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HCCF 30th Anniversary

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Thirty Years of Thankful

To frame my mind for this article, I took a walk down memory lane with a review of past annual reports. Doing so was like flipping through the pages of treasured family albums. I was flooded with the memories of giving people, hard-working nonprofits, place-making efforts throughout our communities, scholarship recipients, grant recipients, and so much more. Walk with me through these themes...

Treasuring the Gems of Our Community; Your County, Your Home, Your Community Foundation; Preserving the Past, Building the Future, Creating Your Legacy; Can You Imagine the Future?; Spirit of Community; Give Where You Live, Grow Where You Live.

To grow from an endowment of $2,300 in 1992 to $60 million in 2021 is an incredible testament of generosity, good stewardship, and the effective deployment of philanthropic resources to do critically important work.

The Community Foundation is but a humble vehicle for the people and organizations of Hancock County, and we will continue to take our role very seriously. The same values that have guided our work for the past 30 years will carry us forward for generations to come. We are grateful for this privilege.

Mary Gibble, President /CEO

Core Values of the Hancock County Community Foundation

Collaboration
• We believe in the transformative power of partnerships
• We celebrate shared passions and objectives
• We encourage teamwork and pooling of resources

Communication
• We communicate openly in a timely fashion
• We show courtesy and respect when sharing our work
• We listen to our community and shape our work accordingly

Community Enrichment
• We execute grant support that produces positive, sustainable outcomes
• We leverage our community knowledge to strengthen nonprofit capacity
• We support initiatives that celebrate a sense of place

Integrity
• We demonstrate the highest moral and ethical principles
• We honor our commitments and keep confidences
• We strive to be deserving of our community’s trust

Leadership
• We create an inspiring vision for the future
• We strive to motivate and empower others
• We set direction and provide guidance

Stewardship
• We safeguard donor intent in perpetuity
• We preserve, protect, and enhance endowed assets
• We maintain certification in National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations®
2022 marks a significant milestone for the Community Foundation, and we will celebrate our 30th anniversary by celebrating YOU. Each and every action, event, scholarship, and grant throughout the year will be done with sincere gratitude for 30 years of service. We launched our Thank You Tour in January with Celebrate Hancock County and will be making many stops on the way to our final destination on Nov. 11 with a celebratory gala at Daniel’s Vineyard in McCordsville. We can’t wait to see you along the tour route!
Thank You Board Members

**Dedicated Servants Join the Ranks of Emeritus**

Three inspiring women graduated from the HCCF Board in December. All joined the board in 2013 and served three terms for a total of nine years each.

Sandy Miller served on the Women’s Fund Committee as chair, Women’s Fund Task Force responsible for the establishment of the Women’s Resource Center, Imagination Library Steering Committee, and Executive Committee as secretary.

Stephanie White-Longworth served on the Women’s Fund Committee and Task Force, Finance Committee, Board Development Committee, Legacy Properties Board of HCCF, and Thrive Committee as chair.

Florence May served on the Grants Committee as chair, Executive Committee as vice-chair, Finance Committee, Thrive Committee, Imagination Library Steering Committee, and Hancock County Trails Committee.

Each have contributed not only time and talent, but also treasures through their support of existing endowed funds and the establishment of endowed philanthropic funds.

HCCF is immeasurably thankful for the past, current, and continued contributions of these dedicated servants.

Pictured: Top-Sandy Miller, Bottom Left- Stephanie White-Longworth, Right- Florence May

Thrive Hancock County is an exciting initiative of HCCF that lays out a plan to lift our community’s quality of life through visioning, talent development, enhanced inter-governmental relationships, and a physical space where ideas can be exchanged and developed for the good of all.

Funded partially by a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., a plan for renovation of our home at 312 E. Main St. began in Spring 2021. Expanded meeting space would be needed to accommodate gatherings of diverse groups including educators, nonprofits, and community members. As the design phase progressed, it became apparent that this objective in the current building footprint was unattainable.

With that, the HCCF Board looked outward and identified Realife Church at 971 W. U.S. 40 as a property with features that would serve the ideals of HCCF perfectly...almost. A few modifications would need to be made to accommodate office and meeting room space, but at a very reasonable cost. Armed with this knowledge, due diligence was performed and the right fit for HCCF affirmed. The property was purchased in November, and the “key” was obtained that would unlock the doors of our future home. (See back page.)

We embark on this new chapter with thanks to the Pasco Family for the gift of 312 E. Main St. Over the next year, our staff and board will consider how it will make a positive impact on the community in the future.

We look forward to welcoming you to 971 W. U.S. 40 in the late summer of 2022. Come see us!
Leaders Deep Dive in Best Practices of Community Development

In October, HCCF hosted the Community Development Course presented by Ball State University’s Indiana Communities Institute (ICI). The educational opportunity is one of a series of resources made possible through funding from Lilly Endowment Inc.’s GIFT VII Community Leadership Grant, awarded to HCCF in 2020.

