

Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation



2024 was a remarkable year for your Community Foundation. Thanks to your support, we celebrated record-breaking grantmaking, the largest gift in our history, and growing momentum from our Stronger Together campaign—all helping to strengthen Hendricks County's charitable sector and improve lives across our community.

You can explore all the highlights in our 2024 Annual Report, now available online. Prefer a print copy? Just reach out to or stop by our Avon office—we'd love to see you (and our occasional office pup Moose would love the company too).

And 2025 is off to a phenomenal start. So far this year, we've already awarded nearly \$1 million in grants to local nonprofits and community projects. And with the Stronger Together campaign set to wrap up by December 31, we're excited to unlock even more unrestricted grant dollars to meet our community's greatest needs.

There are so many ways to get involved:

- Want to make a difference as a volunteer for HCCF? Learn more [here](#).
- Want to take advantage of the incredible **\$3-to-\$1 match** for gifts to our Community Enhancement Funds? [Visit our Stronger Together page](#) or reach out to me directly.
- Want to see your gifts in action? Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) or dive into our Annual Report.

Together—with your support (and a little help from Moose!)—we're building a stronger Hendricks County. Thank you for being part of it.



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

Our Annual Report Card is Here!

Your support made 2024 an incredible year for the Community Foundation - and we want to share all about it with you! [Click here](#) to view a virtual

version of HCCF's Annual Report, including content from grantees, donors and our Lilly Scholars.

If you would like a print version, feel free to contact us at info@hendrickscountycf.org, 317-268-6240 or stop by our office.



The Women's Giving Circle Announces 9 Grant Award Winners

We are excited to announce the Top 9 Nonprofits that submitted applications and will be receiving a grant award from the [Hendricks County Women's Giving Circle](#) this year!

Congratulations to these outstanding nonprofits:

- Allies, Inc.
- Brooke's Place for Grieving Young People
- Child Care Answers
- Hendricks County Youth Assistance Program
- Hope Healthcare Services
- Imagination Library of Hendricks County
- Safe Families for Children Central Indiana
- Sheltering Wings
- Special Olympics of Hendricks County

These nonprofits will be presenting to the Women's Giving Circle members at 3 Grant Award nights throughout the year and each nonprofit will awarded a grant to help them continue their vital work supporting women and children in our community.



Don't Miss Out on Stronger Together!

Our Stronger Together Campaign is NOW matching every dollar you give to a [Family Legacy](#) or [Community Enhancement Fund](#) (unrestricted) with **THREE** more dollars! That's a **3-to-1 match**—turn \$1 into \$4! It's a fantastic way to support Hendricks County and build a stronger community. This amazing opportunity ends this year, so don't miss out!

Click [here](#) to learn more about Stronger Together.

Building a Better Community Stronger Together

IPA Week on the Hill

Last week, HCCF Vice President of Programs, Eric Hessel, attended Indiana Philanthropy Associations' Foundations on the Hill in Washington D.C. FOTH is an annual advocacy opportunity for IPA members to meet with their federal lawmakers at their Washington, D.C. offices about the policies that matter most to our sector and advocate on behalf of the philanthropic sector.



Foundations on the Hill attendees

The current bill in the Senate includes a new tiered tax on foundations' investment income, a minimum giving threshold that could discourage some corporate donations, and new rules concerning income from activities unrelated to an organization's primary mission, which could reduce funds available for programs.

As discussions continue, community input remains important to help ensure continued support for charitable work in our local communities. [Click here](#) for more information.

2025 Scholarship Award Recipients

We're thrilled to announce the 2025 HCCF Scholarship recipients! [Click here](#) to read the list of scholars.

This year, HCCF offered more than 20 scholarships to local high school seniors, in addition to the Lilly Community Endowment Scholarships. These awards, ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000, each had specific criteria, recognizing not only the scholars' academic achievements but also their involvement in the community. The HCCF scholarship program underscores our commitment to supporting education and investing in the future leaders of our community.



Help Improve Interpreter

Access Locally

The Director of Advocacy for Indiana Association of the Deaf (IAD) is conducting a brief survey to assess how local organizations handle ASL interpreter requests—and whether a public referral resource would help reduce barriers to communication. If your organization serves the public (e.g., healthcare, schools, government, nonprofits, or community events), please take 2-3 minutes to complete this anonymous survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfB31VML3TmN1pQ24P7W5inhngOZv3UGV89N5t58C2GklalvA/viewform?usp=dialog>

Responses will help improve ADA accessibility and support Hendricks County in becoming a statewide model for inclusive service delivery.



