GROW HANCOCK COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

REPORT to the COMMUNITY

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The work of the Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) continues to be driven by our mission to serve donors, strengthen our community, and support nonprofit organizations that provide vital services. 2016 was a year for milestone accomplishments, and we are pleased to share a report that includes the following highlights:

- As a result of arranging a three-way partnership between the Dollywood Foundation, Hancock County Public Library, and HCCF to address a dire need to better prepare our community’s children for kindergarten, Imagination Library enrollment of newborns launched on January 1.

- HCCF met Lilly Endowment’s GIFT VI grant requirements by exceeding their $1 million matching challenge and raising $1,192,485.40 in advance of the required completion deadline of March 31.

- HCCF re-confirmed its National Standards accreditation in August. Awarded by the National Council on Foundations, the standards seal shows evidence of excellence, accountability, impact, and distinction as having met the benchmarks for quality in operations and service.

- HCCF had its 24th birthday. With age comes organizational maturity, related resources, and the opportunity to plan maximum community impact. In January, the staff and Board of Directors launched a deeply thoughtful strategic planning exercise. Information to guide our work was attained through extensive community interviews with individuals, families, companies and nonprofit organizations. Over one hundred people replied to an electronic survey. County data was collected and community trends were analyzed. This information, together with a series of consultant-led meetings, helped board members determine the ideals that would define our work beginning in 2017, our 25th year. From there, action steps were identified and organizational capacity was considered. The culmination of this work has resulted in HCCF’s Vision for the Future, a formal five-year aspirational plan, adopted by the Board of Directors in October.

During the Hancock County Community Foundation’s 25th year, we celebrate the continuing opportunities we have to work with caring people to brighten daily life and support meaningful causes well into the future. Thank you for the privilege!

Yours in philanthropy,

Bob Bogigian  Mary Gibble
Board Chair  President
Susan Hensley has always been interested in mental health. Originally from Ft. Wayne, Susan remembers riding the bus downtown. She would stand in front of G.C. Murphy, a well-known five and dime store at the time, and watch passersby, fascinated by their dress, facial expressions and other characteristics.

After high school, Susan attended the Indiana University School of Nursing. Upon graduating, she accepted a job with the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis and spent five years working in mental health. She went back to school at IU to specialize in mental health nursing. After additional training, she began working in the Community Health Network, where she spent more than 40 years.

In 2016, Hensley created the Hensley-Warwick Scholarship through the Hancock County Community Foundation for students pursuing a four-year nursing degree. With the scholarship name, she honors her late husband, William Hensley, and her parents, Gene and Betty Warwick.

“I thought it was important to do something for the field of nursing since they had done so much for me,” Hensley states. “(My parents and husband) did so much for me in terms of helping me grow and being around when I needed them. They were very special people. My parents worked hard to make sure me and my brother and sister could do the best we could do.”

It’s good to have a background in giving back. That shaped my life in a very positive way.

Susan Hensley

Kayla made history as the first baby to enroll in Hancock County’s Imagination Library program on January 1, 2016. By December 31, 277 babies were receiving age-appropriate books on a monthly basis in preparation for a lifetime of learning and successful educational attainment. “Kayla’s favorite book is Baby Signs by Joy Allen. Her brothers, father, and I love doing the signs with her as we read the book together. As a result, Kayla effectively communicates using signs to tell her family what she needs or wants,” shares Kayla’s mother, Kendra. According to babysignlanguage.com, studies show that babies who use sign language feel less frustrated, throw fewer tantrums, and often learn to talk more easily.
Celebrating Communities

Listen. Learn. Go. In 2013, HCCF embarked upon a journey to seek out the interest of Hancock County communities in deepening a sense of pride through partnership. Would each be willing to celebrate the authenticity of their own community with an overarching sense of being members of the same family, as defined by county geography? The answer was yes, but how? Given this green light, in 2014 HCCF engaged the staff of Ball State University’s Building Better Communities to help facilitate community and stakeholder meetings. Fruition of this work resulted in a robust grantmaking plan, fondly known as “Celebrating Communities and Enriching the Quality of our Place.” By 2016, more than $130,000 had been granted accordingly. HCCF, in partnership with Cumberland, Fortville, Greenfield, McCordsville, New Palestine, Shirley, and Wilkinson are working together to provide residents with resources to enjoy a life rich with engaging opportunities that celebrate living in Hancock County.

Dread fills the heart of the child’s parent when asked, “Can I ride my bike to the park?” Town officials knew they needed to slow the speed of driver’s racing through town but did not have the means to do so. HCCF made a $5,000 grant to purchase a lighted monitor that boldly shares one’s miles per hour when driving in Wilkinson. The trailer allows the town to place the speed monitor in various locations to keep drivers on their toes and children safer near the streets.

