



September 2026

Beckenholdt Youth Philanthropy Award

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



Beginning Sept. 28, the Community Foundation of Hancock County will accept applications for the 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.

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, Oct. 30**. Please encourage young volunteers for your organization who may be eligible to apply! You can direct them to apply [at this link](#) beginning Sept. 28. Questions can be directed to Sarah House, CFHC's Education Officer, at Sarah@CelebrateHancock.org or 317-462-8870.

CIRTA Transportation Lunch & Learn

Pilot cross-county transportation service

Transportation challenges can be one of the biggest barriers to accessing jobs, healthcare, education, and other essential services. To help local organizations stay informed about new transportation options in Hancock County, CIRTA and RIDE Hancock will host a free Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, Sept. 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Thrive Center in Greenfield.

Designed for nonprofit organizations, social service agencies, healthcare providers, schools, churches, government agencies, and other community partners, the session will highlight free and



affordable transportation resources available throughout Hancock County. Attendees will leave with practical information and tools to help connect residents with reliable transportation services.

The event is free and includes a complimentary lunch. Space is limited to 50 attendees, and registration is requested by Sept. 15. Organizations that work directly with residents are encouraged to attend and learn how these expanding transportation resources can help meet community needs.

[Register for Lunch and Learn](#)

Nonprofit Networking: Axe-n-Smash Outing Bring your staff and volunteers to let off some steam!



Gather your team and get ready for an evening of fun, food, connection, and stress relief! CFHC invites Hancock County nonprofit staff and volunteers to join us for a free Nonprofit Night Out on Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Axe-n-Smash in Greenfield.

Axe-n-Smash offers axe throwing lanes and smash rooms designed for fun, team building, and blowing off a little steam in a safe environment.

Whether you come with your entire staff or just a few volunteers, this is a great opportunity to step away from your daily responsibilities, build relationships with fellow nonprofit professionals, and enjoy an afternoon of laughter and friendly competition. Registrations are limited to the first 60 respondents. Heavy appetizers will be served. We hope to have a big rowdy crowd!

[Register here to SMASH something!](#)

News Navigators Continues This Fall

It's not too late to join the conversation!

Session 1 of News Navigators was a great success, bringing community members together to explore the role of journalism, local news, and democracy. Participants engaged in thoughtful discussion and gained a deeper understanding of why credible local news matters in healthy communities.

It's not too late to join the conversation! Individual session registration is welcome, and there is no cost to participate. Session 2, "Meet Your Local

News & Content Creators," will take place on Sept. 16 and will feature local journalists and content creators sharing how news and information are developed, reported, and



distributed. Participants will gain a better appreciation for the reporting process and learn how different information channels serve our community.

You can still register for Session 2 and Session 3, "Navigating Today's Media Landscape," which will focus on evaluating information, recognizing misinformation, and engaging responsibly in an increasingly AI-influenced media environment. Individual session registration is permitted, even if you missed Session 1.

[Learn More About News Navigators](#)

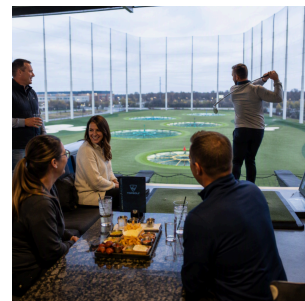
[Register for News Navigators](#)

New: Team Building Grants

Funding for your staff to do an activity together

Nonprofit Team Building grants are designed to fund opportunities for nonprofit staff to enjoy time away from the office, bond as a team, laugh, and have fun. The goal is to encourage nonprofit staff to prioritize wellness and connection and combat burnout.

Maximum request amount is \$500.



Eligibility Guidelines

- Eligible applicants must serve Hancock County and be public, tax-exempt organizations by Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. Religious organizations, units of government (with the exception of libraries), and non-501(c)3 organizations are **NOT** eligible.
- Eligible applicants must have staffed office space in Hancock County.
- Eligible applicants must have at least three paid staff members.
- Eligible applicants **MUST** be in good standing with CFHC, meaning evaluation reports on all previous grants have been filed by the deadline.

[Learn more and apply](#)



Hancock Health Community
Resource Directory

Indiana Youth Institute
Youth Services Database

Wortman Family Foundation Grant Cycle

Grant interest forms due November 1



The Wortman Family Foundation for Shelby and Hancock Counties was created by Bob Wortman from a desire to give back to the communities that have been extremely supportive of both his family and his businesses. Bob and his wife, Sue, created their first community fund with Blue River Community Foundation in 2003 and have since given generously to numerous Shelby and Hancock county organizations. Working with the Blue River Community Foundation, funding from the Wortman Family Foundation will be focused on the community needs of both Shelby and Hancock

counties. **Activities that better these communities and address their current needs will be considered. Efforts and initiatives in education and health are preferred and projects or programs enhancing quality of life.**

Requests between \$2,500-\$25,000 will be considered. Grant interest forms are due on **Nov. 1**. Organizations with approved interest forms will receive a link to the grant application. Grant applications are due on **Dec. 1**.

[Click here for more information and the grant interest form](#)



Free Webinars

WWW.NONPROFITLEARNINGLAB.ORG/WEBINARS

September

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Monday
8 AM PT

Feedback Fluency: Building the Culture Conditions That Make Feedback Work

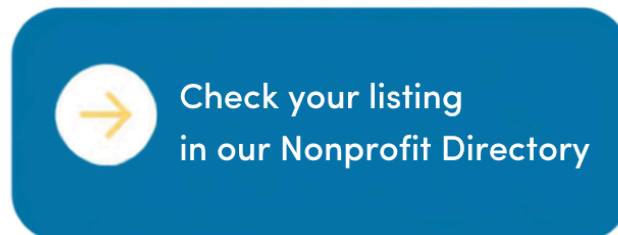
September

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Monday
8 AM PT

Prospecting Tools & AI-Assisted Outreach: A Practical, Repeatable Workflow for Modern Fundraising Teams

Is your nonprofit listing up to date?



Nonprofit Updates



Collection Event

September 26, 2026 - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Greenfield-Central Junior High, 1440 N. Franklin St., Greenfield

Document Shredding - No Charge, compliments of *gbc* BANK
Limit (2) 13 gallon bags of document shredding

CASH (preferred) & CREDIT CARD ONLY

Hazardous Waste - \$5.00 / carload

Electronics - \$5.00 / carload of any electronics (not including TV's)
 \$5 fee for each TV smaller than 32" and Computer Monitors
 \$10 fee for each 32" TV and larger
 \$20 fee for Projection Screen TV's

Tires - \$4.50 off rim, \$5.00 on (Car tires) & up - 1st (2) car tires off rim- free

Latex Paint - \$1.00/ quart, \$2.00/ gallon, and \$5.00/ 5-gallon

Also accepting usable shoe donations and expired non-perishable food

Hancock County Residents Only

For more information visit our website at
www.RecycleHancockCounty.com
 or call 317-526-8723

**Please remember to consult Hello Hancock
while you are planning your events!**



Remember to send Carol any updates you would like to share with other nonprofits that serve Hancock County! Carol@CelebrateHancock.org

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