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HCCF’s REPORT to the COMMUNITY
Board and Staff Members

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A Message from David O’Donnell, Board Chair

DURING A RECENT TRIP to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park with my wife and two grandsons, we talked about the wonderful natural beauty that abounds in the United States. Upon returning home to Hancock County I reflected on all the blessings that abound in our own local community. Some of the attributes that make our county such a desirable place to live are the diversity of our county communities, our agricultural heritage, our school systems, a world class library, a very good hospital, numerous capable social service agencies, and the Hancock County Community Foundation. In addition to those institutions, we have the spirit of caring and giving demonstrated by donors, volunteers, and community leaders striving to enrich and enhance life in Hancock County.

Since 1992, the Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) has grown in its ability to distribute grants and scholarships due to the generosity of numerous donors that share the same desire to enrich and enhance life in our community. During 2011, seven new funds were established, over 700 donors (270 were first time donors) provided nearly 1,300 gifts totaling close to $1.3 million. HCCF distributed $472,687 in grants. As these few examples illustrate, 2011 was another excellent year for the foundation due to many generous donors and volunteers and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. 2012 allows us to celebrate the foundation’s 20th anniversary and give the Board and staff the opportunity to develop a new strategic plan to guide the foundation into its 3rd decade of philanthropic activities.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 1st year as Board Chair of your Hancock County Community Foundation. It has been so enjoyable to work closely with Mary Gibble and her very talented staff and with such a talented Board of Directors that volunteer their time and talents to this wonderful organization.

I hope you enjoy reading this annual report. Please share your spirit of giving with family and friends so the idea of enriching and enhancing life in Hancock County spreads even further through our community because...

With all the good that’s been accomplished in HCCF’s first 20 years of existence, can you imagine the future?

David O’Donnell

Front Cover from left: Karen Earver, Herb and Judy Brown, Bill Weldon, Maria Bond, Josh Daugherty, Susan Wright, Nancy and Darrell Thomas, and Kathy Dowling. Back Cover from left: Perry Flaugh, Lily Erlewein, Marilla Miller, Emma and Kagen Muffler, Ahna Cherry, Kendall Fräzier, Caroline and Jack Felver Covers photographed at Bechenholdt Family Park

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Photo above left: Board Chair David O’Donnell and HCCF President Mary Gibble Photo left: Match Day Partners pose with their Hancock Co. 4-H Fair Parade Float
“The support of the community for this effort was incredible,” shares Don. “My position at the bank allowed me the opportunity to be involved in many community endeavors, but my affiliation with the Community Foundation has been, by far, the most rewarding experience of all.”
A Community Gives, A Foundation Grows

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL, SUNNY MORNING in the kitchen of Don and Marg Hatke. Over coffee, I had the privilege of gathering the thoughts and experiences of a man who had known the foundation since its infancy and the woman who supported him in his efforts in establishing a now vibrant organization known as the Hancock County Community Foundation.

It was a small group of eight people who gathered around the table in the Chamber of Commerce board room 20 years ago to carefully ponder Lilly Endowment’s invitation to create something called a community foundation. Among them sat Don Hatke, then President of Hancock Bank and Trust and involved on various committees. To facilitate conversation, they invited community leaders for discussion. How does a community foundation work and how do you create one? What would its benefit be to Hancock County...and how in the world would they raise $3.4 million in five years to receive the $1.5 million match offered by Lilly Endowment? The prospect seemed somewhat overwhelming, but for this determined group, a journey began that resulted in what, today, seems an unbelievable success story.

Once the core group decided to take Lilly Endowment up on its offer, by-laws were written and a 501(c)(3) and Board of Directors were formed. Led by Board Chair, Bert Curry, members began meeting with individuals and organizations to share the concept of endowment and how investing their gifts would create a permanent stream of income for their charitable intentions. Gifts came in the form of cash, stocks, personal property, trusts, and annuities. Regardless of type, each gift was matched by Lilly Endowment to create HCCF’s first grantmaking fund, then called the Ambassador Fund but recently renamed to the Enrichment Fund. Indeed, $3.4 million was raised, but not in five years...it was raised in only three.

Marg treasures the supportive role she has served as wife and mother of her and Don’s six children during the years when Don’s many community activities kept him from home. Today, she too embraces the work of HCCF through her membership in the Women’s Fund, a component fund of HCCF. “Being a Women’s Fund member puts you in touch with the work of the Community Foundation,” she says. Since 2009, the Women’s Fund has granted over $40,000 to programs benefitting women and children.

Thanks to caring individuals, families and organizations, HCCF has grown dramatically. Don says, “HCCF is a vehicle that has helped so many people. I am so pleased at how it is available to our whole community. It’s perfect for those who wish to use the foundation as a way to make a lasting difference.”

Today, the Community Foundation administers over $17 million dollars, made up of over 200 endowed funds, and manages three gifts of property. As a result, HCCF has granted over $8 million to charitable organizations, programs, and causes. Diligent investment and stewardship practices ensure continued impact. “By far, what I respect the most is the excellent, ethical management of the organization. I have the highest regard for those who lead and serve HCCF,” shares Don.

