Much like a child who grows up too quickly, the Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) shocked its founding fathers by turning 25 years old in 2017. Born in 1992 through a Lilly Endowment initiative called “Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow,” HCCF grew up fast. Through the generosity of many caring people, more than 280 charitable funds totaling $37.5 million dollars now serve as the candles on the cake of philanthropy. The icing on that cake is grantmaking. More than $13 million has been gifted to 270 organizations since HCCF’s birth. What better way to celebrate this significance? A year-long party that included multiple $25,000 impact grants and 25, $1,000 surprise grants. The birthday celebration culminated in a winter-wonderland gala in December where those who have played a key parental role in the growth of the foundation were honored, donors recognized, and grants showered upon nonprofits.

We invite you to reflect upon the life of a foundation that has served the charitable good of our community for 25 years in this Annual Report. The Board and Staff of HCCF thank you for the privilege of executing the duty of care, loyalty, and obedience required of a maturing organization and look forward to many more years of careful stewardship.

Mary Gibble, President
Josh Daugherty, Board Chair

HCCF’S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
25 Years of Philanthropic Service

IS THE HANCOCK COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

Who

Collaboration
We believe in the transformative power of partnerships
We celebrate shared passions and objectives
We encourage teamwork and pooling of resources

Communication
We communicate openly in a timely fashion
We show courtesy and respect when sharing our work
We listen to our community and shape our work accordingly

Community Enrichment
We execute grant support that produces positive, sustainable outcomes
We leverage our community knowledge to strengthen nonprofit capacity
We support initiatives that celebrate a sense of place

Integrity
We demonstrate the highest moral and ethical principles
We honor our commitments and keep confidences
We strive to be deserving of our community’s trust

Leadership
We create an inspiring vision for the future
We strive to motivate and empower others
We set direction and provide guidance

Stewardship
We safeguard donor intent in perpetuity
We preserve, protect, and enhance endowed assets
We maintain certification in National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations®

Mission:
We provide philanthropic leadership by encouraging giving, learning, community pride, and civic engagement.

Vision:
We envision a county in which each person has the opportunity to pursue dreams, enjoy daily life, and invest in meaningful causes.
Meet Our 2018 Board of Directors

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Partner
BKD, LLP
In honor of our 25th anniversary, HCCF awarded ...

Families United for Support and Encouragement (FUSE) is hard at work finalizing BOSS, their new after school social skills program. Building Our Social Skills, or BOSS, will be available at six local schools beginning September 2018. BOSS is a 12 week program designed to promote communication, being part of a group, and managing conflict, among other skills. For more information, please contact Denise Arland at darland@fuseinc.org.

The Boy Scouts of America introduce real-world career exploration programs for young men and women, ages 14-20. Exploring units focus on a single career field, such as police, fire/rescue, health, law, aviation, engineering and others. A new Exploring Post is already operating at Hancock Regional Hospital, and at least 4 more are in progress. For more information, contact Matt Simpson at masimpson@crossroadbsa.org.
HCCF BOARD AND EMERITUS BOARD MEMBERS NOMINATED ORGANIZATIONS TO RECEIVE $1,000 MINI-GRANTS TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS AS A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. THE STAFF HAD A LOT OF FUN SURPRISING 25 NONPROFITS WITH A SPECIAL GIFT CELEBRATING THEIR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY!

**25 SURPRISE Grants**

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- Alternatives Inc.
- Angel Connection Food Pantry
- Boys & Girls Club of Hancock County
- Edelweiss Equine Assisted Therapy
- Friends of Recovery for the Talitha Koum Recovery House
- Families United in Support and Encouragement (FUSE)
- God’s Open Arms Ministry
- Hancock4Kids
- Leaders in Navigating Knowledge (LINK)
- Hancock County Children’s Choir
- Hancock County Food Pantry
- Hancock County Public Library
- Hancock County Senior Services
- Hancock Regional Hospital Foundation’s Systems of Care
- Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen
- KidsPlay, Inc.
- Life Choices: The Landing
- Love INC
- Mental Health Partners of Hancock County
- Neighborhoods Against Substance Abuse (NASA)
- Women’s Resource Center
- Regreening Greenfield
- Salvation Army
- Shirley Historical Society
- United Way of Central Indiana for Read Up
New Funds, New Impact

Tom and Joyce Gamble
Gamble Family Charitable Endowment Fund

THERE’S NOTHING BETTER THAN TELLING THE STORIES OF PEOPLE WHO CHOOSE TO GIVE THROUGH HCCF, BUT MOST OF THEM TEND TO BE QUIET ABOUT THEIR GENEROSITY. WHAT A PRIVILEGE THAT THE GAMBLES SHYLY AGREED TO AN INTERVIEW SO WE COULD SHARE THEIR MOTIVATION FOR ESTABLISHING THE GAMBLE FAMILY CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT FUND.

