

## **HCCF issues operating grant from Heart for Hancock: A Community Relief Fund**

**GREENFIELD, Ind. (October 18, 2021)** – Due to the far-reaching impacts of COVID-19, the Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) launched Heart for Hancock: Community Relief Fund in early 2020 to respond to the quickly-evolving needs in the community. To date, HCCF has granted more than \$204,000 to nonprofits and community organizations from this fund.

One of the most extreme challenges for nonprofits has been the need to cancel revenue-generating programs and events due to COVID-19 restrictions, at great detriment to operating budgets. To help fill this gap, HCCF is offering nonprofits the opportunity to apply for operating grants from the Heart for Hancock fund. These grants are designed to help nonprofit organizations supplement lost revenue due to COVID-19 restrictions and support operations in Hancock County. The most recent operating grantee was the Hancock County Children's Choir (HCCC). HCCC's mission is, through excellent musical education and mentorship, to equip youth with essential life skills while igniting a community interest in our youth and the arts.

These grants will be administered on a rolling basis until funds are depleted. Eligible applicants **MUST** serve Hancock County and be public, tax-exempt organizations by Section 501(c)3 of the IRS Code. Other tax-exempt organizations are **NOT** eligible (ie. schools, units of government, churches, or non-501(c)3 nonprofits).

Heart for Hancock is a fee-free pass-through fund, established by the HCCF board of directors, that will allow our foundation to quickly mobilize 100% of these charitable dollars to local organizations serving Hancock County.

*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.*