Before I knew it, the coffee pot was empty and two hours had passed. It was time to wrap up what had been a wonderful visit with two very special people. On my way out the door, Don concluded our visit by saying, “The Community Foundation has exceeded my highest hopes, but I know the first twenty years is only the beginning.” So true...

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What is the Hancock County Community Foundation?

• An organization created by and for the people in a local area. Its core purpose is to help you help others.
• We are distinguished by our mission to be in Hancock County forever and to manage donors’ charitable wishes to meet Hancock County’s needs and opportunities as those needs change over time.
• People of modest means stand side by side with those of great wealth to form a community philanthropic foundation that is strong and deep beyond measure. Anyone can be a philanthropist! The Community Foundation provides numerous giving options, all of which make an impact, no matter the size of gift!
• Our organization provides donors with flexible, efficient, and tax effective ways to ensure their charitable giving achieves the greatest possible impact.

At a Glance...

• HCCF is located in Greenfield at 312 East Main Street
• HCCF was established in 1992
• HCCF has endowed assets of millions of dollars made up of hundreds of funds that have been contributed by thousands of people together for maximum earning power and minimum fee impact
• HCCF is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 charitable organization
• HCCF is confirmed in compliance with the National Standards for US Community Foundations

Photo from left: Ron Pritzke, Roger Reason, Don Hatke, Tom Miller, and Jim Davis join Martha Beckenholdt in 1993 for the creation of her charitable endowment fund
“The Hope House provided me a safe environment to get my life together and do the things I needed to do to remain sober,” says Darrell. “Doing this allowed me to begin a pattern where I could see myself fitting back into society. This newfound confidence gave me the hope that I needed to finally realize that I could become someone of worth and value to my community.”
Hancock Hope House Homeless Shelter

IT SEEMED THAT ALMOST EVERY WEEK someone came knocking on the door of the church seeking food, shelter, or clothing. Faith Lutheran Church’s proximity to I-70 made it one of the first approached by traveling individuals seeking assistance. Prior to the establishment of the Hope House, the best option Faith Lutheran could offer was a call to the Sheriff’s Department for guidance on how to provide help. Many times, the person in need would quickly exit and move on to the next church along the road. Repeated situations like this one moved a group of ministers to lead an effort to provide a homeless shelter in Hancock County, and with much support from church and community members, the first shelter found a small home in a row house on US 40, later destroyed by fire in 1999. As a result HCCF provided grants to provide beds, assist in moving the facility, and install new windows.

Today, the Hope House finds its home on 35 E. Pearson Street, providing refuge and shelter to over 100 individuals and family units per year. The Hope House establishes structure in residents’ lives that helps to take away the distractions and traps that have contributed to their homeless situation. Daily chores and shelter rules provide for the building of accountability, respect and self-worth. Residents help cook, clean, and participate in life skill classes that provide critical information on financial success and job placement. Many also volunteer their time in the Wear House, the adjoining thrift shop that provides the Hope House with 60% of its operating revenue.

Hancock Hope House was the first to receive a grant from the Community Foundation in 1992. Since that time, they have received over $95,000 in HCCF grant support for needs ranging from an alcohol addiction treatment program support to roof repairs. In 2002, the homeless shelter established an endowment fund which provides perpetual, annual operating support totaling an additional $40,000. “HCCF has provided critical funding for improvements to our building and for transformational programming. It is such a comfort to have a local resource that provides a connective thread to those who wish to give,” shares Steve Vail, Executive Director.

“Our homeless program establishes rays of hope in the lives of our residents,” says Steve. “By connecting each of these individuals with people who care and support them in their journey, we give them hope for a brighter and better tomorrow.” So true…

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Darrell’s Story

Darrell came to the Hope House as a 56-year-old decorated Vietnam veteran who had seen his life spiral downward through alcoholism. His military training and skill sets as a trained machinist were no match for the multiple events in his life that began to isolate Darrell from family and friends and made a bottle his best friend. After reaching a low point in his life that led him to see what his behavior was doing to himself and those around him, he turned to the Hope House for help.