Tom and Joyce shared without hesitation that they have had a good life. Married 59 years this coming August, they met on a blind date. Joyce had graduated from Indiana State University, earned a Master’s Degree from Butler University, and was teaching at Warren Central. Her friend knew a young man, drafted after completing his engineering degree at Indiana Tech, Fort Wayne, who had just returned to his hometown of Wabash after being stationed in Washington, DC, as an army engineer and introduced them. They wed in 1959 and lived in several locations while Tom worked for construction and utility companies before answering a newspaper ad for a position at Eli Lilly’s Greenfield location.

While Joyce worked at home raising the couple’s three sons, all of whom graduated from Greenfield-Central High School, Tom applied his engineering expertise to maintenance and plant management. After 27 years, he retired from Eli Lilly.

One of Tom’s greatest joys in life has been to care for the couple’s Lake Santee retreat. For 25 years, the upkeep on the lake house and property has served as an enjoyable outlet. Family gatherings with sons Greg, Scott, and Eric, their wives, and their eight grandchildren made the recent sale of their property bittersweet.

“We have known about HCCF for many years through our friends, Tom and Carol Bloodgood, and always knew that we would do something,” shared Tom. “The tax implications of the lake house sale provided the perfect timing for us to donate. The donor advised fund model impressed us because we can involve our sons. That’s very important to us. They are supportive and looking forward to the ability to contribute in the future.”

Brody Strong
A Charitable Fund in Memory of Brody Stephens

BRODY STEPHENS OF NEW PALESTINE FOUGHT LEUKEMIA NOT ONCE, BUT TWICE. Brody did not fight alone, but with the overwhelming support of a community who loved his smile and fighting spirit. When asked what advice he would have for other kids who just found out they had cancer, Brody quickly replied: “To fight.” His two favorite mottos were “Never Give Up, We Got This” and “Fight. It’s what we do.”

Sadly, Brody passed away in May 2017 at the age of 8. Brody’s mother, Celia, desired to keep Brody’s fighting spirit and love of sports alive through the establishment of the Brody Strong Fund, a component fund of HCCF. Grants will provide support to Southern Hancock Elementary Schools to offset costs related to youth sports including uniforms, equipment, and participation fees required of elementary students in need. Should you wish to help the Brody supporters reach their funding goal, you may do so by donating to HCCF - The Brody Strong Fund.

Charitable Funds
Established in 2017

- Aneta Stewart Charitable Endowment Fund
- Brody Strong – A Charitable Fund in Memory of Brody Stephens
- Hancock County Fire Fighters’ Memorial Project Fund
- Gamble Family Charitable Endowment Fund
- Kristofor J. Hammond Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Lizabuth Ann’s Kitchen Fund
- Nolan “Skip” Kuker Award for Community Enrichment Scholarship
- The Stilwell Music Endowment Fund
Ways to Give

Gifts of Grain

“We use the ‘Gift of Grain’ method as a vehicle to contribute to the Community Foundation. It is an easy and efficient way for farmers to support Hancock County. Grain is taken to the grain facility and sold in the Foundation’s name. Funds are then sent to the Foundation to be used to make Hancock County a better place to live and grow.”

Gary & Patty Edwards

Minimum Distribution = Maximum Impact

“Some years ago Mike and I created an estate plan with the help of our attorney. I provided generously for my sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It was always my intent to leave my IRA to charity at my death. Then I was informed that I had to take a minimum distribution at age 70½. That opened a whole new opportunity for me; I could give money each year through an IRA rollover to the Women’s Fund and watch it put to good use while I am still alive. It has been a most fulfilling and rewarding experience for me.”

