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HCCF awards two Mini Grants

GREENFIELD, Ind. (December 13, 2022) – The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently issued Mini Grants to Alternatives Inc. and Mental Health Partners of Hancock from component funds of HCCF.

Mental Health Partners of Hancock County’s mission is to collaborate with community partners to promote mental wellness and fight addiction. The Behavior Care Assistance Program provides financial assistance for mental health counseling and entry into a treatment facility for substance abuse disorder. This Mini Grant will help pay for Hancock County residents to enter treatment programs. The funds for this grant came from the Addictions and Substance Abuse Education and Treatment Endowment Fund. This fund, established in memory of Mildred Hawkins Wilfong, benefits agencies that provide direct services for education and treatment to people who have suffered or are suffering from addictions to alcohol or controlled substances.

Alternatives Inc.’s mission is to eradicate domestic and sexual violence through education, prevention and intervention in central Indiana. To achieve its mission, a wide range of services are offered for survivors including housing, nonresidential services, advocacy, case management, referrals, etc. Services are individualized to meet survivors’ needs. This grant will help Alternatives Inc. expand communication methods with victims. The funds for this grant came from the Hancock County Enrichment Fund. Created by HCCF, this comprehensive, unrestricted fund addresses a broad range of needs--including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time a gift is made. 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.

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.

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 its inception in 1992.

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