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**HCCF issues grant for College and Career Fair marketing**



The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently awarded Hancock County Leaders in Navigating Knowledge (LINK) 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 \$1,000 will assist LINK in marketing the September 10 College and Career Expo through the purchase of materials such as signs, banners, and flags. The College and Career Expo provides information for those going to college and those interested in going directly into the workforce.

LINK's mission is to provide unlimited information and resources to students and adults who have a desire to go to college, return to college, or better themselves in their chosen career field. LINK strives for every person to have unlimited access to educational resources for college, career, and individual success. LINK is a guidance counselor for adults as well as an extension of the high school guidance counselors.

*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 \$14 million since its inception in 1992.*

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**Pictured: Brenda Wolski with LINK (Right) and Katie Ottinger with HCCF (Left)**