Susie Broome

Make Your Wishes Known

Ed Szymanski, a retired Eli Lilly chemist, shared his time between a condo in Chicago and his home in Noblesville. He made it a habit to visit the HCCF office when in town. Ed had a unique sense of humor that he shared upon his surprise visits. “I found a little something in a shoe box,” he’d share, then make a generous gift to the Edward F. Szymanski Endowment Fund, a component fund of HCCF.

Ed’s generosity and deep faith were expressed through the organizations that benefit from its annual grants: Riley Children’s Foundation, Mercy Ships, Unbound, the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, and Catholic Relief Services. Since its inception on November 15, 2000, the fund has generated 36 grants totaling $90,685.30.

It was the personal relationship that Ed formed with benefactors that he enjoyed most. On occasion, he’d share copies of his communication with students benefiting from Unbound’s scholarship program. “Dear Sir Ed, it’s always a pleasure to hear from you Sir Ed. Thank you for writing to me again. It made me smile as I read your greetings to me on my special day,” wrote Mark Joseph Calip, a young man benefitting from Unbound’s Quezon Project in the Philippines. The staff of HCCF was shocked upon learning of Ed’s sudden death in May 2017, and take comfort knowing his legacy will live on through the fund he remembered through planned giving tools. He named the Edward F. Szymanski Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of his Individual Retirement Account, an Annuity, and a Revocable Trust. The faith he showed in HCCF’s permanent administration of the fund is a testament to our mission of helping generous people make a difference during and beyond their lifetime. HCCF is honored to serve Ed and all who choose to give through the Foundation.

For more information on ways to give, visit giveHCgrowHC.org or email us at info@giveHCgrowHC.org.
A Force in the Community

MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO AS AN HCCF BOARD MEMBER, GLENN SHELBY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN A PROGRAM THAT WOULD EMBRACE THE PHILANTHROPIC GOALS OF WOMEN TO AFFECT CHANGE IN HER COMMUNITY.

When the Women's Fund of Hancock County began, Glenna was one of the first members and has been involved ever since. Glenna says, “the Women’s Fund is recognition that women's philanthropy is a factor and a force in the community.” She enjoys the giving circle philosophy because, “the value of my gift may not be significant on its own, but pooling funds allows us each to participate at a significant level.” Glenna values the power that results when women come together for philanthropy to identify issues facing women and families.

Since 2007, the Women's Fund of Hancock County has awarded more than $123,000 to 13 organizations. This work would not be possible without women like Glenna, and we are so thankful for her continued support.

Glenna Shelby and Mary Anne Siurek at the Power of the Purse

The Women's Fund: 10 Years of Community Impact

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GRAND TOTAL $123,420
CHOO CHOO…...THIS IS THE NOISE YOU CAN HEAR FROM THE KREMPASKY HOUSEHOLD WHILE PARENTS TYLER AND BRITTNEY READ TO THEIR TWIN BOYS, EASTON AND GREYSON. ON MARCH 22, 2017, THE BOYS WERE BORN AND THEIR LOVE FOR BOOKS BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER.

Tyler and Brittney first heard about Imagination Library through Brittney’s Aunt Robin Burkett. Aunt Robin brought over the enrollment form and information about the program shortly after the boys were brought home from the hospital. Easton and Greyson love to listen to their parents read and from time to time drag a book across the living room floor and plop it in their parents’ laps for their own baby storytime.

The boys love The Little Engine That Could and the choo choo train sound effects that their parents make while reading the book to the boys. Tyler and Brittney love the program not only because they receive a book for free once a month, but that the program is in place to help improve children’s literacy in Hancock County.

Reading to Easton and Greyson has become an important routine in their family. They believe it is crucial to prepare them for the future, prepare them for school, and be able to share their love of reading with the boys. Easton and Greyson enjoy listening to their parents read to them, but sometimes you may hear what sounds like the boys reading to each other.

Q&A with Phyllis Wright Scholar, James Colter

James Colter, two time Phyllis Wright Scholarship recipient has received $27,850 and was selected based upon his strong work ethic, service to others, and his continued work with youth and Scouting. James shared with us what this scholarship has meant to him.

Q: What was it like when you found out you were a Phyllis Wright Scholarship recipient?
A: I was absolutely stunned. I remember calling my dad immediately after and being so honored to have the opportunity to continue Phyllis’ legacy in helping others. There are so many people out there doing great things for people, I am just trying to do my part as well.

