



December 2025

## Mini Grants still available

Until funds are depleted



The purpose of Mini Grants is to meet nonprofit organizations' needs that arise outside of major grant cycles. Funds are still available for 2025. The maximum request for this grant is \$1,500. If your organization has not already received \$1,500 in Mini Grants in 2025 and you have a qualifying need, call or email [Katie Ottinger](#) to discuss.

## Volunteer Fair reservation form open

Booth space is free; first-come, first-served

We are accepting reservations for nonprofit booth space. There is no cost for nonprofits to participate. Space is limited; we will review reservations on a first-come, first-served basis.

Volunteer opportunities appropriate for the Volunteer Fair should constitute activities that are unpaid, charitable in nature, and complement the work of a direct service provider. This includes board member positions.

### Format

Nonprofit organizations will have table space in the Community Foundation's Thrive Center, the large meeting space at our office location at 971 W. US 40, Greenfield. Members of the community will be invited to walk around the tables, interact with you, and learn more about your organization and volunteer opportunities. This event is open to the public.

[Click here for tips for success.](#)



Nonprofit booth set-up will be from 2-4 p.m. on Friday, March 6, or from 9-9:45 a.m. on March 7. All booths should be manned and ready to greet guests by 9:45 a.m. on March 7.

More logistical details will be sent to you closer to the event date. For any immediate questions, please contact Katie Ottinger at [Katie@CelebrateHancock.org](mailto:Katie@CelebrateHancock.org) or 317-462-8870.

#### **Guidelines**

Organizations eligible to participate in the Volunteer Fair must serve Hancock County and be public, tax-exempt organizations by Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. Churches, government entities, and non-501(c)3 organizations will be considered on a case-by-case basis and should contact Katie Ottinger before submitting the reservation form to discuss eligibility.

**Ineligible Organizations or Volunteer Activities:** Organizations or activities that include religious instruction, proselytizing, or other religious activities, lobbying, electioneering, and activities of political nature will not be considered, nor will organizations/activities that discriminate as to race, gender, marital status, sexual preference, age, disability, creed or ethnicity.

CFHC reserves the right to decline participation at its discretion.

Complete this form to reserve your nonprofit's free booth space

## **Beckenholdt Youth Philanthropy Award**

Opportunity for your nonprofit to receive \$1,000!

Beginning Jan. 5, the Community Foundation of Hancock County will accept applications for the 2026 Martha Beckenholdt Youth Philanthropy Award. This award, named in honor of long-time Hancock County resident and philanthropist Martha Beckenholdt, recognizes a Hancock County high school **junior** who has contributed outstanding time, talent, and energy to philanthropic endeavors. The award recipient will select a Hancock County nonprofit organization or agency to receive a \$1,000 donation in his or her name, donated by the Community Foundation.

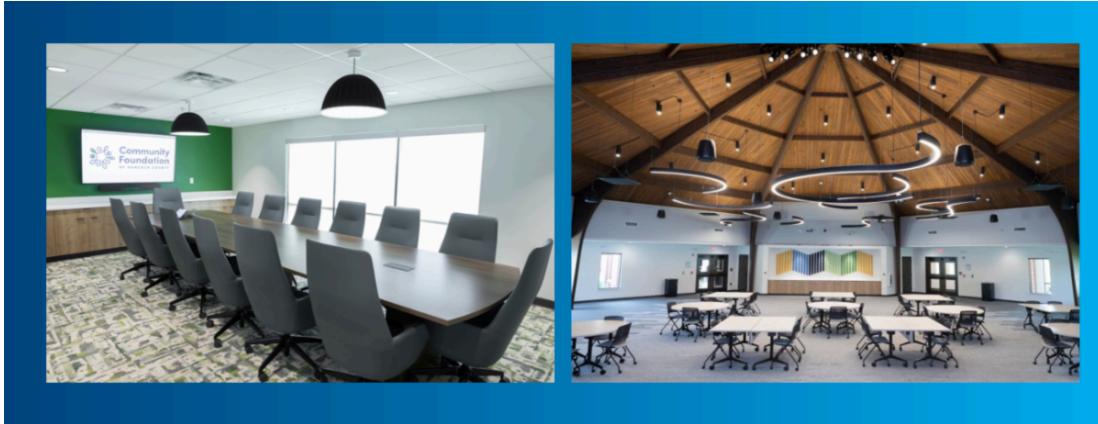


Martha Beckenholdt

Applicants must be Hancock County high school juniors with a recommendation from a high school staff member or nonprofit organization leader located in Hancock County. Applications must be complete and submitted online by 4 p.m. on Friday, February 6. Please encourage young volunteers for your organization who may be eligible to apply! You can direct them to apply [at this link](#) beginning Jan. 6. Questions can be directed to Sarah House, CFHC's Education Officer, at [Sarah@CelebrateHancock.org](mailto:Sarah@CelebrateHancock.org) or 317-462-8870.

