon! Explore 12 unique Hendricks County trails through self-guided courses or weekly Wednesday pop-up events. If you love getting outside and staying active, this event is for you! Sign up [here](#).



Fave Five #4: Tox Away Days

Mark your calendars, Hendricks County residents: [Tox-Away Days](#) are back, giving you a chance to safely clear out everything from old electronics and chemicals to medical sharps. Just a reminder that these events are for local households only and can't accept things like water-based paint, regular recycling, or items from businesses and nonprofits.



Fave Five #5: Children's Summer Reading Club Kick-Off

Kick off the summer by registering your child for the Summer Reading Club on Tuesday, May 26, from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm in the Children's Room at the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library. Children from birth through 5th grade can pick up their reading logs and enjoy a variety of fun activities to start their literacy journey. Click [here](#) for more information.



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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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