The two-and-a-half-day course provided leaders and officials from across the county with education on best practices in community development. Instructors offered practical takeaways and established common language and shared responsibility among the 30 participants. Sessions included individual and group exercises on addressing community challenges and opportunities in a creative and comprehensive manner.

HCCF is grateful for the time and effort that attendees gave to the course. Class participants were very involved and will now be better prepared to engage citizens in various initiatives to make our community an even more vibrant place to live, work, and play for generations to come. This course is just the first of many opportunities we plan to offer to convene diverse groups for the betterment of Hancock County.

“The time and dedication we use to develop our community will help guide the growth and companies that follow.”

Jason Wells, Leadership Hancock County Executive Director

Front row, left to right: Mike Dale, Mary Gibble, Katie Ottinger, Debra Smith, Laura Haeberle, and Kathy Locke. Second row, left to right: Renee Oldham, Shelley Haney, Jason Wells, Kellie Freeman, Christine Owens, Jan Viehweg, Bryan Richards, and Retta Livengood. Third row, left to right: Brandon Badger, Libby Wyatt, Randy Sorrell, George Plisinski, Dan Riley, Dr. Harold Olin, Andy Ebbert, Andrea Mallory, Ryan Crum, Adam Zaklikowski, Bill Spalding, and Jim Rawlinson. Not pictured: Craig Felty, Keith Hiatt, Florence May, Dr. Jack Parker, Jim Robinson, and Mary Zurbuch.
Y-G.I.V.E. helps schools Celebrate Hancock County

From January 18-24, all Hancock County schools participated in Celebrate Hancock County, an initiative developed by HCCF to instill county pride in our youth.

Y-GIVE, which stands for Youth Granting, Investing, Volunteering, and Engaging in Hancock County, is HCCF’s youth philanthropy board. The board is comprised of four students from each grade level at each county high school. Y-GIVE students had been working since August to provide educational materials and thank-you gifts to the teachers in Hancock County schools as part of Celebrate Hancock County.

The members of Y-GIVE revised the 12-page Teacher Tool for fourth through sixth grade teachers. The publication contains a county map, timeline, crossword puzzle, trivia, and other activities to help teachers educate their students about the history and geographical aspects of Hancock County. These were delivered to teachers in December.

Y-GIVE members voted in September to provide stress balls for every educator in Hancock County, citing the previous year’s challenges for teachers. These were delivered by the Y-GIVE students during the week of Jan. 10, along with coloring sheets for each kindergartener through third grader in Hancock County.

Teachers were also provided with boxes of 24-pack crayons for their coloring contest “winners.” Middle, intermediate, and junior high schools were provided with trivia questions and rolls of Smarties candy to hold trivia contests within the schools. High schools celebrated by including facts about Hancock County in each day’s announcements.

2022 Hancock County Lilly Scholars

HCCF has the privilege of administering the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program (LECSP) in Hancock County. Eligible applicants must be ranked in the academic top 15% of their graduating class and plan to pursue a four-year degree at any accredited Indiana public or private college or university. Community service is the primary selection criterion. The scholarship pays full tuition at any Indiana college for four years.

HCCF is excited to add Maitlyn Griner (Mt. Vernon High School) and Emma Mann (New Palestine High School) to the prestigious list of Hancock County LESCSP recipients!

Maitlyn has been a leader in the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, both in working with students at Mt. Vernon Middle School and serving on the national D.A.R.E. Youth Advocacy Board as the sole representative from Indiana. Through working with police officers in this program, she has become interested in pursuing a career as a forensic scientist.

When she was nine years old, Emma started Emma’s Peace Bears. The organization’s purpose is to distribute a new teddy bear to anyone of any age fighting cancer. During her high school years Emma has been helping in an NPHS essential skills classroom. Through this experience, she has become passionate about helping students with disabilities increase their opportunities in the world and hopes to become a special education teacher.

“My students absolutely loved this coloring contest! Thank you for creating this activity.”

-Elaine Landis, Brandywine Elementary 2nd grade teacher
The Hancock County Commissioners formally engaged the Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) for the administration of $3 million of Hancock County’s approximately $15 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the benefit of Hancock County nonprofits. HCCF’s role will include overseeing and administering the application, assisting in the review and decision process, and following up on grantee reporting and documentation. The county will approve grant decisions, handle all grant disbursements, and report back to the US Treasury.

HCCF is pleased to provide our nonprofit grantmaking expertise in this once-in-a-lifetime funding opportunity. We are dedicated to ensuring a smooth, equitable application and decision-making process. Collaboration, communication, and creativity with these resources are sure to have a transformative and lasting impact in the community.
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HCCF Staff, Board of Directors, and Legacy Properties Board celebrate the purchase of 971 W. U.S. 40 in Greenfield!