

Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation



What a race we had last weekend! The Indianapolis 500 is always a great event, but this year it was a truly great *race* too. Memorial Day weekend always feels like the unofficial start of summer here in Indiana — race day traditions, backyard cookouts, and time with family and friends, balanced with the solemn remembrance of Memorial Day itself (or Decoration Day, as my WWII-veteran father always insisted on calling it). I hope you had the opportunity to pause and remember the precious price paid for the freedoms we enjoy every day.

It's also been another exciting month of impact at HCCF. Our Board finalized this year's **Stronger Together Community Impact Grants, awarding more than \$444,000 to 50 organizations serving Hendricks County**. What makes these grants especially meaningful is that they are powered by Stronger Together funds and the growing generosity of donors who believe in the importance of unrestricted community philanthropy. From mental health services and family stability programs to children's literacy, accessibility improvements, and support for local students and seniors, these grants demonstrate how flexible community dollars can respond to real needs across Hendricks County.

The **finalists for this year's Hendricks County Women's Giving Circle grants have also been selected and are listed below**. Chosen by Giving Circle members from a strong pool of applicants, these organizations will participate in the Giving Circle's award nights throughout the year — another wonderful example of local philanthropy in action.

Scholarship season has also wrapped up, and we are proud to recognize the outstanding students from the Class of 2026 receiving **HCCF scholarships**. Congratulations and best wishes as they begin this exciting next chapter.

And finally, Moose has been fully embracing the start of summer too — spending plenty of time upside down, stretched out, and completely relaxed. He seems to have already figured out one important lesson for summer: sometimes it's good to slow down and enjoy the moment.



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

\$444,000 in Stronger Together Grants

HCCF recently awarded over [\\$444,000 in Stronger Together grants](#) to 50 local organizations. Supported by unrestricted donations, field of interest funds, and 81 Family Legacy Funds, this flexible funding helps agencies meet the many emerging needs all across our county.

Here are just a few of these impactful grants:

- **Family Promise of Hendricks County** – Stability Builders Network (\$55,000)
- **Imagination Library of Hendricks County** – Books for Hendricks County Children (\$25,000)
- **Central Indiana Education Service Center** – WestNext work-based learning for Hendricks County high school students (\$20,000)
- **Dieudonne Foundation** – Doula Support and Community Education (\$12,000)
- **Phi Beta Psi Theta Alpha Kappa Chapter** – Hospital Equipment Loan Program (\$2,500)
- **Indiana Center for Employee Ownership** – Education on Employee Ownership (\$2,390)

Gifts made to the unrestricted Stronger Together Funds are currently eligible for a **\$2-to-\$1 match!** To take advantage of this match or view the full list of recipients, visit our website [here](#).

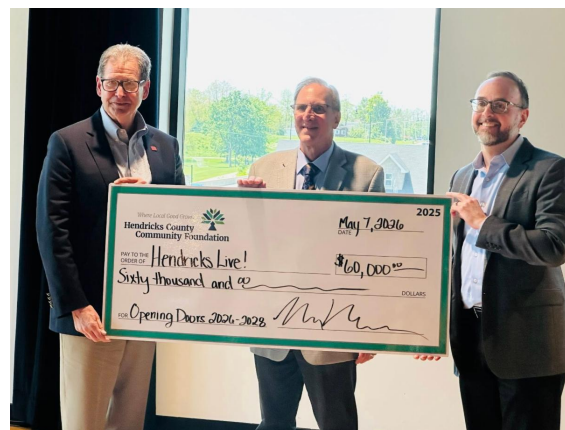


Stronger Together grant presentation to Hope Healthcare Services

HCCF Awards \$60,000 to Hendricks Live!

HCCF recently awarded a **\$60,000** Community Support Grant to **Hendricks Live!** to sustain the "Opening Doors" series for the next three years. Partnering with *The Republican* newspaper, this grant funds 3–4 programs each year that highlight the unique, powerful stories of people living and working right here in our community. It's all about sharing local experiences to build a deeper sense of belonging, empathy, and connection among neighbors.

This grant was made possible through Lilly Endowment GIFT IX. To learn more or to support other great local projects like this one, visit the HCCF website [here](#).



HCCF grant presentation to Hendricks Live!

9 Grantees Announced for Women's Giving Circle

The Hendricks County Women's Giving Circle (HCWGC), a program of HCCF, has officially announced its "Top Nine" grant finalists for 2026. These outstanding local organizations will each be awarded a grant of **\$10,500, \$6,500, or \$4,000** at upcoming grant award nights throughout the year:

June 3:

**Family Promise of Hendricks County
Firefly Children and Family Alliance
Sycamore Services**

September 9:

**Down Syndrome Indiana
Meals on Wheels of Hendricks County
Susie's Place**

November 4:

**Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition
Jameson Camp
Paws & Think**

The Women's Giving Circle is a powerful example of local philanthropy, and these events offer a front-row seat to that generosity while supporting the nonprofits that work to make our community stronger. To learn more about the Women's Giving Circle, visit the HCCF website [here](#).



