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HCCF offers Candidate Compass courses over the summer

GREENFIELD, Ind. (July 14, 2022) – On June 23, the community foundation launched their new Candidate Compass Program. This four-part series is designed to build relationships, share experiences, and expand knowledge for those in public office. Persons who won in the primary election on May 3 for elected office and school board members intending to run for a seat in the November election were invited. Approximately 20 town, township, and county employees along with school board members attended the first session, and the second session will be held July 28.

The course is free and is offered in the spirit of neutrality and agnostic to party or platform. Course offerings to participants over the four sessions include:

- Roles of government positions including city, town, and county offices
- How officeholders may work together toward a vision for the community
- Understanding the challenges facing our most vulnerable citizens
- Become informed about the status of projects and initiatives
- Discovering how, as instrumental public leaders, nonprofits in Hancock County can multiply impact
- Explore effective Quality of Life designs and planning practices
- Learn how to create settings that put people and places first

Mount Vernon Community School Board Member Shannon Walls attended the first session and found it beneficial. “It was great to meet new candidates and incumbents in various offices,” said Walls. “Understanding the structure in county, town, and city government, along with the functions of the various positions, was extremely helpful.”

The foundation’s President | CEO Mary Gibble stated, “The Candidate Compass is just one part of the Talent Pathway initiative. The Talent Pathway prepares and inspires community members to use their talents to elevate daily life, civic leadership, and business leadership across Hancock County. We are thrilled to launch this program in response to community needs after years of planning.”

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.

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Group activity photos follow on the next page.