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! Last month we awarded over \$81,000 in Community Enhancement Grants. [Click here](#) to read a list of the grantees. Below are the remaining grants awarded in April, building a stronger future for our community.

Fund Name	Grantee	Grant Amount
Anderson Family Fund	Plainfield Fire Territory	\$ 10,000
Anderson Family Fund	Just Be Kind Club	\$ 4,200
Avon Chamber of Commerce Fund	Avon High School	\$ 500
Avon Community Fund	Hendricks County Youth Assistance Program	\$ 1,000
Electric Plus Cares Fund	Danville Community Education Foundation	\$ 1,000
HCHealth Partnership Community Project Fund	Hendricks County Health Partnership Community Project	\$ 236
HCCF Programming Fund	Islamic Society of North America	\$ 450
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition ARPA Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$ 47,289
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$ 182
Hendricks Power Cooperative Operation Round-Up Fund	Kiwanis Club of Brownsburg	\$ 1,000
Hendricks Power Cooperative Operation Round-Up Fund	Strides to Success	\$ 1,500
Imagination Library of Hendricks County Fund	Imagination Library of Hendricks County	\$ 3,174
Legacy Grantmaking Fund	MSD of Wayne Township	\$ 3,500
North West Hendricks Education Foundation Fund	North Salem Elementary	\$ 1,286
North West Hendricks Education Foundation Fund	North Salem Elementary	\$ 600
Robert G. Porter Thank You Fund	Eel River Township Fire Rescue Inc.	\$ 2,319
Sports for All Kids Fund	Danville Junior Basketball League	\$ 960
Tri-West Community Fund	Eel River Township Fire Rescue Inc.	\$ 203
XFUND	Young Professionals of Hendricks County	\$ 248
TOTAL		\$ 79,195

[Contact us](#) to find out how you can partner with us and be part of this vision!

Check out dozens of great events in our community on the [Hendricks Community Calendar!](#)

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

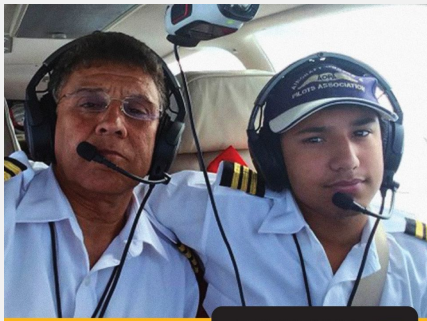
It has finally stopped raining! Time to get out and enjoy events around town! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:



Fave Five #1: Hues of Hendricks County

Next month, top artists from all over the country and world are coming to transform Hendricks County communities for the first-ever Hues of Hendricks County Public Art Initiative.

This partnership between the Hendricks County Arts Collective and Visit Hendricks County will bring five vibrant public art installations to the county in Danville, Plainfield, Lizton, North Salem, and Coatesville. Read more [here](#).



Fave Five #2: Film Screening - Live Like Haris

Hendricks Live! is launching Opening Doors, a new event series celebrating the unique stories of Hendricks County residents. This series is presented in partnership with The Republican Newspaper and HCCF. The first event will be a screening of "Live Like Haris," a film about Plainfield's Babar and Haris Suleman, a father and son who tragically died while trying to raise money for underserved children in Pakistan. Get tickets [here](#).



Fave Five #3: Avon High School Orchestra State Champs

Congratulations to the Avon Symphony Orchestra on being named 2025 ISSMA State Champions! in addition, the Avon Community School Corporation has been recognized as one of the nation's Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants. Way to go Avon!



Fave Five #4: B&O Trail

Great news for the B&O Trail! Paving has officially begun in Marion County on a new three-mile stretch from Raceway Road to High School Road. This significant progress will connect to the existing Speedway trail, bringing it closer to a continuous 16-mile greenway from downtown Indianapolis to County Road 250E in Hendricks County. Read more in the B&O Trails Newsletter [here](#).

Fave Five #5: Prosecutor Academy

The Hendricks County Prosecutor's Office is hosting its second Citizen Prosecutor Academy



this August for eight weeks. Applications are on the [Hendricks County website](#) now. You must be at least 18 years old to apply.



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Thank You to Our 2025 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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