

Where Local Good Grows



Hendricks County Community Foundation

It's been a difficult August for many of our fellow Hoosiers. Historic flooding and severe storms have caused tremendous damage across parts of Indiana, taking lives, displacing families, and leaving many communities with a long recovery ahead. Hendricks County has fortunately avoided the serious flooding experienced elsewhere in Indiana, but our thoughts are with our neighbors across the state who have not been so fortunate. If you or someone you know has been affected, Indiana 211 can help connect Hoosiers with available resources. And for those looking for a way to help, see list below of Community Foundations and funds accepting donations to support affected communities:

- [East Central Indiana Recovery Fund](#) (Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Madison, and Randolph counties)
- [Hamilton County Flood Relief Fund](#)
- [Henry County Disaster Relief Fund](#)
- [Indianapolis Flood Relief Fund](#)
- [Lake County Disaster Relief Fund](#)
- [Porter County's United Way of Northwest Indiana Emergency Help Fund](#)
- [Pulaski County Emergency Response Fund](#)
- [Wayne County Cares Fund](#)

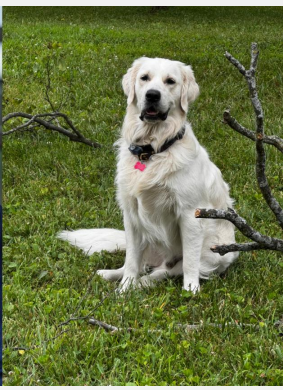
Here at home, August has us thinking about some big opportunities.

Last month, we launched HCCF's \$1 million Moonshot Grant, and we've been excited by the interest it has generated. We're asking our community to think boldly about what could make a transformational difference in Hendricks County—and I can't wait to see the ideas that emerge. You'll find much more about the Moonshot below.

There's also another important opportunity that is almost out of time: HCCF scholarship applications close Wednesday, August 26, at 3:00 pm ET. If there's a high school senior in your life who hasn't applied yet, now is the time! This year's opportunities include our new Huron Family Scholarship for an Avon student, which provides \$10,000 per year for four years—a \$40,000 scholarship—as well as the many other scholarships made possible by generous donors throughout Hendricks County.

And after all that rain, Moose offers a good reminder to enjoy a beautiful summer day when we get one. As you can see, he's pretty good at it.

Enjoy the rest of August!



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

HCCF Scholarships Close Tomorrow!

Applications for all HCCF scholarships, including the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship **close tomorrow (Wednesday, August 26th) at 3:00 pm**. Don't miss out!

HCCF is thrilled to support local students and will be awarding three full-tuition Lilly Endowment Community scholarships this year. To qualify, applicants must be Indiana residents graduating from an accredited high school by June 30, 2027, plan to pursue a full-time bachelor's degree at an eligible Indiana college or university, and meet local HCCF criteria.

[Click here](#) to learn more.



Moonshot Grant Launch!

Last month, over 100 community and nonprofit leaders gathered at MADE in Plainfield for an incredible milestone: the official launch of HCCF's new \$1 Million Moonshot Grant Opportunity! Made possible through the Lilly Endowment's GIFT IX initiative, this program is designed to spark bold, collaborative, and transformational ideas that will shape the future of our county.

You can learn more by visiting the [HCCF website](#) or by contacting VP of Programs [Eric Hessel](#) for complete details.

Thank you to everyone who joined us to dream big for Hendricks County. We can't



Moonshot Grant Lunch & Launch

wait to see our amazing nonprofits shoot for the moon!

HCCF Helps Local Nonprofits Tell Their Story

HCCF recently launched a new grant program to help local nonprofits get their message out. When asked what they needed besides money, over 70% said they struggled to tell their story and attract community support.

To help, HCCF teamed up with [Ash Interactive](#) to create high-quality, long-lasting promotional videos for 15 selected nonprofits in 2026 (more in 2027!). These videos focus on each group's mission, giving them an effective tool to catch people's attention, build connections and increase community support.

Watch this video to learn about [Hope Healthcare Services](#), a nonprofit whose mission is to provide medical, dental, mental and spiritual services to the uninsured in our community.

Learn more about HCCF's local grantmaking and nonprofit support at www.hendrickscountycf.org.



Hope Healthcare Services

Stronger Together Grant to the Avon Public Library

HCCF was pleased to recently award a \$2,500 Stronger Together grant to the Avon Washington Township Library's Summer Reading Program from the newly established Huron Family Fund.

