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**Community Foundation Grants over \$50,000
to Hendricks County Organizations**

Avon, IN – The Hendricks County Community Foundation announces the recipients of its first round of Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund grants for 2011. The grants, totaling \$51,100, will benefit charitable organizations that enhance the community, help those in need or provide educational opportunities. The 14 organizations benefiting from these grants service thousands of Hendricks County residents.

The projects receiving grant money will benefit a range of program areas from assisting students with learning experiences at the Brownsburg Challenger Learning Center to a county-wide quality of life initiative. The Community Foundation seeks to provide assistance to organizations that lead Hendricks County to be a vibrant community.

“We received 48 letters of intent which resulted in 14 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.”

The next grant cycle of the Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund begins next month. Hendricks County organizations and projects may submit Letters of Intent from June 13 – July 13, 2011. More information may be found at http://www.hendrickscountycf.org/grants/oppfund_grants/index.shtml.

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

Brownsburg Challenger Learning Center/Brownsburg Community School Corporation: \$3,000

The Dream Is Alive!- scholarships for county middle schools to attend the center

Brownsburg Education Foundation: \$1,000

Stimulating Super Senior Projects

Farmers And Hunters Feeding The Hungry: \$3,000

General Operating

Handicapable Camp, Inc.: \$2,500

General Operating



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Hendricks Civic Theatre, Inc.: \$1,300
Longstreet Playhouse Improvement Project

Hendricks County Fire Chief's Association, Rescue Task Force: \$5,000
Water Rescue Preparedness / Western Hendricks County

Hendricks County Senior Services: \$5,000
Transportation for the Elderly and Disabled

Hope United Presbyterian Church: \$2,500
Personal Hygiene Products Pantry

Indiana Genealogical Society, Inc.: \$500
Hendricks County Probate Records Project

Kingsway Community Care Center: \$2,500
General Operating

Mental Health America of Hendricks County: \$800
Rocking for Life- bring awareness to issues of teen suicide and other destructive behaviors

Nana's Pajamas Inc.: \$2,500
General Operating

Quality of Life Initiative: \$17,500
General Operating (3-year commitment)

Twenty-first Century Scholars Program-Central Indiana Support Site: \$4,000
Twenty-First Century Scholars GEAR UP for Hendricks County- increase enrollment in college readiness activities in the county

The Hendricks County Community Foundation works to improve the quality of life in Hendricks County by providing an easy, effective way for donors to meet the critical needs of our community, awarding grants to not-for-profit organizations and projects, and collaborating to address community issues. The Community Foundation manages an \$8 million collection of funds that were created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2010, the Community Foundation gave over \$625,000 in grants to charitable organizations and scholarships to local students. For more information, contact us at 317.718.1200 or visit www.hendrickscountycf.org.





Picture Caption: 2011 Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund grant recipients. The Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund is a fund of the Hendricks County Community Foundation which provides grants to enable organizations to provide effective programs and respond to needs of people in the neighborhoods and communities they serve in Hendricks County.