



Hendricks County
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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**Community Foundation Grants over \$55,000
to Hendricks County Organizations**

Avon, IN – The Hendricks County Community Foundation announces the recipients of its 2010 Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund grants. The grants, totaling \$57,592, 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.

The projects that the grant money will benefit range from a grassroots effort to provide pajamas to children in need to transportation for the elderly and disabled as well as the expansion of Sheltering Wings.

Kingsway Community Care Center (KCCC) provides medical and dental services to the uninsured and underserved in our community. They will use the grant to enhance their fundraising efforts to enable them to reach a greater percentage of our uninsured neighbors. One of the Care Center patients with diabetes shared, “[KCCC] very possibly saved my life, and it gives so many other people in Hendricks County hope that someone out there really cares.” Another patient wrote, “If it wasn’t for [KCCC] I would be well on my way to my grave. They gave me a chance, hope, and the ability to change my life. Friendly staff and knowledgeable doctors make this the perfect place to turn to when you need that desperate hand up.”

The Hendricks County libraries grant dollars will bring together patrons from all six county libraries to read, enjoy and explore one book, Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson. Each of the six libraries will host at least one educational event, book discussion or cultural activity. Joanna Carter from the Plainfield Guildford Township Library stated, “One Book, One County is a great opportunity for the community to build a better understanding of the Afghanistan and Pakistan cultures. It brings people together to open up discussion about what we can do to help people half a world away by collecting pennies to promote education and peace in the Middle East.” This grant will help to promote cultural awareness, recognize diversity, inspire community action, share common experience and broaden horizons.

Hendricks Regional Health Foundation builds healthier families by supporting the needs of Hendricks County's only nonprofit health system, Hendricks Regional Health. HRH Foundation has designated their grant to prenatal classes at Hendricks Regional Health. Sue Bogan shared, “The important classes, along with the appropriate prenatal care, help ensure a healthy pregnancy outcome for mom and baby. HRH Foundation is pleased to partner with the Community Foundation to help meet the health care needs of people in our community.”

“We received 47 letters of intent which resulted in 19 organizations receiving grants from the Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund and one anonymous donor fund,” 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.”



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

Brownsburg Rotary World Community Service: \$2,000

B & O trailhead Park

Get REAL, inC: \$1,000

Get Real Under the Big Top Event in 2011

Habitat for Humanity of Hendricks County, Inc.: \$3,000

H.C. Habitat House No. 34 - 178 N. High St. Danville, IN

Handicapable Camp, Inc.: \$5,000

Handicapable Camp to be held September 2010

Hendricks College Network: \$1,000

Take the Next Step-Hendricks County College and Career Fair 2011

Hendricks County Public Libraries: \$1,920

One County, One Book: Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson for the six county libraries

Hendricks County Senior Services: \$5,000

Transportation services for the elderly and disabled

Hendricks County Trail Development Association: \$2,000

Vandalia Trail Surface Repair & Construction

Hendricks Regional Health Foundation: \$3,000

Pre-natal education classes

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

Matching funds challenge grant

Leadership Hendricks County: \$4,000

YEP (Youth Encouraging Philanthropy)

Leadership Hendricks County: \$1,000

Youth Leadership Hendricks County Program

Nana's Pajamas, Inc.: 3,300

General operating support in providing pajamas for children in need

National Center for College Costs: \$5,000

FAFSA Days in six Hendricks County high schools in February 2011

Share the Spirit Neighborhood Food Drive Network: \$1,272

General operating support for neighborhood food drives for Hendricks County food pantries

Sheltering Wings: \$10,000

Building expansion

Susie's Place - The Hendricks County Child Advocacy Center: \$1,500

General operating support for forensic interviewing



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United Way of Central Indiana: \$5,000

United Way's Early Readers Club Home Library Program

Westside Secondary Transition Council: \$600

Getting Started... Keep it going! A Transition Council for Hendricks County/Westside Indianapolis

The Hendricks County Community Foundation manages \$7.6 million in charitable funds that are created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations for various philanthropic purposes. Since 1996, funds held at the Community Foundation have awarded over \$7 million in grants to local organizations and projects. 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.



Picture Caption: Hendricks County Community Foundation Board Member Alice McColgin (far left) stands with several of the recent grant recipients. From left: Craig Brighton, Habitat for Humanity; Tracey Snapp, Share the Spirit Neighborhood Food Drive Network; John Mollaun, Kingsway Community Care Center; Sue Bogan, Hendricks Regional Health Foundation; Ed Boda, Handicapable Camp; and Susie Friend, United Way of Hendricks County