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Women's Fund of Hancock County awards grants

The Women's Fund of Hancock County, a giving circle of the Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF), awarded grants totaling \$32,335.00 to Women's Resource Center of Hancock County and Girls on the Run of Central Indiana. The Women's Fund is celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2022.

Established by HCCF, Women's Fund donors address needs and issues affecting women and families. Self-sufficiency is a grantmaking priority. The Women's Fund is driven by a circle of donors committed to strengthening Hancock County communities. Knowing that combined efforts have greater impact, dedicated donors pool their gifts of any size meaningful to them. A portion of each gift is permanently invested in the Irene Walrod Curry Endowment Fund to ensure sustainability, and a portion is available for annual grantmaking.

A total of \$25,868.00 was granted to the Women's Resource Center (WRC) of Hancock County. The WRC provides mentoring, guidance, and connection to programs and services that help women and their families achieve self-sufficiency. The WRC is an Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence partner agency, allowing the agency to specifically assist women who are fleeing domestic violence or rebuilding their lives as survivors by connecting them to economic justice funds, resources for housing, and legal assistance to help ensure their safety.

A total of \$6,467.00 was granted to Girls on the Run of Central Indiana. Girls on the Run has fun, evidence-based programs that inspire all girls to build their confidence, kindness and decision-making skills. Dynamic lessons instill valuable life skills including the important connection between physical and emotional health. The grant was for Hancock County programming. Currently Girls on the Run has programming at Greenfield elementary and intermediate schools and Eastern Hancock Elementary School.

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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Pictured from L to R: Mary Gibble - HCCF President/CEO and Beth Ingle - WRC Executive Director



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