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***Pictured Eastern Hancock: Natalie Wittgren, EHEF; Katie Ottinger, HCCF***

***Pictured Greenfield Central: Katie Ottinger, HCCF; Ginny Brown, GCSF***

***Pictured Mt. Vernon: Marie Felver, Vice President HCCF; Renee Oldham, MVEF***

***Pictured Southern Hancock: Katie Ottinger, HCCF; Mark Kern, SHED***

**HCCF issues Education Foundation grants**

The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently awarded grants totaling \$20,000 from the Hancock County Enrichment Fund to the four county public school education foundations: Eastern Hancock Education Foundation, Greenfield Central School Foundation, Mt. Vernon Education Foundation, and Southern Hancock Education Foundation.

Greenfield Central School Foundation will use their funds specifically to provide equipment and promotional materials for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities at the intermediate, junior high and high schools. The remaining three foundations will use their funding toward teacher grants programs where classroom teachers can apply for funding from the school foundation for projects, supplies and professional development opportunities.

Created by HCCF, the Enrichment Fund addresses a broad range of needs. The Enrichment Fund helps support long-term solutions; respond quickly to emergencies; and meet changing social, cultural, educational, and environmental needs in our local community.



*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.*