

Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation



It's Fair week! There's something special about the Fair in Hendricks County. Beyond the rides, food, and grandstand events, the County Fair is really a celebration of our young people—months of hard work, learning, and dedication proudly displayed in barns, exhibit halls, and show rings. Whether it's raising livestock, completing a woodworking project, perfecting a photograph, or presenting a science exhibit, every ribbon represents perseverance, growth, and the confidence that comes from doing your very best.

We're proud to support that tradition. This year, [HCCF awarded two grants totaling more than \\$46,000 to expand the 4-H Super Sale](#), investing in a program that recognizes the hard work and accomplishments of so many local youths.

That same commitment to investing in the future is at the heart of HCCF's scholarship program. Applications for the Class of 2027 open on July 29 and remain available through August 26. If you know a rising high school senior, encourage them to start early. A thoughtful application submitted well before the deadline can open doors to opportunities that last a lifetime.

As for Moose, after visiting the office lately, he's convinced he deserves a ribbon, too. While we're still searching for the right category, he remains the undisputed champion of afternoon naps.

Thank you for helping us celebrate the accomplishments of our young people and for encouraging the next generation as they prepare for the opportunities ahead.



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

HCCF Scholarships Go Live July 29

Seniors, are you ready to take the next step toward your future? Applications for all HCCF scholarships, including the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, open July 29 and close August 26 at 3:00 PM.

HCCF is thrilled to support local students and will be awarding three full-tuition Lilly 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.



Paws & Think

Because of our generous donors, HCCF recently supported [Paws & Think](#) and their therapy dog programs in Hendricks County.

Through a [\\$4,000 Stronger Together grant](#), HCCF is helping Paws & Think keep these vital visits completely free for local schools, libraries, and community organizations. Last year alone, Paws & Think therapy teams gave over 180 volunteer hours across 170 youth visits, reaching more than 1,100 young people in our community.

We are proud to partner with their volunteers—both two- and four-legged—as they continue making a positive impact across our community.



Paws & Think Therapy Dog

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



Pathway of Hope

them an effective tool to catch people's attention, build connections and increase community support.

Kicking off the new program, [Pathway of Hope](#) is the very first organization to have its video released. Watch this video to learn about Pathway of Hope's crucial work fighting hunger and homelessness in our community.

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

Lilly Scholar Spotlight

We love seeing how our [Lilly Scholars](#) are shaping the future! HCCF's 2023 Lilly Scholar Kate Langford spent last semester studying in Washington, D.C., as a Notre Dame student while interning at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, the nation's top bipartisan government affairs firm. On Capitol Hill, she monitored congressional hearings and wrote policy memos on energy, defense, and international affairs—gaining hands-on experience alongside elected representatives.

Capping off a terrific semester, Kate was named a Truman Scholar Finalist, placing her among the top 200 college juniors in the nation for public service and leadership. We couldn't be more proud to support dedicated student leaders like Kate through the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program!



Lilly Scholar Kate Langford (far right) with colleagues in Washington D.C.

Nonprofit Networking Coming Soon!

Our next nonprofit networking is right around the corner - at MOTW Coffee in Avon. 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:

- August 18 from 8:00am - 10:00am: MOTW Coffee (Avon)
- December 1 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm: Pinheads (Brownsburg)



Nonprofit Networking at The Beehive

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
Anderson Family Fund	Heroes Wildlife Adventures	\$ 15,000
Anonymous Fund	Shepherd's Pathway/Take Time and Pray Church	\$ 18,941
Anonymous Fund	Kids International Ministries	\$ 10,000
Directors' Unrestricted Fund	Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	\$ 100
Electric Plus Cares Fund	Gift Kindness Inc.	\$ 2,000
Electric Plus Cares Fund	Peace Restored	\$ 750
Electric Plus Cares Fund	Trinity Horizons Inc dba Trinity Life Ministry	\$ 750
Harold Schooler & Virginia Schooler Morrison Memorial Fund	Discover Downtown Plainfield	\$ 1,040
HCFPCLibby Hammond Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$ 20,700
Hendricks County Women's Giving Circle Fund	Family Promise of Hendricks County, Inc.	\$ 6,500
Hendricks County Women's Giving Circle Fund	Firefly Children and Family Alliance/Children's Bureau	\$ 4,000
Hendricks County Women's Giving Circle Fund	Sycamore Services, Inc.	\$ 10,500
Imagination Library of Hendricks County Fund	Dollywood Foundation	\$ 4,074
Laurie & Raleigh Rolston Fund	Hope Healthcare Services	\$ 3,554
Sports for All Kids Fund	Danville Little League Baseball, Inc.	\$ 1,231
TOTAL		\$ 99,140

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

July has been a scorcher, but the heat hasn't slowed down all the summer fun in Hendricks County!

This month, we've rounded up five of our favorite local events and happenings—it's a great time to get out, stay informed, and get involved in our community!



Fave Five #1: Danville Library Honored

The Danville-Center Township Public Library has been selected as one of just 16 libraries nationwide to join the [Smithsonian Rural Library Cohort](#). Launching in September 2026, this 12-month partnership will bring at least 12 free, world-class programs to our community featuring live virtual presentations with Smithsonian experts, interactive Q&As, and hands-on local experiences. Congrats Danville Library!



Fave Five #2: Brownsburg Hosts Inaugural IN Hardcourt Championships

This August, Brownsburg steps onto the international stage as host of the inaugural Indiana Hardcourt Championships, bringing top-ranked professional tennis players to Hendricks County! Brownsburg High School's state-of-the-art 21-court facility is making history as the state's only complex capable of hosting an ATP Challenger Tour event. Way to go Brownsburg! Get tickets [here](#).

Fave Five #3: Merge Mural Fest



Danville is hosting a brand-new event: [Merge Mural Fest!](#) This community event will bring vibrant public art to Danville from September 12th to 19th as 6 to 10 professional artists—with a special focus on local talent—transform the lot behind 57 N. Washington St.

The public is invited to stop by throughout the week to watch these unique original designs take shape in real-time. The event culminates on September 19th with a family-friendly Reveal Party featuring live music, food and local vendors to celebrate the finished masterpieces.



Fave Five #4: Music on Main

Discover Plainfield invites you to the Plainfield Friends Church lawn on Friday, September 18, 2026, for [Music on Main](#), featuring live performances by The Purdy Trio at 6:00 PM and the American West Band at 7:30 PM.

Gates open at 5:00 PM, so bring your lawn chairs and grab dinner from local vendors like Smash Daddy's Burgers, Dogs to Go by Uncle Zo, and Sodeez. VIP tickets go on sale August 17th and include front-row seating, a band meet-and-greet, and an exclusive swag bag!



Fave Five #5: 4H Fair Royalty

Big congratulations to Autumn Chatten, crowned the 2026 Miss Hendricks County 4-H Fair Queen! She is joined by 1st Runner Up & Miss Congeniality Haylee Smith, Court Members Samantha Hart, Reese Hendy, and Ellie Hunt, and 2026 Little Miss Kora Schaefer. Stop by and say hello to Autumn and her court throughout fair week!



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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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