There are bike racks, and then there are bike racks that tell a story. The Town of New Palestine recognized an opportunity to encourage activity with creative bike racks that prove meaningful to the area where placed. HCCF provided a $7,226 grant to support their effort. Especially meaningful are the bike racks at Sugar Creek Township Park, home of the Southern Hancock Veterans Memorial. All branches of the military are captured in bike rack designs, further honoring those who serve or have served our great country.

James Whitcomb Riley’s fame is captured in his boyhood home of Greenfield in a number of ways, but perhaps no more effectively than in the new statue where a young Riley poses on a park bench. Meant to honor the man and, perhaps more importantly, provide an attraction to visitors, the statue yields an excellent photo opportunity for those who live near and those who travel far. The statue provides the anchor for a future literacy trail. HCCF proudly served as the fiscal sponsor for $12,916.10 in community gifts for support of the project.
A s the community’s leader in Hancock County nonprofit support, HCCF granted thousands of dollars to organizations that provide vital services to our community. Funding is made possible through the stewardship of unrestricted resources, a culmination of income from HCCF’s Enrichment Fund and funds named in honor families and individuals who have placed their faith in the Board of Directors’ discretion. Income from unrestricted endowment funds allows our organization to address community needs and opportunities as they present themselves through changing times. In 2016, grants provided nonprofit support in the areas of programming, capital improvements, and operating. In addition, HCCF invested staff time and resources to provide education and networking opportunities to nonprofit leaders and their board members. HCCF is honored to serve those who serve.

Each year, the HCCF Grants Committee carefully considers a plan of action for the unrestricted resources for which they are responsible. In 2016, a competitive summer grant cycle was made available to 501(c)3 organizations serving Hancock County, inviting them to apply for needs related to programming and capital improvements. A total of $103,665.85 was granted to 23 organizations. Shirley Fire Department was awarded a grant of $6,250 to purchase a back-up generator.

In 2011, HCCF identified the need to deepen a sense of pride in our place. Growth on the western part of the county, so near the amenities of nearby urban towns, naturally drew attention away from Hancock County. Sensing an opportunity to build an alumni of Hancock County, HCCF turned its attention to the county’s youth. A Youth Board was formed and supported by appointed school administrators. Members are the legs of an annual, week-long celebration called “Happy Birthday Hancock County.” They deliver curriculum, trivia, and Hancock County flag coloring sheets to young students. They lead school lunch assemblies and promote giving and service. In 2016, each school team prepared a presentation of their work as shown above by Mt. Vernon students Michael Ertel, Julia Wayer, Meridan Eads and Miles Wayer.

An important role of a community foundation is providing opportunities for the exchange of ideas. This photo captures a conversation fostered at HCCF’s office between the Town of Cumberland, McCordsville, Fortville and the Mt. Vernon School Corporation. It led to an idea for improved signage with consistent messaging in each of the communities. HCCF supported the effort with grants totaling $12,150. Regardless of entry from Marion or Hamilton counties, the sign celebrates a unified message of town and school pride.
2016 Grants

Celebrating Communities Grants
City of Greenfield $5,500.00
Greenfield Parks and Recreation $7,910.00
Shirley Centennial and Historical Society $10,000.00
Town of Cumberland $10,050.00
Town of Fortville $8,490.00
Town of McCordsville $10,050.00
Town of New Palestine $7,226.00
Town of Wilkinson $5,000.00

Corporate Advised Grants
NineStar Connect Ray of Light Fund
Purdue University - Kindergarten 101 $2,500.00

Donor Advised Grants
Armstrong-Maple Family Endowment Fund
Central Indiana Land Trust $300.00
HCCF – Enrichment Fund $300.00
Sugar Creek Pennsy Trail Fund $300.00

John C. Beeson Humanitarian Endowment Fund
God’s Open Arms Ministry $3,000.00
Royal Family Kids Camp of Central Indiana $2,000.00
Safe Families for Children Central Indiana $3,000.00

W. Dale and Eva C. Miller Family Fund
HCCF – Imagination Library $3,320.00

Pearson and Jeannine Miller
Donor Advised Charitable Fund
HCCF – Imagination Library $300.00

Walter W. Mitten Family Endowment Fund
FUSE $350.00
Northside Christian Church $350.00

White Family Foundation
Beautify Knightstown $2,100.00
Boys & Girls Club of Hancock County $5,000.00
Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House Fndtn $5,100.00
Shirley Community Visionaries $7,800.00
Willow Branch UMC $5,500.00

