



Celebrate Community

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What's the Buzz?



Martha Beckenholdt Youth
Philanthropy Award
Closes Feb. 16 | 4 p.m.

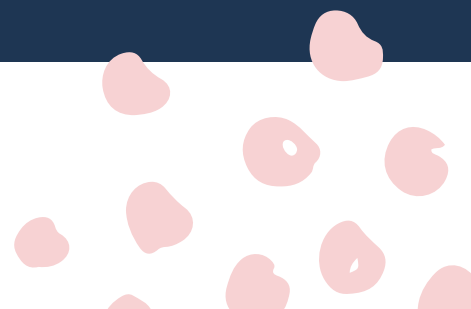
Jeannine Miller Scholarship in
Support of Guidance,
Counseling, and Social Work
Open March 1 - May 1 | 4 p.m.

Nonprofit Networking
Spring Social
April 16 | 4-6:30 p.m.

Community Plunge
May 10 | 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.



Celebrating Hancock County
Riley Park | Greenfield, IN



Welcome to 2024!

This year holds many opportunities through the Community Foundation of Hancock County (CFHC) including gift matches, civic and philanthropic programming, and community input on planning processes. Once again, we are prepared to grant nearly \$2 million to increase nonprofit capacity to provide impactful programs, grow educational attainment, and support community enhancement projects.

An update to our Strategic Plan will be a top priority. This ten-month process will produce a 2025-2028 plan with initiatives that will continue to enrich and enhance life in Hancock County. Generous people play a key role in our ability to contribute to a vibrant community through their establishment of charitable funds and donations to existing funds. This newsletter shares a matching opportunity that will triple the impact you can make with your gifts.

CFHC kicks off the first quarter with a celebration of the place we call home. "Celebrate Hancock County" coincides with Hancock County's 196th birthday on March 1. This effort focuses on touching the lives of school children with curriculum and activities that are meant to heighten their sense of place...a great place. Thanks to help from CFHC's youth board, Y-GIVE, thousands of children will learn more about our history, geography, schools, amenities, philanthropy, and civic service.

We invite our community to join the celebration with a display of a Hancock County flag. Both garden and pole flags are available and free of charge when you email info@celebratehancock.org with your request.

We look forward to serving you in 2024 and beyond!

Yours in philanthropy,



Mary Gibble
President | CEO



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Mary Gibble
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Laura Parker
Communications Manager

Carol Reynolds
Finance & Program Associate

Core Values

Collaboration

- We believe in the transformative power of partnerships
- We celebrate shared passions and objectives
- We encourage teamwork and pooling of resources

Communication

- We communicate openly in a timely fashion
- We show courtesy and respect when sharing our work
- We listen to our community and shape our work accordingly

Community Enrichment

- We execute grant support that produces positive, sustainable outcomes
- We leverage our community knowledge to strengthen nonprofit capacity
- We support initiatives that celebrate a sense of place

Integrity

- We demonstrate the highest moral and ethical principles
- We honor our commitments and keep confidences
- We strive to be deserving of our community's trust

Leadership

- We create an inspiring vision for the future
- We strive to motivate and empower others
- We set direction and provide guidance

Stewardship

- We safeguard donor intent in perpetuity
- We preserve, protect, and enhance endowed assets
- We maintain certification in National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations®



True Ambassadors

for Hancock County

Giving back is in Doug and Sharon True's blood.

Doug started his career as a management trainee with FORUM Credit Union 35 years ago. For the past 12 years he has served in the CEO role for the Credit Union. Shortly after being named CEO, he helped start the FORUM Foundation that now awards seven \$5,000 renewable college scholarships each year and focuses resources on teacher classroom grants throughout central Indiana.

