You Give, We Match, Great Things Happen
The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Last July, Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) received an unexpected gift… the opportunity to apply for a $1 million grant from Lilly Endowment called Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) VI. The GIFT VI grant is the sixth in a series of challenge grants from Lilly Endowment to Indiana Community Foundations over the past 23 years, yet the first since 2004, and quite a surprise.

Although Lilly Endowment required that a minimum of half the grant be allocated to match unrestricted gifts, HCCF allocated $675,000. Unrestricted funds are those that give HCCF the flexibility to meet needs as those needs change over time, drive initiatives, and catalyze efforts that enrich and enhance the community. They are a precious resource that provide unrestricted benefit to Hancock County improvement efforts and organizations that provide vital services. Should you be interested in investing in the future of Hancock County, your unrestricted gift will be matched $1 for $1 as long as match money is available.

This past year, HCCF experienced rapid and tremendous growth with the establishment of 38 new funds and the receipt of over $76 million from 822 donors. We are committed to careful stewardship of all permanent gifts and to the diligent management of the grants we are privileged to administer on behalf of caring individuals, families, and organizations.

We invite you to explore this Annual Report where you will find validation of HCCF’s financial wellness, meet some of the generous individuals we’ve had the privilege to serve, and see the impact of the grants made possible through our community’s generosity. Please join us on our never ending quest to enrich and enhance life through philanthropy.

Tim Clark    Mary Gibble
Board Chair    President

Grants Awarded
$621,171

Scholarships Awarded
$207,000

Endowment Growth
20%

2014

Grants & Scholarships
255

Gifts Received
$7,673,479

What Can You Do to Make a Difference?

We help you answer these questions…

1. How can I make a difference?
2. What are the community’s most pressing needs?
3. How can I pass my charitable values on to my children or grandchildren?
4. How can I leave a legacy?

We accept a variety of gifts, either now or as part of your estate planning.

Cash    Bequests of Wills & Trusts    Retirement Plans
Stock    Real Estate    Life Insurance

If you are interested in guaranteed lifetime income, we are happy to talk with you about gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts. Learn more at giveHCGrowHC.org or call Mary Gibble, President at (317) 462-8870.

The Hancock County Community Foundation is a public charity, and gifts made to any of our 260 funds are tax deductible. HCCF will send you an acknowledgement of your gift and a tax receipt. Give on-line or mail gifts to 312 E. Main Street, Greenfield, IN 46140.
The Faces of Philanthropy

Generosity is not defined by age, gender, or means but rather by the heart. Those pictured are but a few who made a commitment to the future of Hancock County with an unrestricted gift. Gifts were matched thanks to the GIFT VI grant from Lilly Endowment.

Hancock County Community Foundation, Inc. and Affiliate
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2014 and 2013

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended December 31, 2014

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<td>Loss on disposal of assets</td>
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Faces of Philanthropy
- Sue & Bob Wortman, Linda & Terry Gellert
- Carol & Tom Song, Ann & Mark Vail, Mary & Don Hoffman, Edwards & Bingham, Gary, Diana, Bert, Rich
- Mike & Susie Broome, Tim & Kim Clark, Tom & Carole Bloodgood, Daughtry Family, Danielle, Ryder, Josh, Elana, Irene & Bert Curry
- Gibble Family: Greg, Austin, Emily, Mary
- Tony & Tony May, Sandy & Bernie Miller, Pearson & Jasmine Miller, Sally & Wayne Beck, Shurtle Family: Ashley, Adam, Tj, Coby

Complete Independent Auditors’ Report and Notes to Financial Statements are available. To obtain, please call (317) 462-8870 to request a copy.

Hancock County Community Foundation, Inc. and Affiliate
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended December 31, 2014
Celebrating Communities

Live, work, play. Have you heard these words from a young person describing their ideal community? More and more, a younger generation prefers opportunities to walk to their place of entertainment, bike to work, and live near small, locally owned shops. In response, Hancock County towns are beautifying their downtowns and implementing more frequent site. It was five years ago that the Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen (KBMSK) opened its doors. Interestingly, day one started with just five quiet people coming in for lunch. They sat as far apart as they could from one another and ate as quickly as possible. No one spoke a word and they left immediately. Fast forward to today and the kitchen now serves approximately 120 meals every day, five days a week. To date, they have served over 121,000 meals.