2011 Hancock County Enrichment Fund Grants – A Spirit of Community Fund

- Edelweiss Equine Assisted Therapy Center, Inc - $2,000.00
  Strategic Planning Grant
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) - $1,168.00
  Volunteer Training & Support
- Families United for Support and Encouragement (FUSE) - $6,328.00
  Training Series on Special Health Care Needs (in partnership with Family Voices)
- Greenfield-Central CSC - $3,960.00
  Eden Elementary Weekly Tutoring Program
- Greater Hancock County Chamber Foundation - $5,000.00
  Business Education Seminar Series (in partnership with Greenfield Main Street)
- KidsPlay, Inc. - $2,808.36
  Technology-Digital Copier
- Mental Health America of Hancock County - $4,575.00
  Depression/Bipolar & Suicide Prevention Peer-led Support Groups
- Mental Health America of Hancock County - $9,800.00
  Behavioral Care Assistance Program (BCAP) (in partnership with Hancock County Probation Dept.)
- Neighborhoods Against Substance Abuse (NASA) - $5,000.00
  Local Youth Summit for High School students
- PARCS, Inc. - $5,000.00
  Beckenholdt Family Park Environmental Engagement Lab
- Tangram, Inc. - $5,000.00
  Adult Therapeutic Riding Program (in partnership with Edelweiss Equine Assisted Therapy Center, Inc.)
- Zion Lutheran Church - $4,500.00
  Go Green Discovery Outdoor Education Center
- Greenfield-Central CSC - $200.00
  2011 Hollenbaugh Award in honor of photography contest winner, Kelly Beeker
- Hancock Co. Food Pantry - $500.00
  2011 Martha Beckenholdt Youth Philanthropy Award in honor of Joshua Hanselman
- Mt. Vernon CSC - $300.00
  2010 Hollenbaugh Award in honor of photography contest winner, Zoey Musick

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“Like the Rotary, HCCF embraces ‘Service Above Self’ in its work to enrich and enhance Hancock County,” says Donnie Munden, Greenfield Rotary Board President. “The Foundation works with caring, giving people; then administers grants and scholarships that touch lives and change our community in a profound way.”
EACH WEEK, THE ROTARY CLUB OF GREENFIELD meets to discuss business, share happy bucks, and enjoy a program that furthers their knowledge of community efforts. They’ve been doing so for almost 60 years, and each time they meet, they recite the Rotary’s Four-Way Test. “Is it the TRUTH?; Is it FAIR to all concerned?; Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?; Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?” The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, is to be used when considering issues or taking action on Rotary business.

In 1993, the Club put the Four Way Test to use when asked to consider establishing a scholarship fund at the newly formed Hancock County Community Foundation. Doing so would mean dissolving their trust at a local bank and moving the funds under the management of the newly formed, and as yet untested, organization. It would also mean sacrificing control...a tough “ask” of business men and women used to calling the shots. But it would also mean that their gift of $32,000 to HCCF for the establishment of a scholarship fund would be matched by Lilly Endowment with dollars for the Community Foundation’s grantmaking fund, which would create a perpetual stream of grant opportunities for nonprofits in Hancock County for generations to come. With that in mind, the answer seemed clear: Moving the funds to HCCF would build goodwill AND be beneficial to all concerned. As a result, HCCF received the Lilly match and the Rotary played a vital role in the Foundation's rise to grantmaking success.

The Rotary’s establishment of an endowed fund at HCCF proved to be the beginning of a highly successful scholarship program. Through the Rotary’s fundraising efforts and market appreciation, the endowment now exceeds $110,000. Inspired by the impact the scholarship made on the lives of Greenfield-Central students, the Rotary created a second scholarship fund in 2002, for students graduating from Eastern Hancock, Mt. Vernon and New Palestine schools.

The Rotary Club’s service above self does not stop at awarding scholarships. Both the noon and morning clubs regularly contribute to numerous community endeavors including Back Pack Attack, 40 Pounds of Giving Food Drive, The Gift of Life Auction, and trail projects that have resulted in beautifully landscaped rest areas on the Pennsy Trail. At the same time, a tremendous number of students have pursued post-secondary education as a result of the philanthropic partnership between The Rotary Club of Greenfield and the Hancock County Community Foundation.

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How Do I Create a Permanent Fund?

Creating a fund within the Hancock County Community Foundation is an easy process. By working with you individually, as well as your financial advisor, the staff at the Community Foundation is able to customize a fund to achieve your philanthropic goals. The Hancock County Community Foundation generally follows this process when creating a new endowment fund:

• Meets with you to discuss your philanthropic goals.
• Assists you in determining the charitable organization, institution, or cause to benefit from the fund and confirms legal compliance of all details.
• Reviews, with you, the newly created endowment fund agreement outlining the purpose of the fund and encourages you to consult with a professional advisor to confirm alliance with your overall financial plan.
• Invests the charitable endowment fund with the Foundation’s endowment pool, increasing its earning power.
• Makes annual grants to your chosen charity. When the fund balance reaches $10,000, assuming it has been invested for no less than one year, the fund may begin making grants from generated income, thus benefitting the charity for generations to come.

2011 Rotary Scholarship Recipients: Jessica Sturm (EH), Matthew Rodgers (G-C), Rose Galley (MV), Adrienne Maxwell (NP)
“The Hancock County Drug Court could not survive without the support of our community. It is by giving that we serve, and with grants from HCCF, we seek to heal individuals and give them back to their families,” says Judge Culver.
Hancock County Drug Court

THE DRUG COURT STARTED OUT as the dream of one man, one man who was willing to take a chance on individuals who had found themselves in a very troubled place. Although the name implies punitive action, the Drug Court actually provides a program of hope and recovery for adult male and female offenders charged with Obtaining a Controlled Substance by fraud, deceit, or forgery as well as offenders charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. The Drug Court offers these individuals access to intense addiction treatment services in order to break their cycle of crime.

