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HCCF issues unrestricted grants from Heart for Hancock: A Community Relief Fund

GREENFIELD, Ind. (August 6, 2020) – Due to the far-reaching impacts of COVID-19, the Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) launched the Heart for Hancock Community Relief Fund to respond to the quickly-evolving needs in the community. One of the most extreme challenges for nonprofits has been the need to cancel revenue-generating programs and events due to COVID-19 restrictions, at great detriment to operating budgets.

To help fill this gap, HCCF is offering nonprofits the opportunity to apply for unrestricted grants from the Heart for Hancock fund. These grants are designed to help nonprofit organizations supplement lost income due to COVID-19 restrictions. The first unrestricted grantees are:

- **Hope House** - \$10,000
- **Hancock County Historical Society** - \$3,500
- **Hancock County Children's Choir** - \$5,000

These grants will be administered on a rolling basis through the end of 2020 or until funds are depleted. The application will close Nov. 27, 2020. Eligible applicants **MUST** serve Hancock County and be public, tax-exempt organizations by Section 501(c)3 of the IRS Code. Other tax-exempt organizations are **NOT** eligible (ie. schools, units of government, churches, or non-501(c)3 nonprofits).

“Our nonprofits play such a crucial role in every aspect of our community, from human services, arts and culture, education, and community enhancement,” says HCCF President and CEO Mary Gibble. “It is our duty as the community foundation to help these organizations weather this crisis, and grants to supplement lost operating revenue is a powerful way we can do that.”

Heart for Hancock, is a fee-free pass-through fund, established by the HCCF Board of Directors, that will allow our foundation to quickly mobilize 100% of these charitable dollars to local organizations serving Hancock County.

Our generous community is asking, “How can I help?”. This is a wonderful time to use your local community foundation as a reliable resource to assist organizations that are serving neighbors in distress.

Donations may be made to Heart for Hancock online at giveHCgrowHC.org or by making checks payable to “HCCF-Heart for Hancock” and mailing to 312 E. Main St., Greenfield.

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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