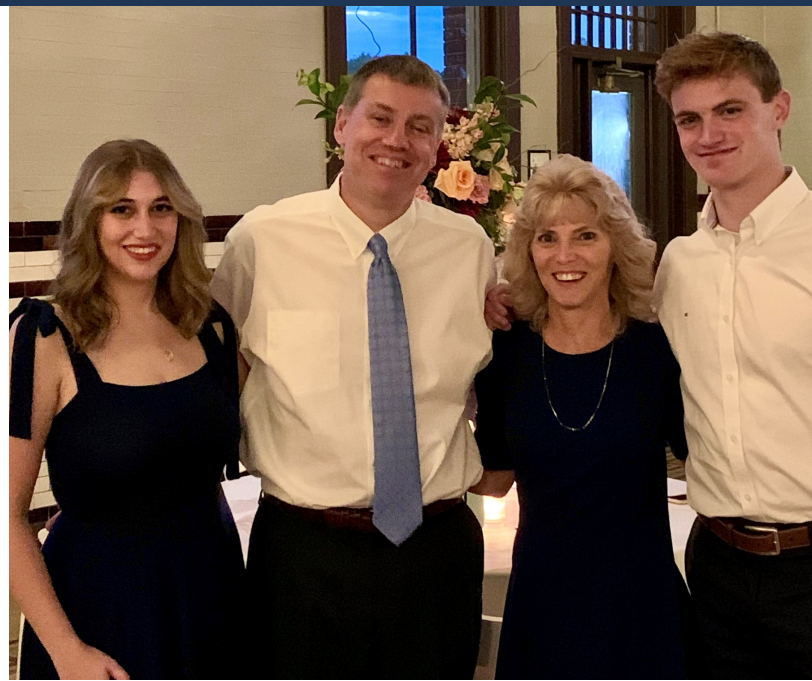
He said the Community Foundation of Hancock County (CFHC) served as a model for the FORUM Foundation.

Though Doug works in Fishers, the Trues take great pride in their Hancock County home (they have lived in New Palestine for 22 years). This led them to create the Doug and Sharon True Community Development Fund with CFHC in 2015.

Little did Doug and Sharon know that when they started their Community Development Fund with CFHC that this fund would serve as a way to honor Doug's dad, Jerry True, upon his passing on Oct. 30, 2023. Jerry True was a life-long Hancock County resident and champion. He was a giver of his time, talents, and treasures to many fellow residents and causes throughout the county. His wife Barbara shared both Hancock County and agricultural/farming family roots. Upon Jerry's passing, Barbara, Doug, and Sharon thought memorial donations to the Community Development Fund would be the perfect way to honor Jerry.

A Community Development Fund helps CFHC reach out to all charitable organizations serving the arts, education, health, and human services in Hancock County. CFHC grants to projects that best meet the community's most pressing needs, even when those needs change over time. Doug and Sharon said CFHC is uniquely positioned to identify needs their family may not be aware of and respond effectively.

They have a daughter, Megan, who lives in Chicago and works at the Art Institute of Chicago. Megan received the Lillian Thomas Hull and Charles M. Hull Fine Arts Scholarship from CFHC in 2015. Their son, Matthew lives in Cincinnati and works for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati. Matthew received the Wickliff Athletic Sportsmanship Award in memory of Bill and Wilma Wickliff from CFHC in 2019. The True's spread the word about CFHC whenever they can and continue to look for ways to make a difference in their community.



The True Family- Megan, Doug, Sharon, & Matthew

Interested in establishing a fund?

Community Development Funds allow the Foundation the discretion to make grants that meet needs and opportunities as they evolve and change over time. Your contributions can create a lasting impact and help address critical needs within our community or support causes that align with their values.



Did You Know?

1. A gift of 9 shares of appreciated Lilly Stock could establish a named Community Development Fund at the Community Foundation of Hancock County.
2. A gift of \$2,500 in 2024 and \$2,500 in 2025 could establish a named Community Development Fund at the Community Foundation of Hancock County.
3. A gift of \$220 per month in 2024 and 2025 could establish a named Community Development Fund at the Community Foundation of Hancock County.

Visit CelebrateHancock.org/gift-viii/

Clark Family Keeps Hancock County in their Hearts

In May, we got unsettling news that Tim and Kim were moving to Westfield. Like so many friends of local charitable endeavors, moving closer to children and grandchildren living outside of Hancock County had become an appropriate priority.

