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***Pictured: Front Row: Katie Ottinger, HCCF and Rik Hagarty, SAWs Founder***

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**HCCF issues grant for tools to build wheelchair ramps**



The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently awarded Servants at Work (SAWs) a Mini Grant from the Humanitarian Fund, a field-of-interest component fund of HCCF. The \$996 grant will help local volunteers purchase tools for their work building wheelchair ramps for Hancock County residents.

SAWs' mission is to build ADA-compliant wooden wheelchair ramps for low-income individuals with a long-term disability who cannot afford to have one built and whose quality of life is severely limited by their home's lack of accessibility. These ramps are constructed by volunteers local to the area of the state where the ramp is needed.

While SAWs is supported by a wide variety of churches, individuals, organizations and other funders throughout Indiana, funding in each county is dependent upon individuals and corporate donations, grants and volunteers from the county where the ramps are being built. The cost of materials to build each ramp ranges from \$800-\$1,500, depending on the length and complexity of the project.

A member of the Spirit of Community fund family, grants from the Humanitarian Fund support physical and mental health, rehabilitative services, and crisis intervention. The fund also promotes housing and shelter services, services supporting the elderly, youth, families, and people with disabilities, economically disadvantaged, minorities, and other special groups in Hancock County.

*HCCF provides philanthropic leadership by encouraging giving, learning, community pride and civic engagement. Working with caring individuals, families, and organizations to create or grow existing permanent endowment funds is critical to the organization's mission. These funds generate income that is distributed in the form of grants and scholarships to enrich and enhance life in Hancock County, as well as support the donor's favorite charitable causes, both at home and afar forever. HCCF has granted millions of dollars since their inception in 1992.*

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