Last fall, HCCF granted KBMSK $3,500 for much needed kitchen tools and new equipment. The grant support, the most recent in a series culminating in $470,000 of HCCF support, continues to provide the Soup Kitchen the resources necessary to carry out its mission…eliminate hunger.

“The grant was such a wonderful blessing. We were able to put this money toward many needed projects,” said Jill Ebbert, Executive Director. A table was repaired, shelving units were added, a ten shelf warming unit purchased, and kitchen supplies and equipment replaced with new. “The warming unit is very important to ensure that our food stays at safe serving temperatures without drying it out in the oven over a two hour serving time,” shares Jill. Thanks to the new table, gone are the days when pans of food crept slowly off the tabletop and pitchers of sticky drink mix slid off spilling everywhere.

The number of meals served at KBMSK has increased an average of 10-13% each year, but they are doing more than filling tummies. Strong bonds of friendship have been formed among the patrons and the volunteers. As a result, the purpose of the organization has expanded to provide a sense of family. Jill explains, “Together, we listen, we laugh, we cry, and we support one another as God intended his people to do.”

Over 600 Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen volunteers interface with the patrons and each other to foster love and compassion.

Grants Make a Difference

Capital Improvement and Preservation Grants
- Greenfield Area Chamber of Commerce Building Preservation Fund – $78,000
- Greenfield Area Chamber of Commerce – $52,893
- Hancock County Enrichment Fund
- Hancock Co. Senior Services – $3,333

Corporate Advised Grants
- NineStar Connect Ray of Light Fund
- Greenfield Fire Territory – $1,358

Donor Advised Grants
- Armstrong-Maple Family Endowment Fund
- Central Indiana Land Trust – $300
- Sugar Creek Penney Trail Fund – $300
- Hancock Co. Community Foundation – $78
- John C. Beeson Humanitarian Endowment Fund
- Wabash College – $500
- Life Choices Care Center – $2,000
- Robert G. Dugger Endowment Fund
- The Arc of Hancock County – $2,852
- Generations of Generosity – $6,000
- Greenfield Hancock Animal Management – $6,000
- Greenwood Veterans Honor Guard – $4,000
- Frenzy Animal Rescue, Inc. – $5,000
- W. Dale and Eva C. Miller Family Fund
- Nameless Creek Youth Camp Capital Campaign Fund – $2,837
- Pearson and Jeannine Miller Donor Advised Charitable Fund
- Wabash Conference – FMCNA – $8,000
- Mt. Vernon Education Foundation – $1,000
- Walter W. Mitten Family Endowment Fund
- American Legion Charities – $600
- Wendell and Cissie Smith Charitable Fund
- Park Chapel Christian Church – $14,624
- White Family Foundation
- Hancock Co. Senior Services – $3,000
- Town of Wilkinson – $1,000
- Nameless Creek Youth Camp – $5,000
- Shirley Centennial and Historical Society – $3,000
- Knightsington Public Library – $3,000
- Shirley Community Visionaries – $9,000
- Wortman Family Donor Advised Endowment Fund
- Toys for Tots – $2,000
- Hancock Regional Hospital Foundation – $2,000
- Hancock Co. Community Foundation – $1,000

Donor Designated Grants
- 57 Grants to Nonprofits Across the US – $214,714

Education Grants
- Hancock County Enrichment Fund
- Eastern Hancock Education Foundation – $4,500
- Greenfield Central School Foundation – $4,500
- Mt. Vernon Education Foundation – $4,500
- Southern Hancock Education Foundation – $4,500
- Hancock Co. Career Success Coalition – $5,000
- FAFSA Day Support – $10,000
- Vaughn Performing Art People’s Choice Award
- New Palestine High School Band – $650

Diverse communities gather to celebrate, define opportunities, and vision the future of Hancock County.
Big Difference!

