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HCCF Awards \$375,000 Community Support Grant to Hendricks County Senior Services

The Hendricks County Community Foundation (HCCF) is proud to announce a significant investment in our community ensuring that residents have access to reliable and safe transportation. Through a \$375,000 Community Support Grant, HCCF is partnering with Hendricks County Senior Services (HCSS) to expand their transportation services.

This proactive grant, funded through Lilly Endowment's GIFT IX initiative, is earmarked to purchase and operate an additional LINK van for three years. By increasing the HCSS fleet, this investment provides more low-cost rides for anyone in Hendricks County, including but not limited to seniors, helping them maintain their health, independence, and connection to the community.

This investment is a direct response to consistent feedback from the community. Since 2019, HCCF's Community Needs Assessments have repeatedly identified the lack of public transportation as the highest need in Hendricks County across all populations.

"In every Community Needs Assessment we have conducted, transportation consistently emerges as the number one gap for our residents," said William Rhodehamel, President and CEO of the Hendricks County Community Foundation. "These services are a cornerstone of health and independence for the elderly and others in our community. We are honored to come alongside HCSS to help them address this gap and ensure our neighbors stay connected to the people and places that matter most."

For many residents, the ability to reach medical appointments, grocery stores, and social activities is the difference between isolation and a high quality of life. This funding allows HCSS to meet the growing demand for these services without placing a financial burden on those they serve.

Leadership at Hendricks County Senior Services expressed deep gratitude for the partnership, noting that the additional van will be a lifeline for many. "We are so incredibly thankful for the support of the Community Foundation," said Marina Keers, Executive Director of HCSS. "This grant will ensure that even more community members have access to the places they need to go - medical appointments, work, the grocery, therapy, the senior center and more Thank you HCCF!"

You can learn more and give to support HCCF's unrestricted grantmaking—which makes investments like this possible—on their website at www.hendrickscountycf.org.



HCCF Community Support Grant Presentation to HCSS

The Mission of the Hendricks County Community Foundation: To be a trusted community partner in understanding needs, aligning resources, and empowering people to address today's priorities and create lasting impact. Our vision is 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. The Community Foundation manages assets of over \$40 million in a collection of funds created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2025 the Community Foundation gave over \$2.35M in grants to charitable organizations and scholarships to local students. For more information, call 317-268-6240 or visit www.hendrickscountycf.org.

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