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## **Hendricks County Community Foundation Funds Award over \$250,000 in grants**

Hendricks County – The spirit of philanthropy is alive and well in Hendricks County! Despite economic woes, rising gas prices and recent flooding in the mid-West, charitable giving is still happening in Hendricks County. Funds held at the Hendricks County Community Foundation have given over \$250,000 in grants during the first half of 2008. These grants have been made from funds within the Community Foundation that were created by people who wanted to make a lasting impact for their favorite charity.

Executive Director of the Community Foundation Deedee Daniel explains, “many of our donors have created endowed funds which generate an income through investment providing monies available to grant every year. Our donors are a special group of people who have discovered the impact an endowed fund at the Community Foundation can have on their favorite charities as well as local non profit organization organizations. Anyone in our county can create a fund at the Community Foundation and help make a difference right where they live.”

Ben and Dorothea Anderson lived in Plainfield and cared deeply for their family as well as their community. They volunteered their time through their church and Meals on Wheels and supported local organizations such as the Plainfield Public Library. As they got older, the Anderson’s wanted to make sure that these organizations as well as others would continue to grow and thrive in Hendricks County. They placed an asset in a charitable trust which provided them income for life. Upon their deaths, the assets in the trust created the endowed Anderson Family Fund at the Hendricks County Community Foundation. The income from their Fund continues to provide grants to organizations each year. This year, the fund has provided grants to Hendricks County Senior Services, Kingsway Community Care Center, North American Riding for the Handicapped, Sycamore Rehabilitation Services and Sheltering Wings.

The Habit of the Heart Fund was started by a group of women who had been volunteering for the Community Foundation. They had a passion to help women and children in emergency need and decided to establish an endowed fund to help meet those needs forever. Each year the Habit of the Heart committee hosts the Habit of the Heart Gala Weekend (September 19 & 20, 2008) to raise



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money for the Habit of the Heart Fund. A portion of the proceeds from the weekend is placed in the endowed Fund and the remainder is used to provide immediate assistance through guidance counselors and school nurses to local women and children in need. During the 2007-2008 school year, the Fund granted over \$10,000 for needs including eye glasses, hearing aids, clothing and other essential items. By creating an endowed fund, the Habit of the Heart Fund will make grants to help local women and children in emergency need forever.

Although many of the funds were created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations, the Community Foundation has an unrestricted fund called the Opportunity Fund. This fund enables the Community Foundation to seek applications and make grants to local organizations to help meet current needs each year. The Community Foundation will announce the grants from the 2008 Opportunity Fund grant cycle in August.

*The Hendricks County Community Foundation manages an \$8 million collection of funds that are created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2007, funds held at the Community Foundation awarded over \$475,000 in grants to charitable organizations and scholarships to students. The Community Foundation provides an easy, effective way for donors to make a lasting impact on Hendricks County. For more information on starting your own fund at the Community Foundation, contact Deedee Daniel at 718-1200.*

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