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## **HABIT OF THE HEART GALA WEEKEND IS HUGE SUCCESS**

(AVON, IND.) – The Habit of the Heart Gala Weekend was a success again this year, raising a remarkable \$32,000 to help Hendricks County women and children in emergency need.

The Gala Dinner kicked off the weekend on Friday, Sept. 14 with live and silent auctions, dinner and dancing with music by The Crawdaddys. Saturday, Sept. 15, was the Ladies in Red Luncheon featuring a purse auction, gourmet coffee bar, lunch and keynote speaker, Dr. Suzanne Metzger.

“This year’s event was a true success,” says Deedee Daniel, executive director of the Hendricks County Community Foundation. “Each year this event grows due to the generous citizens of Hendricks County.”

Proceeds from the weekend go to the Habit of the Heart Fund which benefits women and children in emergency need and the Hendricks County Community Foundation.

Hendricks County students have only been in school for a month and yet guidance counselors and school nurses have already requested over \$2500 from the Habit of the Heart Fund to help students in need.

This school year, the Committee has given \$1000 for the partial payment of two hearing aids for a family that has five children, two of which needed hearing aids. Dental work was provided for a first grade student that was in so much pain she could barely open her mouth. The fund has also supplied payment for two eye exams and eye glasses for students in need.

When a classroom teacher, school nurse or guidance counselor identifies a child in need, they simply fax a grant application to the Community Foundation. Because the Habit of the Heart Advisory Committee has authorized the Community Foundation to award grants up to \$250, grants can be made within a week for those in need meeting necessary criteria. Other grants are taken under consideration by the Advisory Committee. The Habit of the Heart Fund has given over \$10,000 to help meet emergency needs.

The Habit of the Heart Fund is held at the Hendricks County Community Foundation which manages an \$8 million collection of funds that are created by individuals, families and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2006, funds held at the Community Foundation awarded over \$250,000 in grants to local organizations and causes. The Community Foundation provides an easy, effective way for donors to make a lasting impact on Hendricks County. For more information, contact the Hendricks County Community Foundation at 317.718.1200.

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