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Hendricks County Community Foundation

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Hendricks County Community Foundation Announces 3-to-1 Match for Next Chapter of Stronger Together

Building on the momentum of its inaugural phase, the Hendricks County Community Foundation (HCCF) today officially launched the next chapter of its Stronger Together community initiative. Supported by Lilly Endowment Inc.'s GIFT IX initiative and a local anonymous donor, the foundation is offering a transformative $3-to-$1 match on all eligible gifts to Stronger Together funds, including Family Legacy Funds (while matching funds remain available). Under this matching structure, a $1,000 donation instantly becomes $4,000 in total support to help local families, nonprofits, and future generations across Hendricks County.

"The generosity of our community has already made Stronger Together an extraordinary success," said William Rhodehamel, HCCF President & CEO. "But what excites me most is what comes next. This matching opportunity gives people a remarkable way to make a difference in Hendricks County, not just today, but for generations to come. Every gift, regardless of size, helps us build a stronger community."

The first phase of the Stronger Together initiative concluded last December, raising more than $4.5 million in lasting community impact through over 390 gifts from 195 local donors. The benefits of those gifts are already at work. This year alone, HCCF awarded $444,000 in Stronger Together grants across 50 local organizations. These funds are actively helping local families achieve stability, expanding access to healthcare and essential mental health services, supporting children's education programs, and strengthening local nonprofit infrastructure. A prime example includes a recent $12,000 grant awarded to the Dieudonne Foundation, an organization providing hands-on care, practical resources, and critical maternal and infant healthcare access to local parents and newborns during pregnancy and post-birth.

Supporters and foundation leadership are fully behind this next step. Before the public launch, 100% of the HCCF Board of Directors pledged their support, and early donors have already contributed over $500,000 in gifts and commitments.

The matching opportunity runs through June 30, 2028. To give donors flexibility, contributions and multi-year pledges can be spread across three tax years (2026, 2027, and 2028) while matching funds remain available.

Community members can make a single gift, set up a multi-year pledge, or give through existing family funds today. To learn more or make a gift online, visit hendrickscountycf.org/stronger-together/ or contact the Hendricks County Community Foundation directly at info@hendrickscountycf.org or 317-268-6240.

Building a Better Community

Stronger Together

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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