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**HCCF awards two Mini Grants**

**GREENFIELD, Ind. (September 21, 2022)** – The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently issued mini grants to Nameless Creek Camp and the Hancock County Historical Society from component funds of HCCF.

Nameless Creek Camp operates the Plug into Nature (PIN) day camp each summer for Hancock County students. There are a variety of nature-related activities each day of camp. This grant funded a program called “Take Flight,” presented by conservation educator Mark Booth. Booth presented a program with live raptors including owls, a hawk and an eagle. He described the biology, habitat and hunting habits of each of the different type of birds. The funds for this grant were provided by the Clean and Green Endowment Fund. A member of HCCF's Spirit of Community fund family, grants from this fund provide support for conserving and protecting Hancock County's natural environment through recycling, clean energy, and green initiatives.

The Hancock County Historical Society recently acquired a donation of more than 150 historical maps and 250 posters and banners into its permanent collection. These paper archives are very fragile and need careful preserving to keep the colors and paper quality intact. The volunteers have been sorting and inventorying the items and preparing them for preservation. One of the items is a marquee banner donated from the Ricks-Weil Theatre that is more than 11 ft. long. The funds for this grant were provided by the Enrichment Fund. This comprehensive, unrestricted fund addresses a broad range of needs. The Enrichment Fund helps support long-term solutions; respond quickly to emergencies; and meet changing social, cultural, educational, and environmental needs in the 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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