



**Hendricks County**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Avon, Ind. – The Hendricks County Community Foundation announces the recipients of its 2007 Opportunity Fund Cycle grants. The grants, totaling \$90,156.15, will benefit charitable organizations that enhance the community, help those in need or provide educational opportunities.

The 19 organizations benefiting from these grants service thousands of Hendricks County residents.

There are many projects that the grant money will benefit ranging from a weekend camp for physically, mentally and emotionally handicapped people to the Hendricks County College and Career Fair.

“One of our goals at the Community Foundation is to strengthen nonprofits while supporting organizations that will promote a healthy and vibrant community,” says Deedee Daniel, executive director of the Community Foundation. “We have so many valuable organizations servicing Hendricks County; we are working to increase our endowments so we can fund more requests each year.”

The Community Foundation received a record 47 grant proposals requesting over \$330,000 this year. Unrestricted funds within the Community Foundation are awarding 15 organizations a total of \$77,801.15 in grants. Donor advised funds are funding five additional organizations a total of \$12,355 in grants.

Below, please find a list of grant recipients along with a brief description of the project funded.

**Avon-Washington Twp. Library: \$2,000**

(Anonymous Donor) "Cultivating Kids" -- a butterfly garden to promote educational and environmental awareness of the monarch butterfly

**Brownsburg Public Library: \$3,440**

(Opportunity Fund) English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to be conducted at the Brownsburg Public Library in the afternoons and evenings

**Coatesville Clay Township Public Library: \$500**

(Anonymous Donor) Library Corner including landscaping around the library bench at the Coatesville Clay Township Public Library

**Common Ground Christian Ministries: \$2,900**

(Opportunity Fund) Materials for Camp Outreach to make necessary repairs to the homes of elderly homeowners in Hendricks County

**Day Nursery Association of Indianapolis, Inc.: \$5,000**

(Anonymous Donor) Tuition Assistance Program for eligible Hendricks County families to attend Day Nursery Hendricks County Early Care and Education Center

**Handicapable Camp, Inc.: \$5,000**

(Opportunity Fund) Handicapable Camp, a weekend at Bradford Woods for physically, mentally and emotionally handicapped people ages 12-60



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**Hendricks College Network: \$4,000**

(Opportunity Fund) Take the Next Step, Hendricks County College and Career Fair

**Hendricks Symphonic Society: \$5,700**

(Opportunity Fund) Marketing assistance in forming a Community Orchestra & Choir

**Hope House of Indiana, Inc.: \$1,700**

(Opportunity Fund) Computer program to educate pregnant and parenting teens

**Kappa Delta Phi Sorority: \$10,000**

(Opportunity Fund) Helping Hands, a project to enhance the lives of current and incoming residents of the Hendricks County Home

**Kingsway Community Care Center: \$15,000**

(Lincoln Bank Fund, Director's Unrestricted and Opportunity Fund) Support for expansion of Kingsway Community Care Center, serving the county's uninsured residents

**Leadership Hendricks County: \$2,000**

(Opportunity Fund & XFUND) Nurturing the leadership skills of graduates from Youth Leadership Hendricks County program through Youth Encouraging Philanthropy (YEP)

**Murray & Associates, LLC: \$10,000**

(Opportunity Fund) To make the College Cost Estimator from the National Center for College Costs available to all Hendricks County residents

**Share the Spirit Food Drive Network: \$4,355**

(Anonymous Donor) General support for the Share the Spirit neighborhood food drive network in Hendricks County

**Strides to Success: \$5,680**

(Opportunity Fund) The Herd Project to help adoptive families

**Sycamore Rehabilitation Services: \$5,000**

(Opportunity Fund) Sharing the Word of Sycamore Services to promote awareness of Sycamore Services programs and services

**TheyreOurKids.org: \$2,000**

(Opportunity Fund) Promotion to increase awareness of TheyreOurKids.org, a website portal for parents of school-aged children

**United Way of Hendricks County: \$5,000**

(Opportunity Fund) Success By Six Imagination Library, a program to distribute high-quality age-appropriate books to children under age 5 in Hendricks County

**Washington Township Avon Fire Department: \$881.15**

(Opportunity Fund) Purchase Bike Rodeo Kit for Hendricks County

The Hendricks County Community Foundation manages an \$8 million collection of funds that are created by individuals, families and organizations for charitable purposes. 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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