Q: What has this scholarship meant for you personally?
A: This scholarship has been a huge weight lifted off of my shoulders… [and] I have significantly lowered my loans, but they do still exist. My involvement in my community through Scouting does require a bit of expenses. I work several jobs to maintain my financial standing so that my dad doesn’t have to fund my involvement on his disability payments.

Q: What made you apply for this scholarship?
A: After reading about Phyllis and what she did for her community, I related to her in numerous ways. I felt that we had a very similar passion and that I was someone that could fulfill her legacy. With that in mind, I applied with hopes that I would meet her high standards.

Q: If you could talk to Phyllis, what would you say to her?
A: Very simply I would thank her for everything she did for others. I would tell her that I was honored that I will continue forward with her in mind in every act of kindness I create.
Invested. That’s the word Ray and Becky Pohland used when asked how they feel about their community. After living in Greenfield for 35 years and being involved with a variety of nonprofits, they appreciate the local benefits the community foundation can provide and the impact they see in their own backyard.

In 2017, the Pohlands became members of the John Hancock Legacy Society after talking to their professional advisor about their estate plans. By giving to organizations they care about through the community foundation, they are able to leave a legacy that will impact those causes for generations to come. According to Becky, “We have been blessed and want to set a good example for our kids and grandchildren. We want to give back.”

How to become a member of the John Hancock Legacy Society

THE JOHN HANCOCK LEGACY SOCIETY (JHLS) IS OPEN TO ANYONE WHO MAKES A PLANNED GIFT PROVISION TO BENEFIT A FUND AT THE HANCOCK COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

The provision can be made in many different ways. These include:

- Making a bequest to a fund at the Hancock County Community Foundation in your will or revocable trust
- Making a fund at the Community Foundation a beneficiary of an IRA or other retirement plan
- Making a life income gift agreement such as a charitable remainder trust, charitable lead trust, pooled income fund or charitable gift annuity
- Making the Community Foundation the owner of a paid-up life insurance policy or the beneficiary of a life insurance policy

There is a $1,000 gift requirement for membership in the John Hancock Legacy Society. There is the anticipation that the value of the planned gift will meet HCCF’s named fund minimum requirement upon gift maturity. Many estate provisions are expressed as a percentage or remainder of your estate and thus may vary over time. The Legacy Society recognizes all gifts that, in effect, continue a donor’s support of a charitable fund at the Hancock County Community Foundation after his or her lifetime.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP INCLUDE:

- Welcome Gift
- JHLS Newsletter
- Invitations to special events (JHLS Social Hour, Hancock County Community Foundation Holiday Party, etc.)
- Personal philanthropic advisor
- A lasting legacy impact on our community

For more information contact Amber Sermersheim, Advancement Officer at asermersheim@giveHCgrowHC.org or call 317.462.8870.

Leaving a Legacy
$37,500,000 Endowment

as of 12/31/2017

2017 GIFTS BY TYPE

- Unrestricted: $40,795
- Designated: $99,981
- Donor Advised: $293,991
- Field of Interest: $49,062
- Imagination Library: $156,351
- Scholarships: $879,572

2017 GRANTS BY TYPE

- Unrestricted: $203,788
- Designated: $51,744
- Donor Advised: $262,864
- Field of Interest: $11,676
- Imagination Library: $24,332
- Scholarships: $58,039

2017 GIFTS BY LOCATION

- Hancock County: $1,278,532
- Indiana: $88,002
- U.S.A.: $153,220

2017 GRANTS BY INTEREST AREA

- Arts, Culture, Humanities: $23,877
- Community Enhancement: $166,755
- Education: $185,438
- Faith Based: $84,385
- Health and Humanities: $266,494
- Other: $5,821
- Scholarships: $262,864
- Youth Development: $66,808

2017 SCHOLARSHIPS BY SCHOOL

- Eastern Hancock: $33,235
- Greenfield-Central: $77,182
- Mt. Vernon: $83,237
- New Palestine: $39,930
- Current College Students: $8,204
- Non-Traditional: $8,000
- Out of County: $13,076

For a complete Independent Auditors’ Report and Financial Statements, please call 317.462.8870 or visit our website at giveHCgrowHC.org.