



## April's Nonprofit Newsletter

Happy April and happy Spring!

This time of year always brings a refreshing shift in energy. New sounds, new seasonal foods, and new outdoor activities are popping up everywhere — and there's a renewed vibrancy in the community as well. We hope you've had a chance to enjoy the season's changes.

In this month's newsletter, you'll find a couple of trainings, articles, several funding opportunities, and a handful of other noteworthy updates. We especially want to highlight **Visit Hendricks County's CARE to Connect Accessibility Summit** on April 9th from 9–11 a.m. This summit is for anyone who believes that accessibility strengthens our entire county. Join VHC and fellow nonprofit leaders, community partners, and local businesses at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds for this important morning event (details below).

Have a wonderful start to Spring!

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[Visit our Website](#)

## Monthly Poll

What tech support or training would most help your organization right now?

Cybersecurity & Data Protection

Software & Tech Stacking

Technology Planning & Strategy

Hardware, Networks, or IT Support

Website Support

No Tech Support/Training Needed

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## Last Month's Poll Results

41% of respondents said they do have Leadership Hendricks County alum on their board.

## Community Calendar

Did you know we have a community calendar where you can submit local events and goings-on in the community? Press the button below to submit your event to the community calendar!

[Community Calendar Access](#)

## 2026 Nonprofit Networking & Learning Dates

### Nonprofit Networking

Join us and other Hendricks County nonprofits for networking on the following Tuesdays!

**May 19 - 4 - 6 PM @ The Coachman in Plainfield**

**August 18 - 8 - 10 AM @ MOTW in Avon**

**December 1, Giving Tuesday - 4 - 6 PM @ Pinheads in Brownsburg**

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### Nonprofit Learning

- June 16 & 17 from 8:00am - 5:00pm: **Fundraising for Small Nonprofits**
  - Use your time and existing resources – including board members and other volunteers – to achieve your fundraising goals. **(RSVP Required)**
- October 27 8:00am - 12:00pm & November 17 9:00am - 3:00pm: **Storytelling for Impact**
  - Combine strategic messaging, team building, and sector-specific application to help you harness the power of storytelling. **(RSVP Required)**

## Training Opportunities

### Quickbooks for Entrepreneurs & Small Business - Hendricks County

- **When:** April 14 & 15, 2026 @ 9:00am - 3:30pm both days
- **Where:** Ellis Park Train Station 600 E Main St, Danville, IN 46122
- **Cost:** Free
- You'll Hear About:
  - Quickbooks' capabilities, integration, and time-saving features
  - How to properly set-up a Quickbooks file
  - Bookkeeping organization, financial statements, and double-entry accounting.

### Blue Avocado's Free, On-Demand Nonprofit Webinars

- In case you missed them, use this link to access webinars from the past!

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If you see a training opportunity that is worth sharing, email it to Skylar Hazlett at her email [skylar@hendrickscountycf.org](mailto:skylar@hendrickscountycf.org) with "Nonprofit News Training Opportunity" in the subject line!

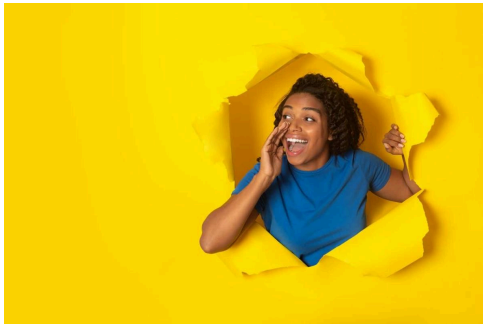
## Articles for Reading

### 3 Ways to Test if Your Nonprofit's Message is Breaking Through

Most nonprofits write for grant makers. Answering these questions will help you communicate with everyone else.



[Click Here to Read More](#)



#### Nonprofit Leaders Answer: How do you communicate the impact of your nonprofit's programs or services?

Nonprofits are always finding new ways to tell their story, and the latest insights reveal just how creatively organizations are sharing the real impact of their programs.