"Kim and I have been kicking this around for a while. Our grandkids are 6, 5, 4 and 3," shares Tim. "Lauren has two and lives in the southwest part of Carmel. Our son Tyler has two and is in northeast Indy. We are finding that we are just far enough away that we can't pop in and out like we would like. Plus, as they are transitioning into school, we are needing to cover some short stints of watching the younger of the kids and they are just now starting activities that we don't want to miss. At the ages of 72 and 70, we need to take advantage of our time with the grandkids as best we can."

Tim, retired Executive Vice-President of Ameriana Bank, knows the Community Foundation well. He served on the Board of Directors from 2008 to 2016 where he lent his business acumen and nonprofit volunteer expertise. Kim, a retired Greenfield-Central High School educator, reviewed hundreds of scholarship applications on CFHC's behalf.

Distance has not and will not play a factor in their dedication. Tim and Kim have consistently leveraged GIFT matching opportunities through their 2014 establishment and continued support of the Timothy G. and Kim N. Clark Community Development Fund. However, that's not the only commitment they've made. To ensure CFHC's capacity to serve Hancock County for generations to come, Tim named the Foundation's operating endowment as a beneficiary of his Individual Retirement Account (IRA). "Let's hope you have to wait a while to receive it!" said Tim. We couldn't agree more!

Bert and Irene Curry, dear friends of CFHC who moved to Fishers at the request of their children, have served as an example to the Clarks, shared Tim. Like them, a move to be closer to family does not change dedication to the community that served as home for decades.

"Our hearts will stay here as will our financial commitments to Hancock County organizations," declares Tim.





NONPROFIT BOARD LEADERSHIP

One need the Community Foundation consistently hears from nonprofits is for board members who are knowledgeable in nonprofit governance. CFHC is working to help answer this call with a new program called Mission Masters, a module of the Hancock County Talent Pathway.

Through a combination of in-person and virtual experiences, Mission Masters seeks to teach participants fundamentals and best practices of nonprofit board leadership.

The inaugural cohort had six participants and concluded in November. Connor McCarty, who is new on the Hope House board, said learning about committees and fundraising were his priorities.

"I feel more confident in my role as a board member and being able to be a leader on my board," reflects McCarty.

Another participant, Katie Molinder, is the executive director of Zoey's Place Child Advocacy Center and a new member of the Community Foundation's board. Networking provided her with helpful feedback and fresh ideas.

The next Mission Masters cohort will launch in August 2024.



L-R: Natalie Schilling, Leigh Ann Brechbuhl, Katie Molinder, & Jennifer Brattain, not pictured: Connor McCarty and Aaron Adams

"I met new people with similar passion for giving back, and we were all so supportive of one another. I really took away great information from local people doing local things on their boards."

-Katie Molinder, Executive Director, Zoey's Place & CFHC Board Member



SERVICE LEARNING

In 2023, the Community Foundation launched a new grant program aimed at increasing nonprofit capacity and exposing high school students to careers in the nonprofit sector.

The Nonprofit Internship Grant Program offers funding to 501(c)3 organizations to pay a part-time intern to work for up to a full academic year.

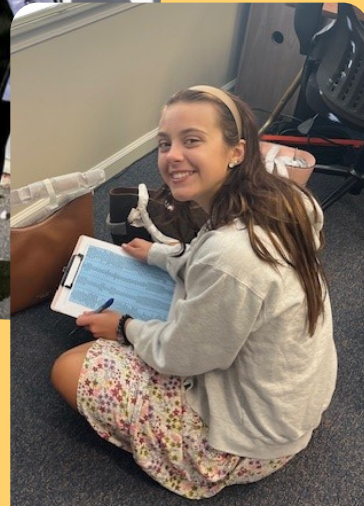
Meals on Wheels of Hancock County is the first grant recipient. The organization hired Bella Turner, a senior at Greenfield-Central High School. Bella has helped Meals on Wheels with client intake and documentation, planning and executing fundraising events, and other administrative functions.

