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HCCF issues grants for technology and holiday cheer

The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently made Mini Grants to nonprofit organizations serving Hancock County from the Hancock County Enrichment Fund, a component fund of HCCF.

HCCF issued a grant to Hancock County COAD to upgrade their website to allow them to securely accept online donations. Hancock County COAD (Community Organization Active in Disaster) is a collaborative network of organizations, churches, agencies, individuals, businesses and others based within a community or geographic area (in this case Hancock County, Indiana) representing public, private and not-for-profit agencies, which work toward the mission of helping minimize the effects of a disaster. Hancock County COAD will enhance the community's ability to mitigate, prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, thus ensuring that human needs are met to provide a safe, sanitary, and secure community.

The grant HCCF issued to Blue Angel Connect was partially funded by the Prevent Child Abuse Fund, another component fund of HCCF. This grant will provide Christmas gifts and meals to local families in need. They will purchase gifts for the entire family and provide a complete Christmas dinner as well. This nonprofit works in conjunction with the Shirley Police Department and Santa and Mrs. Claus to spread Christmas cheer.

The Foundation also issued a grant to the City of Greenfield Parks Department to fund a high-quality sound system for 'Lizabuth Ann's Kitchen, an event space attached to the JW Riley Boyhood Home and Museum. This equipment will allow the museum to host musical events as well as provide better quality audio for presentations.

These grants were issued from a pool of funds that is set aside each year to meet nonprofit organizations' needs that arise outside of the major grant cycles. These Mini Grants can be made for up to \$1,000 until the pool of money is exhausted.

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.

The Prevent Child Abuse Fund provides funding for support, prevention, and education programs for issues surrounding child abuse, domestic violence, and/or family nurturing.

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 millions of dollars since their inception in 1992.