Grace Garden produced a bountiful harvest thanks to a 2018 HCCF grant. Cross of Grace Lutheran Church donated fresh produce from the garden to area food pantries.
It is with gratitude that the Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) presents its 2018 Annual Report to the Community. We are pleased to share that HCCF’s charitable endowment continues to grow, financials are clean and strong, grantmaking and nonprofit capacity building is robust, and HCCF is a strong partner in exciting community projects.

With thanks we celebrate the establishment of ten new endowment funds, joining over 880 other donors for new gifts exceeding $2.7 million. Significant progress was made in our early childhood development initiative with an increase of 57% enrollment in the Imagination Library program. HCCF took the lead in the launch of a new community event planning calendar and introduced Hancock County nonprofits to LevelUp, a new grantmaking program that helps them strengthen their ability to deliver vital services. All four school corporations are in the process of participating in HCCF’s uniform visual signage plan that emphasizes pride in community. A new program that provides funding to connect residents in our community was introduced, and HCCF helped bring professionally procured murals to Hancock County.

In October, HCCF applied for and received Lilly Endowment Inc.’s GIFT VII matching grant for $1 million. By year end, generous people had secured 78% of the grant allocated by the Board of Directors to match unrestricted resources.

We live in an incredibly generous, vibrant county. This document captures but a small fraction of the impact you are making by giving where you live through your community foundation.

Thank you for the privilege of serving Hancock County!

Mary Gibble, President/CEO
Josh Daugherty, Board Chair

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2018 GRANTS BY TYPE

- Unrestricted
- Designated
- Donor Advised
- Field of Interest
- Imagination Library
- Scholarships

2018 GRANTS BY INTEREST AREA

- Arts, Culture, Humanities $35,328
- Community Enhancement $207,400
- Education $115,394
- Faith Based $95,964
- Health and Human Services $358,654
- Animal Welfare $47,569
- Scholarships $294,487
- Youth Development $32,546

2018 SCHOLARSHIPS BY SCHOOL

- Eastern Hancock
- Greenfield-Central
- Mt. Vernon
- New Palestine
- Current College Students
- Non-Traditional
- Out of County

$107,097
$40,168
$31,075
$40,987
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2018 GRANTS BY TYPE

$184,953
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Learning Starts at Birth

“Having the opportunity to help provide books for our future readers warms my heart,” shares Lois Hanson, founder of the Donald F. and Lois M. Hanson Family Endowment Fund which annually grants funds to offset the cost of books for young readers. By December 31, 2018, over 16,500 high-quality, age appropriate books had been delivered to the homes of 1,190 baby and toddler residents from all townships of Hancock County enrolled in the Imagination Library program. The program is free to families thanks to generous people like Lois.

Growing Young Philanthropists

The Y-GIVE Youth Philanthropy Board benefitted from a freshened agenda that included more community service projects, grant writing, and grantmaking. For the first time, these students, representing the four county high schools, served as the peer selection committee for the prestigious Martha Beckenholdt Youth Philanthropy Award.
Taking Education to the Next Level

In 2014, Grant Gellert and Hallie Wright received the distinguished Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, a full-tuition award administered by HCCF. Both graduated from college in 2018 and were thrilled to share their gratitude and advanced degree plans.

Grant graduated from Greenfield-Central High School and Purdue University. This past fall, he was accepted to the University of Louisville School of Medicine. “The scholarship allowed me to achieve academic success at Purdue while also helping to keep me financially sound,” shares Grant. “I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity HCCF and Lilly Endowment provided me.”

Hallie, an Eastern Hancock and Purdue University graduate, shared that the scholarship was not just an investment in her education but an investment in a broader community. “This award provided me the gift of education which I want to turn into a gift to others,” she said. Hallie is pursuing a PhD at University of Georgia where she is researching the genetics of African orphan crops to improve food security for some of the world’s hungriest regions. “I have received the ultimate gift from the Lilly Endowment and HCCF, and it is my hope to use that gift to meet the challenges our world faces.”

We Never Stop Learning

In 2012, Denny and Evie Chapman turned to HCCF to honor Denny’s father, a hardworking man who had many stops and starts in his effort to obtain a degree. Eventually, he sacrificed this objective for the benefit of the family farm. In his honor, they established the Cargold Scholarship specifically for those adults pursuing an education credential. Kendra Galbraith, shown right working with Eastern Hancock students, received the scholarship to attain her Youth Nutrition Specialist Certification. “The education I received has helped me so much to guide the athletes during their season and their off season. I help them with different snack ideas and meals. I tell them you cannot play like a beast if you eat like a bird. Knowing what and when to feed the athlete is critical for improving performance, reducing injury risk, and maintaining a happy, healthy body,” shares Kendra.
In keeping with HCCF’s desire to support efforts that celebrate the quality of Hancock County’s unique assets, the Foundation joined Shirley, Wilkinson, McCordsville, Fortville, New Palestine, Cumberland, Greenfield, and Hancock Health on a mission to create a visionary trails plan. The 18 month process included raising funds to hire an engineering firm, safety reviews, public meetings, and gathering survey responses. In November, a plan connecting communities through a series of walkways, bike paths, shared lanes (sharrows) and dedicated trails was approved. The Hancock County Trails Plan will serve as a guide when future circumstances present themselves through road improvements and grant opportunities.