This program is one that Judge Richard Culver holds dear. In 2004, he led the effort to bring it to Hancock County. His vision and determination led to the formation of a Board of Directors, the hiring of staff, and the receipt of a federal grant that set his dream on the road to reality. The road was not without its potholes. Funding became scarce and staffing became an issue. In an effort to keep the program alive, the Drug Court became a program of Community Corrections in 2008. With new leadership came new opportunities, including the formation of a relationship with the Community Foundation for grant support.

“The program saves both the county and state the high costs of imprisoning the offenders by having them serve their time, under highly supervised conditions, within their community,” says Beth Ingle, Program Coordinator. “The offenders who commit to the Drug Court Program submit to a 3-year program that includes intense substance abuse treatment for the first year, three cognitive behavioral programs in the second year, and community service in the third year. The alternative to the program is serving jail time as a felony offender.”

Since 2008, the Hancock County Community Foundation has awarded grants totaling more than $9,200 to support the Drug Court program. Funding has provided support for database software, as well as a program to defray costs for treatment services for those offenders who have financial need.

After the successful completion of the three year program, jubilant participants participate in a formal graduation ceremony. Sixty-four people have graduated from eleven ceremonies. Of those 64, only seventeen have obtained new arrests, a 75% success rate. Prior to the Drug Court, the 64 participants had a combined amount of over 259 separate arrests. This statistic alone shows how successful the Drug Court has been in the six years of its operation. So true...

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Mr. Smith’s Story

Mr. Smith entered the program shortly after we opened our doors in 2006 and graduated in April of 2010. He came with a lengthy history of alcohol addiction. At the graduation ceremony, Mr. Smith told everyone in court that he had achieved graduation due to treatment sessions and with the help of God. Mr. Smith could finally say that he had been sober for three years and held up his Alcoholics Anonymous anniversary coins for all to see.
“HCCF provides expert guidance which drives growth in multiple ways for our foundation,” says Maria Bond, Mt. Vernon Education Foundation Executive Director. “This has enabled us to increase our endowment, develop partnerships with new corporations, and fund teacher-requested grants. We are so grateful for our partnership with HCCF!”
Educational Support

THE HANCOCK COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION has played a pivotal role in the county's educational attainment efforts through the funding of programs that range from literacy to service projects. In 2001, the Community Foundation applied for and obtained the $4.9 million Lilly Endowment CAPE grant. Facilitation of the grant resulted in the formation of Eastern Hancock's Life Science Academy, Mt. Vernon's High Tech Academy, New Palestine's Plato Learning Center, and Greenfield Central's Portfolio Lab. In addition, the grant funded the Hancock County Public Library's Bookmobile and the Alliance for Community Education Adult Learning Center.

Recently, community members have formed philanthropic organizations, called Education Foundations, to support the county's four public school systems. HCCF recognizes the immense benefit the Education Foundation model provides. They are in the position of gathering information regarding overall school corporation needs, aligning said needs with educational objectives, and directing funding in accordance with those objectives as they relate to the corporation's mission. As a result, this past March, HCCF awarded each school foundation a $5,000 grant; $2,500 immediately and a 1:1 match of $2,500 upon raising funds for their respective endowments.

Eastern Hancock Education Foundation
Greenfield Central School Foundation
Mt. Vernon Education Foundation
Southern Hancock Education Foundation

The Community Foundation believes that one of the most strategic ways we can serve our community is to help the four school foundations strengthen their funding bases--so that through grantmaking, they can strengthen the educational endeavors of Hancock County's public school corporations well into the future. For this reason, each foundation is asked to raise $2,500 to strengthen their endowments at the Hancock County Community Foundation. The purpose of endowment is to provide a perpetual stream of income to sustain the grantmaking future of the school foundations.

Since 1992, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been granted to school programs across the county through HCCF's grantmaking programs. The Foundation continues to serve as a local funding resource for continuing learning opportunities through grants for early childhood literacy programs like United Way's Early Learner's Club and the Hancock County Public Library's Big Read where HCCF provided funding for the purchase of The Grapes of Wrath books for adult readers.

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How to Apply for a Grant

The Community Foundation has established an annual grantmaking program that is available on a competitive basis to qualified nonprofit organizations serving Hancock County. Each grantmaking program has its own criteria used to evaluate applications.

We welcome and encourage contact from organizations that are considering applying for a grant and are happy to clarify and respond to questions concerning policies, guidelines, or application procedures.

We require that applicant organizations use the Community Foundation's application forms. Grant program timelines and forms are posted below or on our website's homepage at www.hccf.cc. You may also obtain information by calling Alyse Vail, Program Officer, at 317-462-8870 ext. 226.

Requirements for applying:

Organizations must be a certified nonprofit with a physical location in Hancock County in order to apply for any grants.

Organizations must be in good standing with HCCF, meaning evaluation reports on all previous grants have been filed.

Religious organizations may apply, but only for general community programs. No grants will be made specifically for religious purposes.

