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**HCCF issues grant for homeschool robotics team**



The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently awarded Cornerstone Robotics 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 grant for \$500 will help the homeschool robotics team add a high school team. In the 2017-18 school year, Hancock County had its first Cornerstone Robotics team, 323A Apex, which achieved success at the state championships and at VEX Worlds. They plan to continue Apex as a middle school VEX IQ team and to expand the program by adding a second team that will compete in the high school VEX Robotics Competition program.

Cornerstone Robotics is a homeschool robotics program with teams throughout central Indiana and across the state that compete in VEX Robotics. It is the mission of Cornerstone Robotics Academy, Inc. ("Cornerstone") to promote science, technology, engineering and math ("STEM") education through the use of robotics. Cornerstone Robotics accomplishes this through organizing robotics competitions, as well as mentoring, coaching and running competitive robotics teams for homeschool students.

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