Created by a bequest from a long-time community advocate, Joyce Huron, the fund honors her love for local education and Washington Township. As a permanent endowment, it helps address urgent local needs now while also ensuring funds remain invested for the future.

This fund is a part of HCCF's Stronger Together initiative, which pools unrestricted assets to make our county better. By bringing these resources together, HCCF can ensure every donor's legacy makes a lasting difference across Hendricks County.



HCCF grant presentation to the Avon-Washington Township Library

The Latest in Nonprofit Events

Last week, more than 25 local nonprofit leaders came together over coffee at MOTW in Avon to catch up and brainstorm.

Strong communities start with strong connections. We hold these gatherings to help local leaders build relationships, learn from one another, and collaborate. Join us at our next events:



Nonprofit Networking at MOTW Coffee

Upcoming Networking Meeting

- **December 1** (4:00 PM – 6:00 PM) – Pinheads, Brownsburg

Don't Miss Our Next Workshop! Our upcoming Nonprofit Learning Session is all about Storytelling—how to craft messages that engage donors and inspire action. [Register here.](#)

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
Anonymous Fund	Shepherd's Pathway/Take Time and Pray Church	\$16,394
Anonymous Fund	SPYL Baseball & Softball	\$10,000
Anonymous Fund	Susie's Place - The Hendricks County Child Advocacy Center	\$30,000
Avon Chamber of Commerce Fund	Avon Chamber Foundation	\$532
HC Health Partnership Community Project Fund	Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex	\$500
HCFPC Libby Hammond Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$13,845
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$199
Imagination Library of Hendricks County Fund	Dollywood Foundation	\$4,058
North Salem State Bank Heritage Fund	Hendricks County 4-H and Agri Fair Association, Inc.	\$21,358
Robert G. Porter Thank You Fund	LifeWise Academy	\$900
Stronger Together Grantmaking Fund	Friends of the Danville Public Library	\$5,000
Westside Senior Advocates Fiscal Sponsorship Fund	Westside Senior Advocates	\$153
Westside Senior Advocates Fiscal Sponsorship Fund	Family Promise of Hendricks County, Inc.	\$180
TOTAL		\$103,118

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

As summer winds down, the calendar is still full of fun end-of-season community happenings across Hendricks County!

This month, we've rounded up five of our favorite local events and happenings—helping you stay informed and get connected.



Fave Five #1: Parks Foundation & Visit Hendricks County Partner for Parks

Our friends at Visit Hendricks County are partnering with The Parks Foundation of Hendricks County to boost funding for local parks, trails, and green spaces through their new [PLACES Initiative](#). It's a win-win for our community, channeling more resources directly into the outdoor spaces and recreation opportunities we all enjoy close to home.

Keep an eye out for application details if your organization has a park or trail project in mind!



Fave Five #2: New CEO at Hendricks County Economic Development

We are excited to share that the Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership (HCEDP) has named Jennifer Chamberlin as its new Executive Director. Jennifer brings over two decades of experience helping communities grow and advising businesses on where to build and invest. We look forward to working alongside her as she leads efforts to strengthen our local economy, support local businesses, and keep Hendricks County a thriving place to live and work. Welcome Jennifer!



Fave Five #3: College Fair!

The [Hendricks College Network College & Career Fair](#) is right around the corner - Tuesday, September 8 - and it's shaping up to be a fantastic event! With over 127 representatives already signed up, students and families can connect with colleges, trade apprenticeships, local employers, military recruiters, and community resources all under one roof.

Mark your calendars and help us spread the word to local families!



Fave Five #4: Vietnam Traveling Memorial

The [Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall](#) is coming to Hummel Park in Plainfield from September 18–21, offering our community a powerful 3/5 scale replica of the Washington, D.C. memorial to honor fallen service members. Thanks to sponsorship from Duke Energy, the memorial will be free and open to visitors 24 hours a day during its stay.

Volunteers are needed to help greet and guide guests, so if you'd like to lend a hand, please email



Fave Five #5: Brownsburg Chamber's Festival of the Arts

Come out to the Brownsburg Chamber's Festival of the Art, a fun event on September 19-20th at Arbuckle Acres Park, bringing our community together to celebrate the rich creative talent here in Hendricks County.

This family-friendly weekend offers something for everyone, featuring vibrant visual art exhibits, live music, hands-on workshops, unique artisan vendors, and delicious local food. [Click here](#) for more information.



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Thank You to Our 2026 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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