From left: Randy Faunce, Southern Hancock Education Foundation; Myra Bleill, Greenfield Central School Foundation; Mary Gibble, HCCF President; Tony May, Mt. Vernon Education Foundation; and Cheryl Apple, Eastern Hancock Education Foundation.
“I’m so pleased with the way things have turned out. All the work carried out by HCCF, CILTI, and the Eagle Scouts have made the woods a true Preserve,” exclaims Paula. “It’s exactly what Mom and Dad wanted.”
The Schramm Family’s Legacy

PAULA SCHRAMM LEADS ME ACROSS the yard towards the family cemetery located on the family’s Hoosier Homestead Farm. As we walk, she points to different buildings on the property. “That was the smokehouse and this was the well house,” she shares. Paula has lived on the property her entire life, as did her parents, Armin and Dorothy. She is the great, great granddaughter of Jacob Schramm, an early settler in the primeval forests of Brandywine Township in Hancock County. Jacob’s remains are buried in the historical cemetery plot now abloom with orange lilies.

“Jacob Schramm was born in the neighborhood of Nuremberg, Germany. He was the son of a farmer. By nature, he was quiet, reflective, and of irreproachable morals,” writes Mr. Saaz. Mr. Saaz, publisher, was compelled to share the letters Jacob wrote to his family in Germany from the New Palestine area where he had settled following his immigration in 1836. The letters are available in book form from the Indiana Historical Society. “...Jacob entertained the thought of buying property in the United States on the strength of several thousand thaler he had saved, of marrying the girl of his choice against his father’s wishes, of leaving Germany, and of realizing under America’s sky, his hopes – domestic happiness and self-respecting independence.”

Jacob and his bride, Julie, arrived in Hancock County in 1836 to find a rugged, difficult land. Virgin woods were encased in swampy soil making it difficult to clear for farming. During his lifetime, he cleared ground for farming and bore sons who farmed after him. Roads improved and the railroad came to Hancock County, allowing Jacob to prosper after many years of labor. The farm was passed on from one generation to the next.

Two generations later, Armin and Dorothy, still living on the original farm, were concerned that the booming area of New Palestine would eventually overtake the farm and woods located on their property. In 1999, they donated the 30-acre woods to the Community Foundation, asking that it never be developed. The foundation agreed and embarked upon an effort to make the woods accessible to the public as a Nature Preserve. The woods became designated as a classified forest. In 2005, HCCF engaged the expertise of Central Indiana Land Trust (CILTI) to maintain trails and reduce invasive weed species. In 2009, Austin Gibble completed his Eagle Scout project by installing a driveway, parking area, pergola and park bench, making the woods a truly accessible community treasure. In 2011, Perry Flaugh added trail markers and foot bridges to attain his Eagle Scout rank.

Today, the property provides a mile long trail through peaceful, virgin woodland with wildflowers and various tree species. The Jacob Schramm Nature Preserve is located on 600 West and is open to the public seven days per week.

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What Kind of Legacy Will You Leave?

We all desire significance – to lead happy and fulfilled lives surrounded by family and friends. For many of us, there is a compelling need to make a difference – to leave a lasting impact on the people most dear to us and the world in which we live. The search for significance and the desire to plan for the future leads many to ponder their legacy...what kind of legacy will you leave?

A bequest through the Hancock County Community Foundation to an existing fund or through your creation of a new endowment fund is perhaps the easiest and most tangible way to have a forever impact on the charitable programs and organizations that mean the most to you.

There are many vehicles that can be used to plan a gift today that will mature after your lifetime, arrangements that can ensure the care of those whom you love, as well as the support of the organizations you value.

• Charitable Bequest in Your Will or Trust
• Gifts of Appreciated Stock or Bonds
• Charitable Trusts
• Gifts of Real Estate
• Gifts of Retirement Assets
• Gifts of Life Insurance Policies
• Charitable Gift Annuities

Talk to your attorney, accountant, or financial planner for guidance or contact Mary Gibble, HCCF President, at (317) 462-8870 for additional information.

Photo: Paula Schramm poses in front of the Schramm Family Cemetery on her Hoosier Homestead Farm
“I will continue to develop your investments — I intend to make an impact through theatre and aspire to leave a legacy,” shares Tony. “Thank you for giving me faith in myself and the means to succeed.”
Since 1998, HCCF has been assisting Lilly Endowment in transforming the lives of Hancock County students who have excelled in serving the community. Thirty-three Hancock County students have received scholarships for full tuition, required fees, and an allocation for required books and equipment. They are changing the world as teachers, physicians, accountants, and in one case, a successful actor.

Tony Howell became a 2004 Lilly Scholar when he impressed the Scholarship Selection Committee with his tremendous service to others. He volunteered weekly for Hancock County Senior Services, ran an annual program called “Christmas Gifts for Kids” for the Indiana Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Home, and facilitated a suicide prevention and awareness week at Mt. Vernon High School. Tony now resides in New York City. His journey has been exciting, but even though he has experienced success, he remains humble and gracious, as evidenced in our interview.

What did it mean to you to receive the Lilly Scholarship?