“Having Bella, our high school intern, provided an extra set of hands to assist with our day-to-day operations and event preparations. This allowed staff to work on core business activities and freed up time to tackle several much needed projects.”

**-Lynda Kosh, Executive Director
Meals on Wheels of Hancock County, Inc.**



Bella Turner
Senior at GCHS
& Meals on
Wheels Intern



2024 PROGRAMS

The Talent Pathway prepares & inspires community members to use their talents to elevate daily life, civic leadership, and business leadership across Hancock County.

Civic Circle – Eight Wednesdays - 12:30 - 4 p.m.

- Feb 21 Civic Concepts and Roles
- March 20 Markets, Municipalities, and Money
- April 17 Communicating as a Civic Catalyst
- May 15 Current Issues and Ideas for Our County – Part 1
- June 19 Current Issues and Ideas for Our County – Part 2
- July 17 Quality of Place Design and Planning
- Aug. 21 Community Planning Practices and Standards
- Sept. 18 Applying These Lessons with Each Other and with the Public

Community Development Course

- Feb. 27 – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Feb. 28 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Feb. 29 – 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Candidate Compass – Four Thursdays - 5:30 - 8 p.m.

- June 27 Roles of city town, and county offices
- July 25 Community projects, initiatives, and schools
- Aug. 22 A conversation with a nonprofit panel
- Sept. 26 Make Hancock County better with Quality of Place



45 YEARS OF SERVICE

CFHC celebrated the graduation of five individuals who will join the ranks of Emeritus Board Members. Together they served 45 years on the Community Foundation board. Each began their first term in 2015 and served three full terms or nine years.

Under Ryan Hammons leadership as board chair, CFHC was renamed, rebranded, and purchased our new headquarters. Ryan has served on the Education, Grants, and Finance & Investments Committees. He will serve as Executive Committee Chair Emeritus in 2024 and on the Finance & Investments Committee as a member. In 2019, Ryan and his wife, Melia, established the Hammons Family Community Development Fund.

Kevin Harvey has served on CFHC's Finance & Investment and Education Committees. He served on the Legacy Properties Board of CFHC as chair since 2002, and in 2024, he will serve as Chair Emeritus. Kevin has always been generous with his legal expertise and has guided the Community Foundation through many transactions.

Miles Hercamp served his entire tenure as a member of the Grants Committee. He served as the committee's chair from 2020 through 2022. In addition, Miles's membership on the boards of Leaders in Navigating Knowledge, the New Palestine Education Foundation, and Zoey's Place Child Advocacy Center has offered great insight to CFHC. Miles and his wife Denise established the Miles and Denise Hercamp Scholarship Fund in 2019 with a focus on S.T.E.M. education

Before becoming a board member, Terry Tillet served on the Finance and Investment Committee as a community volunteer with his investment expertise. He served as chair of this committee from 2018-2022. He also served on the Legacy Properties board in 2015 and 2019. Terry played a pivotal role in the review, selection, and oversight of the Community Foundation's investment managers and ensured adherence to the Foundation's investment policies.

Jan Bledsoe Viehweg started her journey with the Community Foundation as a member of the Grants Committee. She chaired the committee from 2018 through 2020. Jan became the Board Chair in 2020 and served the Executive Committee as Chair Emeritus in 2023. In 2022, Jan joined the Thrive Committee and became a board member of Legacy Properties. Jan is well known for her fantastic sense of humor, great stage presence, and insistence upon ice breakers. Jan will continue to serve on the Thrive Committee as an Emeritus Board representative.



Ryan Hammons



Kevin Harvey



Miles Hercamp



Terry Tillet



Jan Viehweg



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- Natalie Schilling
- David Spencer
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It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.

-Mother Teresa



During the month of February, consider sending a Valentine gift to the Hancock County Enrichment Fund to enhance our community for years to come. This fund allows the Community Foundation the ability to address a broad range of needs, respond quickly to emergencies, & meet changing social, cultural, educational, and environmental needs in our community. To give, visit: CelebrateHancock.org



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