Education Grants continued

Mary E. Carmichael Fund for the Future of Agriculture
Eastern Hancock High School – $1,109
Greenfield Central School Foundation Endowment Fund
Greenfield Central School Foundation – $3,485
Donald F and Lois M. Hanson Family Endowment Fund
Mt. Vernon Education Foundation – $2,088
Leaders in Navigating Knowledge Operating Endowment
Hancock Co. LINK – $20,786
Lifelong Learning Endowment Fund
Mt. Vernon Education Foundation – $1,501
Mt. Vernon Education Foundation Endowment Fund
Mt. Vernon Education Foundation – $2,891

Capital Projects and Programming Grants

Alternatives Inc. of Madison Co. – $1,700
American Military Heritage Foundation – $6,000
Ball State University Building Better Communities – $18,305
Edelweiss Equine Assisted Therapy Center, Inc. – $8,700
Families First Indiana, Inc. – $2,440
FUSE – $2,440
Greenfield Central School Foundation – $8,100
Greenfield Fire Territory
Hancock Co. 4-H Agricultural Association, Inc. – $14,440
Hancock Co. Children’s Choir – $3,256
Hancock Co. LINK – $10,950
Hancock Co. Senior Services – $2,800
Handicapable Camp, Inc. – $5,000
Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen – $3,500
Love INC of GHC – $6,448
Meals on Wheels – $2,500
Mt. Vernon Education Foundation – $1,259
Partners for Animal Welfare Society – $5,200
Regreening of Greenfield, Inc. – $5,680
Salvation Army Indiana Division – $1,500
United Way of Central Indiana – $2,087

Field of Interest Grants

Addictions and Substance Abuse Education and Treatment Endowment Fund
Families First Indiana, Inc. – $4,884
Hancock Co. Probation – $750
NASA (Neighborhoods Against Substance Abuse) – $1,000
Arts and Culture Fund
KidsPlay, Inc. – $627
Philip R. Hollenbaugh Photography Endowment Fund
Eastern Hancock High School – $336
Prevent Child Abuse Endowment Fund
Alternatives Inc. of Madison Co. – $1,194
The William Harold and Mary Katherine Kengery Friends of Domestic Animals Endowment Fund
Edelweiss Equine Assisted Therapy Center, Inc. – $12,082

Women’s Fund Grants

Women’s Fund of Hancock County
Women’s Resource Center – $39,853

For information on grant guidelines and application opportunities, visit giveHCgrowHC.org, “Grants” Tab

Women’s Resource Center

The Women’s Resource Center, which opened its doors in October 2014, was born from the identification of need by the Women’s Fund of Hancock County, a component fund of HCCF. Economic empowerment for Hancock County women and their families became the fund members’ number one priority in 2012, and they’ve been working hard ever since. In addition to providing expertise in governance and finance, members of the Women’s Fund have contributed $53,000 of the $73,000 they’ve committed to grant over a three year period.

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By providing this service to women, we help make them strong and ready to face life’s challenges,” shares De’Von. “We help them navigate hurdles and move life forward, one step at a time because when a woman is strong, so too is her family, her neighborhood, and her entire community.”

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Phyllis Wright

Phyllis Irene Wright was born in 1923, grew up in the Mohawk area, and graduated from Mt. Comfort High School in 1941. She was well-known in the community, particularly in the agriculture community. She lived on her family’s farm and possessed great expertise in grain marketing and merchandising. Phyllis worked at the Board of Trade in Indianapolis for the major part of her career. She also worked at Maxwell Grain Elevator and Hancock County Tractor where she was a friendly, helpful presence to all whom she served.

Phyllis had a special talent for writing poetry and left many pieces for her family to enjoy. She enjoyed needlepoint, pottery, and sharing her crafts with friends. Phyllis was an active member of Mohawk United Methodist Church and enjoyed volunteering at Hancock Regional Hospital.

Little did Phyllis know, when she signed a fund agreement in 1998, that the assets she committed would grow into a future gift as great as the one she did. By May 3rd, Ron Wyatt, who served as the estate executor, hand delivered Phyllis’ gift. He shared how very special Phyllis was to all who knew her and how pleased she would be to know the impact her gift will make in the lives of those pursuing higher education.

The purpose of The Phyllis Wright Scholarship Endowment Fund is to generate grants for scholarships. Those scholarships will be awarded to past graduates or graduating students from Greenfield-Central and Mt. Vernon High Schools who are on their journey to obtain a post-secondary credential whether it be a certification, associate or bachelor’s degree. The first scholarships will be awarded in 2016.

Miss Wright departed this earth on July 20, 2013, but her presence will forever be remembered. Not surprisingly, Phyllis was known by all her friends and family as a very caring person. In fact, the trust for which she will be most remembered will live on in perpetuity.... thanks to her incredible gift.