I do not know where I would be if it weren’t for the Lilly Endowment Scholarship. I’m not sure I would have been brave enough to enter a creative/artistic profession without the support and freedom the scholarship offered me. I probably would have found myself in dentistry or law. While those are certainly not bad professions, I would likely be living unfulfilled with great regret. Receiving the scholarship (on the understanding that I would be pursuing the performing arts) was a huge affirmation and validation that continues to resonate in my daily life. You’ve given me a foundation!

How did being a Lilly Scholar impact you in college?

The Lilly Scholarship allowed me to not only have an immersive education, but also spend my breaks immersed within my field (garnered employment, internships and intensives). In addition to graduating debt free, I emerged with a robust resume and holistic education.

How did being a Lilly Scholar help you in your post college endeavors?

After college, I worked at a few theatres, saved my pennies and moved to Manhattan on January 1, 2009. With my acquired resume, I have been able to work continually and consistently in my field. I’m now a member of Actors’ Equity Association with international, New York, national tour and regional credits.

How has receipt of the scholarship helped your family?

The Lilly Scholarship allowed my single mother not to worry about four more years of books and tuition for her third child. I know it also made my family very proud. Receiving the scholarship is a huge honor and we all remain grateful for your recognition and generosity.

“I would like to thank the Hancock County community and HCCF for supporting me over the years. It is my honor and privilege not only to be a Lilly Scholarship recipient, but also to routinely have the opportunity to perform for paying audiences.”

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Photo: Tony Howell in the Broadway production of “Cats”
First year 4-H member, Jordyn Wickard, shows her heifer Selena at the 2012 Hancock County 4-H Fair

“The Community Foundation understands and values the important role agriculture plays in Hancock County,” says Julia Wickard, Indiana Agriculture Professional and proud mom of Jordyn. “HCCF excels at offering charitable opportunities for those who wish to sustain our agricultural heritage, as well as those who wish to support youth programs, scholarships, and more.”
“I PLEDGE MY HEAD to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.” The 4-H pledge resonates across the show arena as both spectators and 4-Hers prepare to begin the Cattle Show at the 2012 4-H Fair. The pledge is recited by young and old...a testament to the lasting impact that those involved have experienced. “I believe that all 4-H members remember the friendships and experiences from 4-H, but the reality is the positive impact on our future as the result of being a better person from the skills that we have acquired from these friendships and experiences. I do not think that we realize how 4-H makes us better citizens,” says David Wildman, a 4-H alumnus who volunteers as the Rabbit Project Superintendent.

The Community Foundation has the privilege of stewarding an endowment for the Hancock County Agricultural Association. Its mission is to provide a lasting source of income that supports the 4-H program, the largest in the state of Indiana, and fairgrounds maintenance. In addition, HCCF administers numerous scholarships that benefit students who’ve been involved in 4-H. “I’m so grateful to the families that have created scholarship funds at HCCF” shares Kelly Beeker, 2012 recipient of the Jeremiah and Tabitha Zapf and the Brandon Couch scholarships.

HCCF provides grant support to sustain the spirit and rich agriculture education, youth organizations, and other related agriculture programs. Each year, HCCF partners with Purdue Extension to provide a Farming and Agribusiness Breakfast and recently announced Harvest for Hancock, a grain donation program.

The Community Foundation values its relationship with the agriculture community and is privileged to steward the following permanent funds:

- Agricultural Heritage Fund
- AgriInstitute Fund
- Scott Family Agriculture Scholarship
- Hancock Ag Association Fund
- Mary E. Carmichael Fund for the Future of Agriculture
- 4-H Scholarships: Brandon Couch, Richard & Ann Elsbury, Pam Gunn, Debra Plank, Ann Waitt, Jeremiah & Tabatha Zapf

Lewis Strahl had the foresight to see the foundation as a vehicle for accepting gifts of tillable land for charitable purposes and in 2009, upon his death, bequeathed HCCF 150 acres. Today, HCCF oversees care of the farm and invests the income from it in two endowment funds, one to benefit New Palestine students with scholarships, and one to provide capital support to New Palestine United Methodist Church.

With all the good that’s been accomplished thus far, can you imagine the future?
“Each time we’ve reached a pivotal point in our journey, HCCF has been there to help take us to the next level,” shares Brenda Rodgers. “The endorsement of our work carries weight in the community. The grants have helped us at critical times of expansion, and then caring individuals have followed with their support so we can continue to move forward.”
Love INC

IN 2005, A FEW VOLUNTEERS GATHERED in a small storeroom to field calls for assistance on their single phone line. Their mission? To provide the community with a phone clearinghouse whose purpose would be to connect people in need with local agencies, churches, and community resources. The idea came from Scott Getzin. He had become familiar with the Love In the Name of Christ model and became intent on bringing it to Hancock County. Love INC opened their doors with a $5,000 grant from the Hancock County Community Foundation, one part-time staff member, and a projected budget of $30,000.