[Click Here to Read More](#)

## Funding Opportunities

#### READI 2.0 Arts and Culture Initiative

- Request funds to support *public art and placemaking, cultural facilities, festivals and public programs, cultural tourism and regional storytelling*, and more.
- **Application Due: April 15, 2026 by 5:00pm**

#### Indiana Historical Society Heritage Support Grants

- Developed to advance the care of and access to *history in Indiana*.
- Funding priorities are: *Collections Stewardship, Capacity Building, Sustainability, and Planning*
- Project Grant (projects of \$5,000 to \$50,000) Cycle B
  - **Summary of proposal due April 30, 2026**
  - **Full proposal due June 30, 2026**
- Mini Grant (projects of \$500 to \$4,999) Cycle D
  - **Proposal due July 31, 2026**

#### Sparkplug Foundation Spring Grant Cycle

- Provides grants to start-up organizations and new projects of established non-profits in the following three areas: *education, community organizing, and music*.
- **Letter of Intent Due: May 1, 2026**

#### American Honda Foundation Grant

- Honda funds *education* programs, especially *STEM-based initiatives, youth development, and workforce readiness programs* that prepare the next generation.
- Contact info: [ahfgrant@na.honda.com](mailto:ahfgrant@na.honda.com)
- **Application Due: August 1, 2026**

Still looking for funding opportunities? Visit your local Hendricks County Library for free Candid access!

Use the following links to apply to rolling grant funding programs.

**Hendricks Power Operation Round-Up || HCCF Community Unity Grants**

**Indiana Humanities Mini-Grants**

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## Miscellaneous

### Visit Hendricks County's CARE to Connect Accessibility Summit

- **What:** A community-driven initiative advancing accessibility and inclusion throughout Hendricks County. This summit brings together local businesses, *nonprofit leaders, community partners, and advocates who understand that accessibility strengthens our entire county.*
- **When:** April 9, 2026 | 9am-11am
- **Where:** Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds; 1900 E Main St, Danville, IN
- *Attendance is free, but do register!*

### 2026 Indiana Summit on Out-of-School Learning

- **What:** Indiana's leading conference for out-of-school time providers. For those working directly with youth or leading programs.
- **When:** April 14-15, 2026
- **Register by:** April 3, 2026 for early bird pricing!
- **Where:** Plainfield, IN

### Indiana Youth Institute's 2026 State of the Child - Hendricks County

- **What:** A dive into local data in the recently released 2026 Indiana KIDS COUNT® Data Book to understand child well-being in Hendricks County. Lunch will be provided.
- **When:** April 16, 2026 | 11am - 1pm
- **Where:** Plainfield, IN

### United Way of Central IN's Go All IN Day

- **What:** Regional day for volunteerism.
- **When:** Friday, April 24, 2026
- If interested in submitting a project for this community-wide day of service, contact [volunteer@uwci.org](mailto:volunteer@uwci.org).

### Indiana Youth Institute's National Summit on Youth Well-Being

- **What:** A virtual national gathering that brings together youth-serving professionals, organizational leaders, and community partners who are committed to strengthening the systems and supports that help young people thrive.
- **When:** May 5, 2026
- **Where:** Online
- **Cost:** \$20

## Library of Resources

Use the resources below to stay updated and in-the-know on the goings-on of Hendricks County and beyond!

**Hendricks County News**

**The Republican Newspaper**

**The Hendricks County Community Connect**

**Current in Brownsburg**

**Other Resources**

**Hendricks County Health Partnership Newsletters**

## Hendricks County Community Resource Guide

### Charitable Advisors (Not-For-Profit News)

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#### Candid Learning Home Page

- **Training** - browse recorded and **live training** opportunities with various nonprofit topics
- Help and Knowledge - find **articles on common questions**, **sample documents**, and other valuable resources
- **Ask Us** - talk with real librarians (NOT AI) 9 AM - 5 PM Monday - Friday

Some tips on using Candid at the Library:

- When searching the database, go into "Advanced Search" to get more options and specific in your search. Choose "Additional Filters" for even more!
  - Don't fill in every box in your search, as this will narrow the search too small.
  - The "Keyword" search box takes things very literally, so be mindful of your word choice if searching with this box.
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