Wortman Family Donor-Advised Endowment Fund
HCCF – Imagination Library $6,250.00
Hancock Co. Senior Services $500.00
Love INC of Greater Hancock County $500.00

Walker Cancer Survivor’s Endowment Fund
Hancock Regional Hospital Foundation $7,000.00

Donor Designated Grants
122 Grants to Nonprofits Across the U.S. $359,393

Education Grants
FAFSA Day Support $8,000.00
Eastern Hancock Education Foundation Non-Permanent Fund
Eastern Hancock Elementary School $5,070.28
Eastern Hancock High School $3,676.27
Eastern Hancock Middle School $1,802.98
Eastern Hancock Education Foundation Endowment Fund
Eastern Hancock Education Foundation $343.00
Greenfield Central School Foundation Endowment Fund
Greenfield Central School Foundation $4,699.00

Leaders in Navigating Knowledge Operating Endowment
Leaders in Navigating Knowledge (LINK) $23,338.00

Mt. Vernon Education Foundation Endowment Fund
Mt. Vernon Education Foundation $4,382.00

Vaughn Performing Arts People’s Choice Award
New Palestine High School $500.00

Imagination Library $2,946.53

Capital Campaign Grants
City of Greenfield Philanthropic Fund
City of Greenfield $2,870.00

Nameless Creek Youth Camp Capital Campaign Fund
Nameless Creek Youth Camp $750.00

Sugar Creek Pennsy Trail Fund
Hancock Co. Auditor $42,851.00
The Reading with Riley Statue Project Fund
Greenfield Parks and Recreation $12,916.10

Capital Improvement & Programming
Alternatives Inc. of Madison County $1,750.00
City of Greenfield $500.00
Community Outreach for Financial Education (COFFE) $800.00
Dani’s Dreams Outdoor Education Center $4,100.00
Families First Indiana, Inc. $4,128.03
Friends of Recovery, Inc. $12,900.00

Families United for Support and Encouragement (FUSE)
Greenfield Main Street, Inc. $2,300.00
Greenfield Veterans Honor Guard $2,500.00
Hancock Co. 4-H Ag. Association, Inc. $1,000.00
Hancock Co. Children’s Choir $3,502.12
HCCF – Hancock 4 Kids $3,450.00
HCCF – Women’s Resource Center $1,200.00
Hancock Co. Senior Services $4,000.00
Hope House $4,112.00
KidsPlay, Inc. $1,849.00
Leaders in Navigating Knowledge (LINK) $1,827.90
Love INC of Greater Hancock County $5,000.00
Nameless Creek Youth Camp $3,494.00
Salvation Army Indiana Division $1,610.13

Field of Interest Grants
Addictions and Substance Abuse Education and Treatment Endowment Fund
Families First Indiana, Inc. $2,871.97
Mental Health Partners of Hancock County $5,000.00

Arts and Culture Fund
KidsPlay, Inc. $796.00

Philip R. Hollenbaugh Photography Endowment Fund
St. Michael’s Catholic School $450.00

Prevent Child Abuse Endowment Fund
HCCF – Hancock 4 Kids $1,000.00

The William Harold and Mary Katherine Kingery Friends of Domestic Animals Endowment Fund
Frenzy Animal Rescue, Inc. $10,000.00
Hancock Co. Humane Society $10,000.00

W. H. and Lola Reason Endowment for Patriotism Fund
Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans, Inc. $673.00

Agricultural Heritage Endowment Fund
Hancock Co. 4-H Agricultural Association, Inc. $1,497.88

Women’s Fund Grants
Women’s Fund of Hancock County
HCCF – Women’s Resource Center $17,194.25

HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT
The Community Foundation has established an annual grantmaking program that is available 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 under the Grants Tab at giveHCCgrow/HC.org. You may also obtain information by calling Kara Harrison, Community Investment and Grants Officer, at 317.462.8870 ext. 226. Due diligence is the process of review and assessment of a potential grant that is the basis for accepting or declining the grant. Grants will not be awarded until the HCCF staff completes due diligence to assure:

- Organization is a 501(c)3 in good standing or equivalent*
- including schools, churches, local government agencies and programs
- The grant award supports a charitable purpose
- The grant award does not benefit the fund advisor(s) or members of the HCCF Grant Committee
- The grant award does not fulfill a pledge

*Nonprofit status confirmed through Guidestar Charity Check.
Ashley could get any drug that she wanted in Hancock County, but she couldn’t get any help,” says Darlene Hatfield, mother of a soul lost to drug addiction. We read about the opioid crisis in Hancock County on the front page of the local paper, hear about the state-wide crisis on news channels, and ponder what to do. Linda Ostewig and Friends of Recovery have made that decision…create a physical place for women in crisis.