The concept has been simple, yet complex; mobilize the Church to transform lives. Brenda Rodgers shares, “I went fishing to find volunteers who could provide help. It was important for them to understand that their help and love could impact a person in need in a very positive way.” And catch fish she did. The organization has grown from a network of three churches to 22 partner churches and a working relationship with an additional 15-20 churches. The phone is ringing off the hook. Love INC’s ministries include connecting people to volunteers for needs ranging from auto repair to tutoring; directing them to resources for hygiene items, food, furniture, and more; and providing information referral resources. First Church of God manages clothing donations that come from local business and individuals. Carol Peyton, Give Back Ministry Coordinator, and her church work in partnership with Love INC to schedule appointments for families in need. All help is free. Families may visit once in the winter season and once in the summer.

In 2009, the Board felt compelled to open the office five days per week. Although a strain on the budget, they stepped out in faith. They also applied for an HCCF grant and received the necessary funding. Then in 2011, Love INC decided to create a program that would address financial crisis because over 50% of their calls were related to the subject. Since most crisis calls came from single women with children, they applied for a Women’s Fund grant. Four thousand dollars later, they were ready to start “Hearts of Hope.”

With all the good that’s been accomplished thus far, can you imagine the future?

Jessica’s Story

Jessica participated in the Love INC Hearts of Hope program, specifically designed to help those in chronic need of life-changing skills of budgeting, debt reduction, saving for unexpected expenses, finding jobs and an array of other lifestyle skills. Participants, like Jessica, are matched with a committed mentor who works with them week to week throughout the program.

Today, Jessica lives on a budget teaching and sharing her new skills with her children. They no longer live from paycheck to paycheck, worrying about the heat being turned off or late rent. Jessica shares, “I can do things that I didn’t think I would be able to do like make phone calls to take care of bills, asking to get debt reduced from collectors, learning what needs to be taken care of first. The most valuable was watching my debit card die and then going to the bank and telling them I did not want a new one.”

What is the Women’s Fund of Hancock County?

The Women’s Fund is a component fund of the Hancock County Community Foundation. It is a vehicle driven by a circle of women and girls committed to strengthening Hancock County communities. Our members are women and girls who believe that high-priority issues should be addressed thoughtfully to inspire social change and improve our quality of life for generations to come. Knowing that combined efforts have greater impact, dedicated members pool their resources into the Women’s Fund of Hancock County held at HCCF. A portion of each gift is permanently endowed, ensuring resources and creating a legacy for the future; and a portion is used annually for grants to address community needs and issues that are important to Hancock County women and girls.

Who can become a member of The Women’s Fund of Hancock County?

You can! Any woman or girl over the age of 16 who supports the mission of The Women’s Fund and makes an annual financial commitment at any level qualifies as a member. Girls between the ages of 10 and 16 may be sponsored by a female adult member. Membership is a one year term.

Membership is easy!

A membership enrollment form is available on our website at www.hccf.cc or can be mailed upon request.

Photo: Jessica, successful participant in the Love INC Hearts of Hope Program
“The ‘Happy Birthday Hancock County!’ Celebration is important,” says Ceegan Flood. “It allows us to educate everyone on the Spirit of Hancock County and celebrate how philanthropic we really are.”

Leslie Nickels, Rachel Froman, Ceegan Flood, and Laura Goe are members of the 2012 HCCF Youth Board.
Give Where You Live, Grow Where You Live!

THE MISSION OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION is to work with caring people to enrich and enhance life in Hancock County, but that can only be accomplished when those who live here grow in their appreciation for the community in which they live, embrace its rich history, and desire to strengthen its future through giving and service. “Living in Hancock County means being together and being surrounded by people that care about you and are willing to provide for you. The Hancock County Community Foundation provides grants for us and it’s awesome to know how much people care,” says Olga Vlashyn, a student at New Palestine High School. With this in mind, HCCF created a community festival called “Happy Birthday Hancock County!” that takes place each year in the last week of February leading up to March 1st, Hancock County’s official date of birth.

To engage the youth of our community in this effort, HCCF, along with a great team of students and administrators in the four county public schools, hosts a series of events in honor of the county’s birthday. The Youth Board works diligently to create educational opportunities to share Hancock County’s rich history, today’s strength and value, and the community’s future potential through events, materials, and philanthropic exercises. “The celebration brings us all together and makes us stop, think, and be grateful for where we have come from, how far we have come, and look forward to a bright future,” shares Leslie Nickels, of Greenfield-Central High School.

Adults are encouraged to participate in educational activities and are invited to embrace the future of Hancock County by making a gift to HCCF’s Spirit of Community Funds. To thank those who give, a Hancock County flag is provided to display with pride.

The Spirit of Community Endowment Funds provide every citizen in Hancock County with the opportunity to invest in its healthy future. These permanent vehicles have been designed to meet a broad range of community needs...now and forever.

To date, HCCF has granted millions of dollars to support health and human services, the arts, educational institutions, civic affairs, and more.

With all the good that’s been accomplished thus far, can you imagine the future?

Spirit of Community Funds

Hancock County Enrichment Fund is the most comprehensive of funds and will address the broadest range of needs, including those that often cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made. It supports long-term solutions; responds quickly to emergencies; and meets changing social, cultural, educational, and environmental needs in our local community.

