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HCCF issues grant for intern

The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently awarded Dani's Dreams Innovation in Education Corporation a grant from the Clean and Green Endowment Fund, a component fund of HCCF. A member of HCCF's Spirit of Community fund family, grants provide support for conserving and protecting Hancock County's natural environment through recycling, clean energy, and green initiatives.

The \$1000 grant will fund an outreach coordinator intern for the 2017-2018 school year. They will seek an energetic, organized, patient, and creative college student or young adult to take Dani's Dreams lessons into preschools, daycares, and libraries.

Dani's Dreams mission is to connect students and teachers to the world around them using media and technology to explore and create innovative, student-led multimedia and STEM projects. Major programs include: Urban Media Project, Dani's Dreams Outdoor Education Programs and ECO Lessons. Dani's Dreams is expanding in Hancock County with the Dani's Dreams Outdoor Education Trail at Sugar Creek Township Park and the ECOFEST lessons created and taught by New Palestine High School teacher Brittany Bennett and her AP Environmental Science students. At John H. Boner Community Center facilities on the Near Eastside of Indianapolis, the Urban Media Project gives hands-on media experiences for elementary and middle school students led by high school and college mentors, who also work as media creators in their community. All of these programs are free to students.

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 more than \$13 million since its inception in 1992.

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