



November 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 you have a qualifying need, call or email [Katie Ottinger](#) to discuss.

## Giving Tuesday

Resources for participating organizations

CFHC Communications Manager Laura Parker and Advancement Officer Emily Wilson gave a presentation on preparing for Giving Tuesday at the September Nonprofit Networking event. They also put together a toolkit available on our website. In addition, **we will be sponsoring a full-page ad in the Daily Reporter leading up to Giving Tuesday**, among other collective promotions. These promotions will feature participating nonprofits and encourage community giving. **If you would like to be included in that, please complete the short form** on our online grant portal [here](#) no later than **Nov. 7**. There is no cost to your nonprofit. You can access it from the “Apply” page.



Access Giving Tuesday  
resources

Submit information for  
Giving Tuesday ad

## CFHC receives national recognition

Accredited with rigorous philanthropic standards

The Community Foundation of Hancock County recently received accreditation with the nation's highest standard for philanthropic excellence. Community Foundations National Standards® establishes legal, ethical, and effective practices for community foundations everywhere.



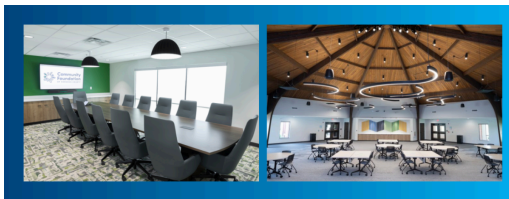
"Meeting the National Standards benchmarks is a rigorous, comprehensive process," said Susie Nelson, board chair of National Standards. "This accreditation is a significant accomplishment that indicates the Community Foundation of Hancock County demonstrates a commitment to transparency, quality, integrity, and accountability as it carries out its mission."

The Community Foundations National Standards® program requires community foundations to document their policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking, and administration. With more than 500 community foundations already accredited nationwide, the program is designed to provide quality assurance to donors, as well as to their legal and financial advisors.

[Read the full article](#)

## Thrive Center 2026 use requests open

[See CFHC website for details](#)



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

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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

 Community Foundation of Hancock County

# VO<sup>UN</sup>TEER FAIR

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**  
**10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Thrive Center | 971 W. US 40 | Greenfield, IN**

## United Way of Central Indiana sector calls

Interactive and educational trainings for nonprofits

The Nonprofit Learning Center is a series of interactive and educational trainings that provide nonprofit professionals with an opportunity to connect with experts, gain resources, and acquire practical knowledge and tools to succeed in the sector.

The topic of the Nov. 21 session will be "Telling Your Story: Showcasing Year-End Impact with Authenticity." Coming up on Dec. 19 is "Navigating the Unexpected: Nonprofit Risk Management and Crisis Preparedness."



[Learn more and register here](#)

## A.I. Corner

Exploring how A.I. can help nonprofits

Nonprofits collect data every day—donor records, program outcomes, survey responses—but turning that data into actionable insights can be overwhelming. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is changing the game by making analysis faster, easier, and more accurate.



AI tools can process large datasets in minutes, uncover patterns, and predict trends that help nonprofits make informed decisions. This means better resource allocation, stronger fundraising strategies, and clearer impact reporting.

- Donor Segmentation: Group donors by giving patterns for personalized outreach.
- Impact Measurement: Automate program evaluations to show results to funders.
- Forecasting: Use predictive analytics to anticipate future needs and opportunities.

Start small—try AI-powered tools in Excel or platforms like Microsoft Copilot to summarize data and create visual dashboards. These tools require minimal technical expertise and can save hours of manual work. The bottom line is that AI doesn't replace human judgment—it amplifies it. By leveraging AI for data analysis, nonprofits can make smarter decisions and maximize their mission impact.

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## National Grant Foundation offers training

Wide range of training available for nonprofits

The mission of the National Grant Foundation is to educate individuals and organizations in the skills and best practices needed to successfully find and apply for attainable grants for themselves and their organizations. They offer classes in software, grant writing, donor management, marketing, and many more topics.



[See full class list here](#)

## Microsoft nonprofit discounts

Software and training available at no cost or low cost



Microsoft provides grants and discounts for many of their software, cloud-based, and hardware products. They also offer free trainings for their products through their [nonprofit website](#).

This program, in addition to those offered through [TechSoup](#), can be valuable resources for organizations.

Most popular MS Elevate products

## Panera Fundraising

## Fundraisers in December earn 30%

Panera restaurant is offering an increase in the donation percentage for fundraisers that take place in December. Their normal 25% of sales is increased to 30% from Dec. 1-21. Flyers must be presented.



[More information or book an event](#)

## Nonprofit Updates

### Updates from Hancock County nonprofits

**Hancock Health Foundation** is seeking nominations for a local organization and individual whose service efforts have created positive change in the health and wellness of our local communities. Nominations are due Nov. 29 at 4 p.m. Nomination information is available [here](#).

Community Foundation of Hancock County | 317.462.8870 | [CelebrateHancock.org](http://CelebrateHancock.org)  
Contact Katie Ottinger at 317-318-8313 (text or call) or [Katie@CelebrateHancock.org](mailto:Katie@CelebrateHancock.org)

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