

## **NONPROFIT NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT**

Our community - and the world - are facing an unprecedented health crisis. As we all continue to navigate the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we wanted to inform you about the steps the Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) is taking to protect the health and safety of our staff, donors, and visitors, as well as to support the Hancock County community.

### **The HCCF office is currently open for business.**

However, to reduce the risk of potential exposure, we are limiting the number of people coming into and out of our building for the immediate future to practice safe social distancing, as recommended by public health officials and Governor Eric Holcomb.

- You may continue to reach our staff via phone (317-462-8870) or by email;
- All previously scheduled in-person meetings or events with HCCF staff will be cancelled, rescheduled, or conducted by phone; and
- **The HCCF board room and conference room will be closed to outside meetings.**

If you plan to visit the Foundation's office, we ask that you please refrain from doing so if you are feeling ill, have recently traveled to a restricted region, or have been exposed to COVID-19.

If you have a meeting scheduled in the HCCF board room or conference room between now and March 27 (at least), here are some alternatives you can consider if you still need to conduct the business of the meeting:

- 1) [Zoom](#)
- 2) [Google Hangouts](#)
- 3) [Skype](#)

We will reach out to groups who have meetings scheduled individually to ensure a new plan can be put in place.

### **We are evaluating the immediate and anticipated needs of our nonprofit partners.**

We will be reaching out to area nonprofits to determine how HCCF can be most effective in supporting organizations most impacted by this crisis. Stay tuned for further information in the coming days.

We also have been consulting with the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, United Way of Central Indiana, and other community foundations throughout the state to determine best practices moving forward.

### **HCCF is open to possible collaborations with other funders.**

HCCF and other area funders are discussing opportunities for collaboration and coordinative efforts that will help us better respond to the increased needs of local nonprofits, as well as benefit the broader community as a whole.

We will continue to provide additional updates in the coming days and weeks via email, our website, and social media (Facebook and Twitter).

By doing our part - washing our hands, staying home if we're ill, and following social distancing measures - each of us can help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Our community has shown time and again its resilience to rise above the challenges before us. We shall overcome this challenge as well.