## **Thrive Center 2026 use requests open**

See CFHC website for details



Our location at 971 W. US 40, Greenfield, is designed to create a sense of place where community is celebrated through the sharing of ideas and the fostering of deeper relationships. It is a space that encourages networking and learning. We thoughtfully crafted policies and fees that will allow us to responsibly steward this community asset. Please review our website to learn about opportunities to use these spaces. We are now accepting requests for 2026 reservations.

[Learn more about using our space and apply for reservations here](#)

## Indiana Youth Institute (IYI) shares resources

Information helpful to Indiana nonprofits

The **2025 Indiana Girl Report** is an overview of the well-being of Indiana girls statewide. It aims to showcase the realities girls face and the variances across regions, an approach created through the data-centric expertise of Indiana Youth Institute and the girl-centric expertise of the [Girl Scout Coalition of Indiana](#).



[Access the 2025 Indiana Girl Report](#)



**IYI Family Engagement Strategies** training for Hancock County youth workers is coming to the Thrive Center on Feb. 12.

Learning objectives will include:

- Identify and address unintentional barriers
- Recognize and understand external barriers
- Develop strategies to begin breaking down barriers
- Implement the Involvement Model effectively

The speaker will be Lindsay Kusy of LJK Counseling.

[Register for IYI Family Engagement Strategies training](#)

The **Youth Worker Well-Being Project** is a collaborative statewide effort to address individual youth worker well-being, workplace conditions, and root causes of stress in the sector to promote meaningful change in youth workers and invest in their well-being so they can provide the highest quality services for Indiana youth. Telemedicine and virtual mental health services are available to eligible youth-serving organizations in Indiana. Interested organizations MUST complete an Eligibility Verification Survey to be considered. The survey should be completed by the organization's executive director, chief executive officer, or person with authority to make decisions on behalf of the organization. Learn more and start the process by completing the survey today!



[Learn more about Indiana Youth Worker Well-Being Project](#)

## Go All IN Day 2026

### Volunteer and partnership opportunities

United Way of Central Indiana will host Go All IN Day on Friday, April 24, 2026. This annual event, now in its sixth year, brings together hundreds of volunteers, local businesses, and nonprofits for a day of community service across seven counties: Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Morgan, and Putnam. Participants will engage in projects such as painting, planting, packing, and cleaning to make a meaningful impact for neighbors throughout Central Indiana.



[Learn more here](#)

## Be a Civic Super Hero

### Save the date



# Be a Civic Superhero!

## Local Government and You



# Save the Date!



**When:** Wednesday,  
January 28, 2026

**Time:** 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Thrive Center  
971 W. US 40  
Greenfield, IN 46140

MORE DETAILS  
COMING  
SOON!



## Hancock Co. Nonprofit Directory

Is your organization included and listed correctly?

One of the initiatives of the Community Foundation is to help strengthen nonprofit organizations and programs that address community needs. Our role in supporting community nonprofits doesn't stop with funding. Our position has evolved to include support services and initiatives for nonprofit organizations, such as capacity building, networking events, workshops, and online resources. Our goal is to invest in the organizational health of our grant partners and their future endeavors.



Toward that end, we host a [collection of resources for nonprofits on our website](#). We also host a directory of nonprofits that serve Hancock County. This directory can help us connect donors, volunteers, and those in need to your organization and services. The listings are organized in alphabetical order and by category.

Please click the button below to review the listings we have currently. If you would like to include your nonprofit or change your logo or any other information on your listing, please email [Carol Reynolds](#).

## **Walmart Grants**

### **Spark Good Local Grants guidelines**

Each year, Walmart U.S. stores, Sam's Clubs and Distribution Centers award local cash grants ranging from \$250 to \$5,000.



Applications are accepted and reviewed on a quarterly basis. The current cycle runs Nov. 3-Dec. 31, 2025.

[Learn more about Walmart Grants guidelines and eligibility here](#)

## **Nonprofit Updates**

### **Updates from Hancock County nonprofits**

# Holiday Lights not working? Recycle them!



**Drop non-working Holiday Lights  
off at the following locations:  
in November & December only**

- Fortville Town Hall - 714 E. Broadway
- Greenfield Ace Hardware - 1240 N. State St.
- McCordsville Town Hall - 6280 Vail Rd.
- New Palestine Hardware - 4083 Arbor Lane

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[www.RecycleHancockCounty.com](http://www.RecycleHancockCounty.com)

Thanks to Technology  
Recyclers for recycling  
the lights!



**Live Christmas tree?  
After the Holidays, give it a  
second purpose...**

**Mulch it!**



**GreenCycle<sup>®</sup>**  
Organics Recycling



**317.981.3770**

**2801 North 600 W, Greenfield, IN 46140**

**Drop off hours: Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm**

- Please remove all decorations & lights**
- No charge to drop off live Christmas trees**
- No artificial trees**
- No after hours drop off**

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