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HCCF issues grant for Field of Honor



The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently awarded the Exchange Club of Hancock County a grant from the W. H. and Lola Reason Endowment for Patriotism Fund, a component fund of HCCF. Established to celebrate the lives of William and Lola Reason, this fund supports programs and initiatives in an effort to educate the youth of Hancock County about the sacrifices men and women made in protecting the United States during World War II.

The \$650 grant will purchase 38 flag kits on a Field of Honor at the Indianapolis Regional Airport in Mt. Comfort. In June 2018, the Exchange Club of Hancock County will be posting nearly 1,000 3'x5' American flags to honor police officers, firefighters, paramedics, dispatchers, and current and past military members in appreciation of their service.

The Exchange Club of Hancock County is offering sponsorships to those who wish to honor these servicemen and women. The program is open to all of Central Indiana with emphasis on local heroes. The purpose of this display is to share the commitment of serving with parents, children, and grandchildren of those service people.

Currently there are 650 Exchange clubs throughout the United States and Puerto Rico with approximately 19,000 members. The programs of service include community service, youth projects, and Americanism. Since 1979, the major project has been the prevention of child abuse. The focus of the Exchange Club is to follow the mission of the National Exchange Club, and to make the community a better place to live. For the third year, the Hancock County Exchange Club has received the National Service award. The 14 projects completed in the past year have touched more than 500 Hancock County residents.

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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