Martha Beckenholdt

Martha Beckenholdt was born in 1915 in Dearborn County. She graduated as valedictorian of her Cowan High School senior class, then completed three years at Ball State University before leaving to work and help fund her sister’s college expenses. In 1941, she became employed as an office clerk by the newly organized Greenfield Gas Company, Inc., but so impressed the company’s leadership with her savvy business expertise that she became Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation in 1943. She assumed the role of President in 1967 and became the first female in the United States to lead a utility company. In an era where women were not likely to be recognized for their leadership skills, she stepped on the national platform to represent the country’s utility field in Washington, D.C. where she provided important information relating to legislative action. This was a fact for which she was particularly proud and loved to share—a rarity from humble Martha.

Martha played a vital role in the success of HCCF, when in 1993, she established a Charitable Remainder Trust naming the Hancock County Community Foundation as its beneficiary. By using the then newly organized Foundation to administer her future philanthropic endeavors, many others followed. A well-respected community servant’s endorsement was key in HCCF’s ability to be recognized as a viable organization, and HCCF will be forever grateful for Martha’s trust. In 1996, Martha once again worked through HCCF to endow a four year renewable scholarship that she established in honor of her family. It benefits students graduating from Cowan High School and has provided 56 scholarships totaling over $117,000 since its maturity.

Martha was deeply involved in the work of many local, state, and national nonprofits. She served on numerous boards and quietly provided substantial financial support. She held a special place in her heart for children and adults with special needs and played a pivotal role in the establishments of Special Olympics Hancock County, the ARC of Hancock County, and Mental Health Partners (then Association) of Hancock County.

The breadth of her devotion is defined by the large number of organizations that will perpetually receive grants from the endowed fund created at her passing in February 2014, but her faith was the cornerstone and root of her philanthropy.

Lee and Gretchen Hanna

In 2006, Lee and Gretchen Hanna made their charitable plans known to Mary Gibble, HCCF President and Dick Greger, then South Madison Community Foundation President. They did so very quietly, through their attorney Roger Reason, insisting that their intentions remain in the utmost confidence. The depth of their generosity would remain unknown until Gretchen’s passing in December 2013. The remainder of their estate has now been split evenly between the two foundations and endowed to benefit nine charitable organizations and one scholarship upon fund maturity. After five years, the fund will transition to become an unrestricted resource for community grantmaking for the two foundations... a treasure beyond description.

Their insistence of confidentiality is indicative of their desire to give and to serve without acclamation. Friends described the couple as God-fearing, honest, patriotic, and humble.

Gretchen graduated from Markleville High School and retired from Delco Remy Division of Motors Engineering Department in 1980, after 38 years of service. She was involved in the Markleville North Christian Church’s JOY circle and the Pendleton Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

Marvin “Lee” was born in Shirley and resided in Pendleton with Gretchen. He farmed in both Madison and Hancock Counties. Lee served as a Director on the Central Indiana Potato Board (formerly REMC) in Greenfield for 30 years and was Secretary-Treasurer of the board for 19 of those years. He also served as a Director of the Wabash Valley Power Association Board for 16 years and was second Vice President for three of those years. He farmed full-time after working at Nicholson File in Anderson from 1941-1964.

Lee served his communities with vigor, but considered his greatest service to be that given during WWII where, as a 21 year old, he served the U.S. Army’s 346th Ordnance Company, Medium Automotive Maintenance, 5th Engineers Special Brigade, and Third Army. He served in England, France, and Belgium and participated in the Normandy Invasion. Lee’s memories were captured when he was interviewed for an article of his memories of the D-Day invasion. “I am no hero and seek no recognition. Those men who lost their lives are heroes. They gave it their all. They made the supreme sacrifice. I did my job and did it well and am proud to have served. I was lucky; I got to come home. I have had a wonderful life and am still in good health. The Lord has blessed my wife and me and we are very grateful.”

Those who knew the couple were familiar with their desire to leave the world a better place than it was when they entered it. We are fortunate that the Hanna’s created an endowment that will continue to contribute to the betterment of South Madison and Hancock Counties for all time.