Agricultural Heritage Fund supports programs such as 4-H, FFA, and other agricultural programs.

Arts and Culture Fund provides support to organizations promoting the arts.

Clean and Green Fund helps with the recycling efforts and clean energy in our county.

Community Vitality Fund supports projects such as parks and recreational opportunities.

Humanitarian Fund provides assistance to those with disabilities or special services.

Lifelong Learning Fund provides support to educational programs.

Strong Families and Youth Fund helps programs in the area of strengthening our youth and families.

Every donation you make to a Spirit of Community Fund represents a lasting gift that says: “I care about my community!” HCCF provides Hancock County flags in thanks for your gifts!

Charitable Gift Levels

• 3’x5’ Flag: $150 gift or more
• Garden Flag: $50 to $149 gift

Flag orders must be prepaid. • Please allow 2-3 weeks for pick-up. • Contact will be made via phone or e-mail when flag is ready for pick-up. • Large flags may be picked up at the HCCF office. • Garden flags will be mailed.

Special options available for nonprofits and organizations including schools, churches and municipalities. Please contact our offices or visit our website for more information.

Donate and Fly a Flag!

Top: The 2012 HCCF Youth Board and Administrators represent Eastern Hancock, Greenfield-Central, Mt. Vernon and New Palestine High Schools
HCCF’s Investment Philosophy

The Hancock County Community Foundation is an organization designed to receive and professionally administer gifts from individuals, families, and organizations so they may create permanent (endowed) funds or grow one of our many existing permanent funds. Gifts are professionally invested with the following objectives:

- Preservation of permanent assets (endowment funds);
- Protection of these assets from inflation; and
- Enhancement of the fund assets through market appreciation.

The Foundation annually distributes a portion of each fund’s generated income as designated by the donor to meet the needs of their favorite charitable causes or organizations both now and forever. HCCF’s funds provide grants for scholarships, charitable organizations, and other worthy causes and institutions. All have the purpose of enabling others to build and improve the quality of life forever.

Statements of Financial Position

Hancock County Community Foundation, Inc.

December 31, 2011  2010

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### Statement of Activities

**Hancock County Community Foundation, Inc. • Year Ended December 31, 2011**

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### Ways to Give

There are many ways to become part of the Community Foundation and make a lasting contribution to your community.

- Contribute any amount to our Spirit of Community Funds, which benefit Hancock County.
- Contribute to one of our many other existing Endowment Funds.
- Establish your own fund (anonymously or in your name) to benefit the community of Hancock County or another favorite charitable cause, organization or institution with a minimum gift of $10,000 over five years.
- Include a bequest or other planned gift in your estate plan and become a Legacy Society Member.

The Community Foundation accepts a wide variety of gifts, including: cash, real estate, bequests, life estates, publicly traded securities, closely held stock, IRAs or life insurance, remainder of a Charitable Remainder Trust, and lead gift of a Charitable Lead Trust.

Contact Mary Gibble at 317-462-8870 or visit www.hccf.cc to learn more.

### Gifts by Year 1992-2011

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2011 Community Foundation Donors
A Community Gives, A Foundation Grows

1992
- The first board meeting is held in September, led by Bert Curry, Board Chair
- Lilly Endowment offers GIFT I, 2:1 matching grant
- Endowment totals $2,325
- Lilly provides funding for HCCF’s first grant to the Hope House - $7,500

1997
Lilly Endowment’s GIFT II challenge has been met and HCCF is awarded GIFT III, a 1:1 match on $1 million
- HCCF establishes offices at Chamber of Commerce Building
- Endowment totals $5,725,884
- HCCF is making community grants from the Ambassador Fund

2002
- John Carreon serving as President since 2000
- HCCF now resides at 312 E. Main Street, donated by the Pasco Family in 1999
- HCCF’s Operating Endowment has been established
- HCCF is administering $4.9 million CAPE grant
- Lilly Endowment offers GIFT IV, a 3:1 match including $100,000 operating funds, $900,000 for endowment and $300,000 for community projects
- Endowment totals $8,773,432

2007
- Mary Gibble serving HCCF as President since August 2006
- HCCF purchases and expands parking area to accommodate H.A.R.T.
- Awarded Lilly Endowment’s Sustaining Resource Development Grant
- Confirmed in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations
- Women’s Fund is established
- Endowment totals $14,027,951
- Over $5 million granted

2012
- HCCF stewards Lewis Strahl’s gift of farmland
- HCCF provides public access to Jacob Schramm Nature Preserve
- Spirit of Community Funds were established in 2009 and are identified by
- Lilly Fund
- TEC Fund
- Women’s Fund
- Endowment Fund
- TEC Grant
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Above: Ribbon cutting ceremony at 312 E. Main Street office in 2000. From Left: Rick Roberts, David Pasco, Joe Smith, Sally Pasco, Williams, Roger Reason, Tom Bloodgood, Dick Pasco, John Carreon and Dennis Chapman
The FUTURE