2026 HCCF Scholars

HCCF is proud to recognize the outstanding students from the Class of 2026 who have been awarded **HCCF scholarships, totaling \$51,772**. These hard-working scholars represent the bright future of our county, standing out for their academic achievements, leadership, and community service.

[Click here](#) to see the full list of this year's deserving recipients (as well as renewing scholars) and celebrate their success!



The 2025 Annual Report is here!

We are excited to share our hot-off-the-presses [2025 Annual Report](#) with all our donors and supporters whose generosity fueled an incredible year!

Whether you prefer flipping through a physical copy or scrolling on your phone, we have you covered—the report is available in both print and digital formats. You can view the digital version right now on our [website here](#) or if you'd like a print copy mailed straight to your home, just email us [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 the vision!

Last month, HCCF awarded **\$444,000** in Stronger Together Grants (read more above) as well as **\$253,459** in Donor Advised, Field of Interest and Unrestricted Grants (see listing below) for a grand total of **\$697,459** in grants to make our community better!

FUND	GRANTEE	GRANT AMOUNT
Anderson Family Fund	Just Be Kind Club	\$ 5,200
Anonymous Fund	Hendricks County 4-H and Agri Fair Association, Inc.	\$ 25,000
Anonymous Fund	Purdue for Life Foundation	\$ 100,000
Anonymous Fund	Shepherd's Pathway/Take Time and Pray Church	\$ 12,091
Avon Chamber of Commerce Fund	Avon High School	\$ 500
Electric Plus Cares Fund	Down Syndrome Indiana, Inc.	\$ 500
Electric Plus Cares Fund	Josiah White's Foster Care	\$ 1,000
Electric Plus Cares Fund	The Children's TherAplay Foundation, Inc.	\$ 2,000
Harold Schooler & Virginia Schooler Morrison Memorial Fund	Discover Downtown Plainfield	\$ 2,324
HCFPC Libby Hammond Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$ 18,900
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Huron Family Fund	Huron Family Scholarship Fund	\$ 40,000
Huron Family Fund	Huron North Lawn Cemetery Fund	\$ 10,000
Imagination Library of Hendricks County Fund	Dollywood Foundation	\$ 3,720
Indiana University Health West Hospital Cancer Center Fund	Indiana University Health West Hospital	\$ 450
Kappa Kappa Kappa-Delta Pi Chapter (Plainfield) Fund	HCCF Programming Fund	\$ 426
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North Salem State Bank Heritage Fund	Hendricks County 4-H Youth Council	\$ 2,318
North West Hendricks Education Foundation Fund	North Salem Elementary	\$ 750
North West Hendricks Education Foundation Fund	North West Hendricks Education Foundation	\$ 1,165
North West Hendricks Education Foundation Fund	Pittsboro Elementary	\$ 250
North West Hendricks Education Foundation Fund	Tri-West High School	\$ 250
Sports for All Kids Fund	Danville Girls Softball Association	\$ 1,894
State Bank of Lizton Centennial Celebration Fund	Habit of the Heart, Inc.	\$ 5,000
Steven S Cagle Hendricks County Journalism Support Fund	FreePressIndiana	\$ 6,150
TOTAL		\$ 253,459

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

With the excitement of the Indy 500 kicking things into high gear, our community is revving with energy right now.

We've rounded up a few of our absolute favorite "pit stops" for local happenings and ways to give back this month—check them out and get involved!



Fave Five #1: Susie's Place Honored

The Susie's Place Child Advocacy Centers team was recently honored with the 2026 Victim's Assistance Award for Victim Advocacy from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana. This prestigious award recognizes the organization's exceptional dedication to ensuring child victims of crime are heard, respected, and supported in safe, trauma-informed spaces. Way to go Susie's Place!



Fave Five #2: Veterans Benefits Workshop

The American Legion Colonel Billie J. Holmes Memorial Post 331 in Brownsburg is hosting a free, public U.S. Military Veterans Benefits Workshop on **Saturday, May 30th, at 1 p.m.** This informative session will specifically focus on navigating the VA Disability Claims Process, with Veteran Service Officers available afterward to answer questions. All honorably discharged veterans, spouses, and families are welcome to attend; visit brownsburgpost331.org or call (317) 507-2588 for more information.



Fave Five #3: Plainfield Fire Territory Blood Drive

The Plainfield Fire Territory is hosting its Summer Lifesaver Blood Drive on **June 24th from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM** at Headquarters (591 Moon Road). Your donation directly supports their vital pre-hospital blood transfusion program (funded by HCCF) which brings life-saving care directly to patients in the field when every second counts. While walk-ins are welcome, appointments are preferred and can be scheduled [here](#) or by calling 800-485-6594.



Fave Five #4: Local Farmers' Markets

Nothing says summer in Indiana quite like sweet corn and local farmers markets! Hendricks County boasts seven unique markets, each featuring its own farm-fresh food and fun themed weeks. Click [here](#) for information on all locations and days/times.



Fave Five #5: Free Summer Concerts in Brownsburg

Kick off your summer nights with Summer Soundtracks, Brownsburg's free community concert series! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and favorite crew to enjoy incredible live music, fun yard games, and a vibrant beer and wine garden. You can also grab a bite from a variety of delicious local food trucks. [Click here](#) to learn more.



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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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