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***Pictured: Katie Ottinger, HCCF and Virginia Harrell, Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House***

**HCCF issues grants from Connecting Community Fund**



The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently awarded a grant from the Connecting Community Fund, a component fund of HCCF, to the Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House in Shirley.

On June 22, the Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House will be celebrating its 140<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Wright Family will provide a free concert and there will be free tours of the house as well as refreshments. The grant will pay for a tent for the celebration. The public is invited to attend to enjoy the band, the house and the grounds.

Through the Connecting Community Fund, HCCF supports public opportunities that encourage residents to enjoy community gathering spots and activities where people can play, eat, learn, and socialize.

*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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