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HCCF issues grant for playground equipment



The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently awarded McCordsville United Methodist Church a grant from the Hancock County Enrichment Fund, a component fund of HCCF. Created by HCCF, the Enrichment Fund is a comprehensive, unrestricted fund that addresses a broad range of needs, including future needs that often cannot be anticipated. It helps support long-term solutions, respond quickly to emergencies, and meet changing social, cultural, educational, and environmental needs in the community.

The \$1,000 grant will help fund Matthew's Memorial Playground, a larger playground to meet the needs of the McCordsville community. The estimated cost of the project is \$30,000 with commercial equipment that will last for many years.

The McCordsville UMC congregation lost 7-year-old Matthew Clegg in 2016 to sudden illness. The playground project is a way to remember him and to heal from his tragic loss. The goal is to dedicate the playground on June 7, 2018, which would have been Matthew's tenth birthday.

The mission of the McCordsville United Methodist Church is to offer help and care to all the people in need, especially those in their community, and to reflect the love and compassion of Jesus Christ in all they do.

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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