

Many Ways to Give Back

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There are many ways to give back and to invest in the future of our county. The Hendricks County Community Foundation (HCCF) has grown to over \$7 million in assets because of our residents who are committed to investing, both small and large amounts, in our future. The Community Foundation has a variety of ways for donors to make a difference in our county.



By donating to the Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund, you know that 100 percent of your contribution stays in Hendricks County and will be providing grants and helping the residents of our county for generations to come. Each year a significant part of the interest earned on the invested endowment fund is distributed to local area nonprofit organizations and projects.

Since the Community Foundation was established in 1996 more than 1,100 donors have given to the Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund which has grown to an endowment fund of over \$1.2 million. To date, it has provided 186 grants to local organizations and projects. Named in honor of our first executive director, the Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund is a wonderful way for community residents and business owners to pool our resources and make a difference in the communities where we live and work.

In July, grants totaling over \$57,000 were distributed to 19 nonprofit organizations and projects including the expansion of Sheltering Wings, the Hendricks County libraries' "One County, One Book" program, Hendricks County Senior Services transportation services and FAFSA days at every Hendricks County public high school. To learn more, visit our website for a full listing of the grants.

In 2011, the Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund will have two opportunities for local nonprofits and programs to apply for a grant. Letters of Intent to Apply will be accepted from December 2010 through January 14, 2011. The Letters of Intent will be reviewed in late January by the Community Foundation's grant committee lead by Jack Lawson, a member of the Community Foundation's Board of Advisors. The second cycle will be held this summer.

As more people see the importance of giving back to our community, the Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund and the Community Foundation will have an even greater impact on the residents and the communities within Hendricks County. There are many occasions when we can celebrate and honor special people and moments in our lives with contributions to the Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund. Whether its a birthday, anniversary, graduation or special career achievement consider making a contribution to the largest endowment fund in Hendricks County and give a gift that will connect caring people with causes that matter for years to come.

For more information on how to make a contribution to the Hendricks County Community Foundation's Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund call me at (317) 718-1200, e-mail janet@hendrickscountycf.org or donate online at www.hendrickscountycf.org.