Leaving a Legacy

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John Apple, Estate Planning Attorney

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Ann Osborne, Director

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Where she spent her time and how she did so is now called community service. In 1996, HCCF announced the creation of an award to be given to a high school junior who has exhibited strong volunteerism, talents, and service. She was very moved and shared, “I feel both very humbled and very honored that the Foundation has chosen to name this award the Martha Beckenholdt Youth Philanthropy Award. It is my hope and prayer that the recipients of this award will continue in their service to mankind as long as they live.” Since then, 19 young men and women have been honored and given the opportunity to name a nonprofit organization to benefit from a $500 HCCF grant as a result. The legacy of Martha Beckenholdt will be felt for generations to come. May we never forget the lovely woman who never wished for the attention and appreciation she so well deserves.”

“‘They had the ability to enrich your life just by being associated with them.’

Tom Seng, Close Friend

“Firmly believe that God has given each of us certain gifts of time, talents, and financial resources and that He does not intend for us to keep these gifts unto ourselves, but that we use them for the betterment of His people here on earth.”

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Martha was born in 1915 in Dearborn County. She graduated as valedictorian of her Cowan High School senior class, then completed three years at Ball State University before leaving to work and help fund her sister’s college expenses. In 1941, she became employed as an office clerk by the newly organized Greenfield Gas Company, Inc., but so impressed the company’s leadership with her savvy business expertise that she became Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation in 1943. She assumed the role of President in 1967 and became the first female in the United States to lead a utility company. In an era where women were not likely to be recognized for their leadership skills, she stepped on the national platform to represent the country’s utility field in Washington, D.C. where she provided important information related to legislative action. This was a fact for which she was particularly proud and loved to share—a rarity from humble Martha.

Martha played a vital role in the success of HCCF, when in 1993, she established a Charitable Remainder Trust naming the Hancock County Community Foundation as its beneficiary. By using the then newly organized Foundation to administer her future philanthropic endeavors, many others followed. A well-respected community servant’s endorsement was key in HCCF’s ability to be recognized as a viable organization, and HCCF will be forever grateful for Martha’s trust. In 1996, Martha once again worked through HCCF to endow a four year renewable scholarship that she established in honor of her family. It benefits students graduating from Cowan High School and has provided 56 scholarships totaling over $117,000 since its maturity.

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In 2014, those who call themselves wife, daughter, brother, colleague and friend to the Honorable Richard Pasco, established an endowment fund to recognize leadership traits that exemplify the qualities and the integrity that they feel all public officials should strive to achieve. In doing so, they honor those traits in the man who served the community most of his adult life. “Dick was a tireless advocate for creating opportunities for engagement of citizens in local government process, particularly young people,” says Beverly Gard, long-time friend and colleague.

Born on September 15, 1947, Dick followed in his family’s footsteps and, along with his brother David, became the fourth generation of Pasco to serve the community as Pasco Funeral Home in Greenwood. He did so following his military service in the U.S. Navy where, during the Vietnam War, he served on the USS Trumpetfish SS-245. Dick spent years serving on nonprofit boards dedicating many hours of volunteer service. He held a multitude of leadership positions with Kiwanis and his dedicated service was recognized with Indiana District’s Distinguished Lt. Governor Award and Outstanding Lt. Governor of the Year Award, and the International Distinguished Governor Award in 1996. Dick received the Sagamore of the Wabash from Governor Gary R. Indiana.

Dick dedicated over 20 years of public service on the City of Greenfield and Hancock County Councils. His community service culminated with his election to the office of Mayor of the City of Greenfield in 2011. His term was cut short upon his passing in December 2013.

The Mayor Richard J. Pasco Youth Citizenship Endowment will generate grants to organizations with a focus on youth programs that emphasize civic involvement. “Dick’s Life was a lifetime of service,” said David Pasco, who considered his brother an inspiration. He desires that others be inspired to replicate Dick’s passion. It is the hope of the fund’s creators that others will have the opportunity, and through the community’s generosity, empower others to become outstanding leaders and citizens, much like the devoted servant for whom the fund honors.

Pictured Left to Right: Tom Haines, Buzz Krohn, Jake Beck, Joan Pasco, Jennifer Pasco-Beck, Zac Beck, David Pasco, Mary Gibble
People of modest means stand side by side with those of great wealth to form a community philanthropic foundation that is strong and deep beyond measure. Anyone can be a philanthropist! The Community Foundation provides numerous giving options, all of which make an impact, no matter the size of gift!

The Hancock County Community Foundation was created by and for the people in our local area. Its core purpose is to help you help others.

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