The towns of Greenfield and Fortville in Hancock County were named a Stellar Community by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs on December 10, 2018. Launched in 2011, the Stellar Communities Program is a multi-year, multi-million dollar investment initiative. The program works with self-selected regions on their vision for community and economic development, promotes local and regional partnerships and assists in implementing innovative solutions to challenges facing Indiana’s rural communities.

HCCF stewards the Health and Heritage Region Endowment Fund and serves on its Executive Committee to promote and cultivate the health, heritage, and heart of Hancock County, an objective that is to be reflected throughout the Stellar Community projects.
Several new murals were added to the landscape of Hancock County communities in 2018. This form of public art aligns with HCCF’s desire to celebrate community identification and sense of place. Their creation was supported by $7,500.

The “Light Your Way” mural is planned for the Buck Creek Trail where it crosses under U.S. 40, just inside Hancock County. Hancock County native Nekoda Witsken personalized the mural design so it would be unique to Cumberland. It will depict local flora and fauna such as deer and sunflowers, a Van Gogh starry night theme tied into an Indiana sunset, fireflies, runners, Cumberland’s historic German church, and other imagery that evokes the beauty of the town as well as the intent of the project to unify the community.

In 2018, HCCF established the Hancock County Mural Fund as a vehicle to receive gifts to support murals and art projects throughout the community. Located in Greenfield, “A Barefoot Boy” captures the elements of James Whitcomb Riley’s poem for which the mural is named. Shortly upon its completion in September, HCCF awarded a $1,000 Connecting Communities grant to the City of Greenfield to support a pop-up event called Rock Party where people of all ages decorated and painted the creek bed rocks to adorn the base of the mural. Face painting, selfies, and refreshments complimented the fun. During Riley Festival, community members were invited to take a rock as a souvenir.
HCCF is a proud partner with each Hancock County community. It is our pleasure to support quality of life efforts through grantmaking, working collaboratively on projects, and leveraging friendships to further connect people and places.
When Greenfield Veterans Honor Guard members see a flag that is either soiled, torn, or being displayed improperly at a business or a residence, they stop and offer the owner a free replacement flag. Their $2,000 grant helped replace more than 100 flags.

PARTNERS IN EXCELLENCE

Breaking the Cycle

The Landing received a $3,000 grant to certify eight staff and volunteers as recovery coaches through the Indiana Counselor’s Association on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Through your generosity, they will be able to help more teens break the cycle of dysfunction and destructive behavior while offering them a safe place to be real.

Caring for the Symbol of Freedom

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Boys & Girls Clubs

A $2,000 grant from the White Family Foundation, a component fund of HCCF, helped the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hancock County revamp its after-school program for Eastern Hancock schools by driving students to the Greenfield location so they could participate in the activities at the club.

Congratulations to the forty Hancock County nonprofits that received $175,785.42 from HCCF’s 2018 Annual Grant Cycle.
The Bob and Sue Wortman Family Fund, a component fund of HCCF, awarded a $7,500 challenge grant to the Hancock County Children’s Choir. Members matched the grant through donor gifts to establish the Hancock County Children’s Choir Endowment. “This long-range goal necessitates long-range planning and assured sustainability, because vision without action is a daydream,” says Joanna Crump, Treasurer. “Our endowment fund is the crucial action that will assure our vision becomes reality.”

Don and Marcy Hoffman are givers. Always active in the community, they were excited to learn of HCCF’s matching program and began to have conversations about how they could give back to Hancock County in a long-term way. “The match was definitely an incentive,” said Don and Marcy. “There are so many organizations doing good work, and we knew HCCF has the expertise to put the money where it is needed.”

The Don and Marcy Hoffman Family Community Development Fund is a comprehensive fund that provides unrestricted income allowing HCCF the flexibility to make grants that meet needs and opportunities as they evolve in Hancock County over time. In 2018, Lilly Endowment’s GIFT VII provided a $2 for $1 gift match, and the Hoffman’s jumped at the opportunity to grow the impact of their fund.
Laughter filled the Ricks Theatre last fall as participants creatively performed in Psi Iota Xi-Upsilon Chapter’s first Lip Sync War. The creatively themed fundraiser is helping the sorority grow the endowment they established in 2018. “Setting up an endowment at HCCF has been a huge step in the maturity of our chapter,” shares Cori Shambaugh, President. “It gives us a deeper way to engage our former and current members with a message of legacy and permanence for our chapter, which is great as we approach our 100th anniversary in 2020.”

Power of Women’s Philanthropy

Women and girls gathered for an evening of fun, philanthropy, and networking at the Women’s Fund of Hancock County’s Power of the Purse. The component fund of HCCF granted a total of $27,237 to Hope Center Indy, Love INC, Safe Families, Mental Health Partners, and Women’s Resource Center. All organizations provide programs benefiting women and families of Hancock County.
For more information on ways to give, visit giveHCgrowHC.org or email us at info@giveHCgrowHC.org.
The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) was created by and for the people in our local area in 1992. Its core purpose is to assist you in helping others. HCCF is a nonprofit, public charity that promotes local philanthropy, convenes community initiatives, and supports nonprofit organizations. By focusing on philanthropy with a kind heart and strategic mind we:

- Help people give more efficiently and effectively
- Help donors extend giving beyond their lifetime to their favorite causes both here and afar
- Support nonprofit programs that address community needs
- Strengthen communities through strategic grantmaking
- Convene community groups for common causes.

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

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

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