



**Hendricks County**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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### **Hendricks County Community Foundation Awards \$46,500 in Grants to Local Organizations**

Avon, Ind. – The Hendricks County Community Foundation announces the recipients of its 2009 Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund grants. The grants, totaling \$46,500, will benefit charitable organizations that enhance the community, help those in need or provide educational opportunities.

The 15 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 as well as the new Hendricks Regional Health YMCA Healthy Lifestyle Center project.

Central Indiana Land Trust received a grant for Burnett Woods Nature Preserve. Maria Steiner, Community Relations Director, shares, “The grant from the Community Foundation will help us purchase a 10.5 acre inholding at Burnett Woods Nature Preserve and restore it to native trees. This will expand the preserve to a total of 80 acres, providing a larger, permanently protected habitat for wildlife. It will also enhance the recreational space available to Hendricks County residents, as well as visitors from around Central Indiana who visit the preserve for the diverse display of wildflowers in the spring.”

“For libraries - a poor economy means less funding, coupled with more demand for services from people who really need our resources,” commented Cheryl Myers Steinborn of the Coatesville-Clay Township Public Library. She continued, “We are asked to do more with less. Grants, such as the one we just received from the Hendricks County Community Foundation, help us to continue to offer a quality experience for our patrons. Having this automated external defibrillator (AED) on-site will assure more safety and peace of mind for those using our facility as a community gathering place.”

“One of our goals at the Community Foundation is to strengthen nonprofits while supporting organizations that will promote a healthy and vibrant community,” says Janet Haley, 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 34 grant proposals this year.

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

**Central Indiana Land Trust: \$3,000**

(Grant funded by an Anonymous Family Fund) Additional land for Burnett Woods Nature Preserve

**Coatesville - Clay Twp Public Library: \$1,600**

AED Life Saver Project to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

**Connect2Help (formerly Information and Referral Network): \$2,000**

General Operating support for Connect2Help in Hendricks County



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**Habitat for Humanity of Hendricks Co.: \$2,000**

Homeowner Education Course materials

**Handicapable Camp, Inc: \$3,500**

(Grant funded by an Anonymous Family Fund) General Operating support for camp

**Hendricks College Network (HCN): \$1,000**

Coordination and marketing of Take the Next Step - Hendricks County College and Career Fair in February, 2010

**Hendricks County Senior Services: \$2,500**

Transportation services to Hendricks County elderly

**Hendricks Symphonic Society: \$2,000**

General Operating support

**Kingsway Community Care Center (KCCC): \$2,000**

General Operating support

**National Center for College Costs: \$5,000**

(Grant funded by Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund, First Merchants Charitable Foundation Fund and Directors' Unrestricted Fund) National Center for College Costs services for 2009-2010 academic year

**Share the Spirit Neighborhood Food Drive Network: \$600**

General Operating support

**Sheltering Wings: \$2,500**

Children's life skills program expenses

**Stepping Stones to Life: \$800**

To create an Education Fund

**Susie's Place - The Hendricks County Child Advocacy Center: \$3,000**

General Operating support

**West District YMCA Branch - YMCA of Greater Indianapolis: \$15,000**

Hendricks Regional Health YMCA Healthy Lifestyle Center project

The Hendricks County Community Foundation manages an \$7 million collection of funds that are created by individuals, families, businesses 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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**Picture Caption:** 2009 Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund recipients. (Back row from left) Ed Boda, Handicapable Camp; John Mollaun, Kingsway Community Care Center; Jim O'Bold, Susie's Place; Mary Beth Carmichael, West District YMCA; Jill Robertson, Sheltering Wings; Andrew Hebel, Hendricks County Senior Services; Dan Whipple, Board President HCCF; Dan Young, Board Vice President HCCF; (front row from left) Janet Haley, Executive Director HCCF; Cheryl Myers Steinborn, Coatesville - Clay Twp Public Library; Lynn Engel, Connect2Help 211; Tanja Freestone, Stepping Stones to Life; Maria Steiner, Central Indiana Land Trust. Grantees not pictured: Habitat for Humanity of Hendricks Co., Hendricks College Network (HCN), Hendricks Symphonic Society, National Center for College Costs, Share the Spirit Neighborhood Food Drive Network



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