

HENRY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Fall 2023 Newsletter

COMING TOGETHER TO FEED HENRY COUNTY



God's Grain Bin volunteers Ron Davidson, David Hall, and Owen Wyant with HCCF Program Director, Hilary Bennett

Building up God's Grain Bin Through Choose Henry Grant

In the heart of Henry County, there is a beacon of hope for those in need: God's Grain Bin, a Christian-based food pantry that serves thousands of people each year.

On a typical distribution day, God's Grain Bin is bustling with activity. Volunteers build around 400-500 boxes to give away. People come and receive a shopping pass to get a box that is roughly 120 lbs. of food and drink per family. These distribution days are open to anyone in Henry County on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

As a donation-based organization, God's Grain Bin partners with many organizations willing to help. Wal-Mart, Dot Foods, Save-a-Lot, Boars Head, Dollar General, Bimbo Bakery, Second Harvest, Kroger, Aldi, Midwest Food Pantry, and more are all contributors to the cause. Volunteers from God's Grain Bin pick up supplies at each of these locations regularly, sending trucks out on the road Monday-Friday.

There are no paid positions within God's Grain Bin. It is 100% volunteer-led. And each volunteer is working hard to make sure the people in Henry County are taken care of. "We won't stop until hunger stops," emphasized director, Owen Wyant.

"You see that person walk up here and smile when they leave, and all of the hard work is worth it. Nobody deserves to worry about where their next meal is coming from or when their kids will eat again. We can show love and share with others!"

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CONSTRUCTING CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Letter from President, Jennifer Fox

As we enter the final months of 2023, I am reflecting, with thanks, on those who have given back to our community—enabling our nonprofit organizations to construct change in our community.

I am constantly inspired by the dedication and compassion of our volunteers and donors, who are working to build a strong and supportive community for all.

In this newsletter, you'll find a couple of examples where we have seen some wonderful changes in Henry County through grants from the Choose Henry Flex Fund. And there are many more stories we could tell about how donors to the Choose Henry Flex Fund are making this possible.

However, our work is not done. You and I can and will continue to construct a better future for our community. By giving back of our time, talents, and treasure, we can continue to make a real difference in the lives of others.

In the coming weeks, we will be sharing more stories of the impact that your support is making. Stay tuned through our e-newsletter, social media channels, and in your mailbox to hear more!

Thank you for your continued partnership in this great work!

Sincerely,



2023 CHOOSE HENRY FLEX FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

American Red Cross
B.A.M.
Christian Love Help Center/ Shelter
God's Grain Bin
Healthy Communities of HC
Heavens Bread Basket
Henry County Child Care Network
Henry County Farmers Market
Henry County Historical Society Museum
Henry County Memorial Park
Henry County REMC
Henry County Young Life
ICAP
Kennard Crusaders
Kennard Volunteer Fire Department
Knightstown Health Care Center
Knightstown Kids Inc.- Soccer
Knightstown Public Library
Lewisville Park
Middletown Fall Creek Twp.
Public Library
Mooreland Historical Society
New Castle Band Boosters
New Castle Broad Street Cruise-In
New Castle - Henry County EMS
New Castle - Henry County
Renaissance Festival, Inc.
New Castle Parks and Recreation
New Castle Trojan Youth
Football League
Raintree Habitat for Humanity
Rose City Game Library
Second Harvest Food Bank
Servants at Work (SAWs)
Shenandoah FFA
Shenandoah School Corp
South Henry School Corp
St. James Episcopal Church
The Art Association of HC
The Guest House
The Salvation Army of Henry County
Victory Lane Camp
Wilbur Wright Elementary

P.S.

Ask me about how your gift to the Choose Henry Flex Fund can be matched—turning your \$1 into \$3!

Choose Henry Grant Opens up New Opportunities for New Castle Main Street

New Castle Main Street has been growing rapidly and constructing significant change in New Castle's downtown district.

With a high level of operating, they started the process of adding to their staff.

Thanks to a multi-year grant from the Choose Henry Flex Fund, they were able to bring Emily Hurst onto the team as their Project Manager.

This new role opened up more opportunities for Main Street to be able to continue operating at a meaningful level.

As a result of their hard work, Main Street will be awarded a \$2 million grant in a joint effort from OCRA, Indiana Landmarks, and Indiana Humanities that will help revitalize historic buildings in the downtown district.



From left to right: HCCF President, Jennifer Fox, Main Street Director, Carrie Barrett, Lieutenant Governor, Suzanne Crouch, Main Street Project Manager, Emily Hurst

READ MORE ABOUT THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY AND HOW HCCF DONORS ARE PLAYING A PART IN THIS AMAZING COMMUNITY EFFORT... ON OUR WEBSITE!

ENDING THE YEAR WELL - TAX-WISE PLANNING



There are many ways for you to be tax-wise in your planning throughout the end of the year.

Here are three opportunities for you to give back and gain additional tax savings...

1. **Cash Gift** - Make a gift of any amount and receive an income tax reduction.
2. **Appreciated Asset Gift** - Avoid capital gains tax on the sale of your assets by giving your stock to charity.
3. **Charitable Life Income Plan** - Make a gift and receive income for life! Give an appreciated asset and receive a charitable tax deduction.

Visit hccfgift.org for more info

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DIRECTOR, OWEN WYANT

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So, how do they do it? How can they financially support all of the programs they offer and the upkeep of their buildings and trucks? Through donors and grants!

While they've been growing in numbers over the years, they've started to burst at the seams. Having to keep things in trucks because they couldn't store it all, they found themselves in need of more space.

That's when they came to the Community Foundation during a Choose Henry Flex Fund grant cycle in 2023. They were granted funding to build a large storage area.

The grant doubled the size of the product we can hold. It cut down on lots of trips which saves on fuel and upkeep of the trucks. We don't have to pay for delivery of food because we now have the space to hold enough here. And it allowed us to take on more non-food items for the community,” shared David Hall, the secretary and treasurer.

In addition to this storage area, the grant funding was used to add a shelter extension. This extension gives a layer of protection over the products available during bad weather.

God's Grain Bin is a shining example of what can be accomplished when people come together to help those in need. Through the generosity of donors and grants, God's Grain Bin is able to provide thousands of people with food and other essential items each year. The new storage area and shelter extension will allow God's Grain Bin to continue to serve the people of Henry County for many years to come.

We are grateful for donors to the Choose Henry Flex Fund who make life-changing work like this possible. Through the dedication of the volunteers at God's Grain Bin and the generosity of donors, this organization is making a real difference in the lives of thousands of Henry County residents.

DO YOU WANT TO CONSTRUCT CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Here's how you can get involved:

1. **Donate to an existing fund** (The Choose Henry Flex Fund is a great way to maximize your impact!) that is already giving back to the community.
2. **Create an endowed fund** to support a cause you care about for years to come.
3. **Share this message** with your friends and family.
4. **Follow us** on social media and **sign up** for our e-newsletter.