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**Photo Attached: Caption: HCCF Awards Grant to Hancock Co. Extension Homemakers for I-CAN classes**

The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently awarded Hancock Extension Homemakers a grant from the Humanitarian Endowment Fund, a component fund of HCCF. A member of the Spirit of Community fund family, this fund supports physical and mental health, rehabilitative services, and crisis intervention. It 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.

The Hancock County Extension Homemakers is a service organization whose mission it is to strengthen families through continuing education, leadership development and volunteer community support. This grant was to provide funding for the I-CAN program, a series of four classes to offer instructions on basic sewing, household finance, homemade gifts and healthy cooking.

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 over \$13 million since its inception in 1992.

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