Located on U. S. 40 near downtown Greenfield, they are transforming a donated house from one of disrepair to a warm home that harkens healing. Its name is the Talitha Koum (Aramic for “Little Girl, I say to you arise.”) donated house from one of disrepair to a warm home that harkens healing.

Talitha Koum Women’s Recovery House

In 2016, 185 women and girls joined forces to raise funds for the betterment of their Hancock County fellows. They did so through membership in the Women’s Fund, a component fund of HCCF.
Written on an Imagination Library donation form, Lois Hanson wrote, “I love this program!” Lois’ note referenced HCCF’s identification of the Dollywood Foundation’s Imagination Library Program, the program selected to address kindergarten readiness improvement efforts in Hancock County. In accordance with county schools testing efforts, 40% of children enrolling in kindergarten scored below or well below literacy readiness standards in both 2015 and 2016. Imagination Library provides accessibility to literacy materials through the delivery of quality age-appropriate books that are delivered monthly to the home of enrolled Hancock County children.

Lois established the Donald F. and Lois M. Hanson Family Endowment Fund in 2008. Its purpose reflects her and her late husband’s desire to provide support for educational attainment initiatives such as literacy enrichment programs and family strengthening services such as retreats and recreation opportunities. As the parents of ten children, Don and Lois practiced spending quality time with their children by reading to them regularly. The Imagination Library program spoke to Lois’ heart, and she revised the fund agreement, designating it specifically for the purpose of funding books for pre-school aged children. Lois inspires her family by continuing a tradition of organizing retreats that bring together her children, 27 grandchildren, and 24 great grandchildren from all over the United States.

Retirement opened new possibilities for Monte and Tina Gruell. Lifetime residents of Hancock County and graduates of Greenfield-Central High School, both have a deep sense of community commitment. Monte retired from 35 years of service at Kroger, and Tina retired from 24 years of administration at Morristown Manor. Tina’s service on nonprofit boards, including Mental Health Partners and the Greenfield Area Chamber of Commerce, provided exposure to area needs. Monte’s work in retail and Tina’s experience in senior health care provided an appreciation for the change that comes with population growth and new demographics.

In 2016, the couple established the Monte and Tina Gruell Community Development Fund. The unrestricted endowment allows HCCF the flexibility to address Hancock County needs as those needs change over time. “We both have always felt that we had an obligation to give back to our community whenever we can,” shares Tina. “By establishing this fund, we hope to play a small part in ensuring that Hancock County remains a great place for our family to grow and thrive.”
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jarrett  
Mr. and Mrs. John Jarrett Sr.  
Ms. Patty Jilg  
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh John  
Mr. Donal R. Johnson  
Ms. Kellie Johnson  
Ms. Laura Johnson  
Mr. and Mrs. John Jones  
Mrs. Judy C. Jones  
Dr. Charles Jordan  
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Kehrt  
Kemper CPA Group, LLP  
Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen  
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kern  
KidsPlay, Inc.  
Lincoln Square Pancake House  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Kingry  
McDonald’s Corporation  
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2016 Financials

Hancock County Community Foundation, Inc. and Affiliate
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2016 and 2015

2016 2015

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents $ 1,974,460 $ 1,851,268
Investments 31,463,468 29,551,910
Accounts receivable 230 143
Pledges receivable 82,500 127,382
Prepaid expenses 22,135 35,613
Property, building and equipment, net $ 34,386,721 $ 32,422,496

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable $ 18,112 $ 38,885
Grants payable 86,624 44,438
Deferred revenue (102,927) (323,518)
Agency funds 256,021 239,270
Total liabilities $ 678,622 $ 749,038

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted (183,162) (1,424,881)
Temporarily restricted 4,236,381 3,988,986
Permanently restricted 29,654,880 29,109,353
Total net assets $ 34,386,721 $ 32,422,496

Value of Funds by Type

Endowed and Non-Endowed
As of December 31, 2016

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Complete Independent Auditors’ Report and Notes to Financial Statements are available. To obtain, please call (317) 462-8870 to request a copy.

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.
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IMPORTANT DATES

Power of the Purse:
August 24, 6:00 pm
Blu Falls Arts & Events Center

HCCF’s 25th Anniversary Gala:
December 2, 6:00 pm
Addagio’s Banquet Hall

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25 YEARS OF PHILANTHROPIC SERVICE

STEWARDING CHARITABLE ASSETS
$32,800,000
SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY & FURTHERING EDUCATION
$12,500,000

By Giving Where You Live, You Grow Where You Live!
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