

# Henry County Community Foundation

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

*Your Heart for the*  
**Community**



# I'm thrilled to present the 2023 Annual Report,

a testament to the incredible impact achieved through collaboration with our generous donors, communities, and partners. *It highlights the heart that donors like you have for the community and the transformative power of endowments.*

## + ENDOWMENTS: A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Endowments might sound complex, but their impact is simple:

**Your passions continue:** Charitable causes you care about are supported by you long after you are gone.

**Adapting to community needs:** Nonprofit organizations are able to meet ever-changing needs because you gave while living.

**Investing in education:** You can help students access critical training in current and emerging fields.

**A lasting legacy:** Your giving creates an enduring testament to your heart for the community.

## + A POWERFUL EXAMPLE

I'm particularly excited to share a story on pages 4-7 that exemplifies the power of endowments. A grant from the Choose Henry Flex Fund, combined with estate gifts from two amazing women in 1960 and 1979, is funding an innovative lifesaving initiative for Henry County. It's a powerful reminder that estate planning decisions, made decades ago, are making a real difference today, and well into the future!

## + MORE STORIES OF IMPACT

This report is filled with stories like this – each one is evidence of the combined power of donor passion and enduring endowments. Whether it's supporting healthy communities, inspiring future generations through scholarships, or aiding those facing cancer, these stories showcase the lasting impact created by our visionary donors.

## + YOUR HEART FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Thanks to our donors' foresight, their legacies continue to improve Henry County today, and for generations to come. Endowments are more than just donations; they represent hope, opportunity, and a brighter future. I want to invite you to explore the many ways you can partner with the Foundation to create your own lasting legacy and share your heart for our community.

Sincerely,

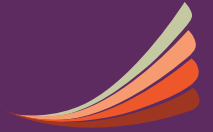


Jennifer Fox  
President and Executive Director



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# HCCF



Henry County  
Community Foundation

## Mission Statement:

*The Henry County Community Foundation, Inc. is a public trust which secures funds for sustainable philanthropic purposes.*

## Our Mission:

*...is to help where the needs are the greatest and the benefits to the community and it's citizens are most substantial, and*

*...to provide public spirited donors a vehicle for using their gifts in the best possible way now and in the future as conditions inevitably change, and*

*...to provide excellent stewardship of those gifts which it receives.*



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*Choose Henry Donors are*

# Saving Lives with the Red Initiative

IN THE FRANTIC seconds after a traumatic injury, every moment counts. For victims of severe blood loss, the difference between life and death can hinge on immediate access to life-saving blood transfusions. But in rural communities like Henry County, access to this critical resource can be limited, leaving patients vulnerable in their most desperate hours.

This is where donors to the Choose Henry Flex Fund are playing a vital role in bringing the revolutionary Red Initiative to Henry County.

Inspired by a similar program in New Orleans, Assistant Chief Justin Harrison and Captain Scott Rifner of the New Castle-Henry County EMS saw an opportunity to dramatically improve their ability to save lives.

The Red Initiative allows paramedics to carry and administer blood products directly on the scene. This is a

game-changer in rural areas, where transporting patients to distant hospitals can be a matter of life and death. But implementing such a program comes with hefty upfront costs, putting it beyond reach for many smaller EMS agencies.

Recognizing the potential impact of the Red Initiative, the Grants Committee of the Foundation awarded a grant to the EMS, providing the essential funding to help purchase the field blood transfusion kit.

"This would have been a no-go without the Foundation," says Harrison. "Going forward would be rough to impossible without the help of the funds."

The impact of this program is clear and undeniable. Studies have shown that receiving blood within the first 36 minutes of a traumatic injury can increase the survival rate by a staggering 90%. With the Red Initiative, New Castle-Henry County EMS crews can now deliver that lifeline directly to patients in their moments of greatest need.

"People will survive traumatic injuries that otherwise would not have," says Rifner. "The sooner someone gets blood, the better the outcome." A system like this needs regular maintenance to continue offering life-saving services. This includes the consistent purchasing of blood bags. Fortunately for the EMS, there are two designated funds at the Foundation ready to help with a yearly payout. Learn more about these funds established by the estates of two generous women on pages 6-7.

New Castle - Henry County EMS' The Red Initiative is evidence of the power of community and generosity. It's a story of ordinary people coming together to make an extraordinary difference. And it's a story that wouldn't be possible without donors to the Choose Henry Flex Fund.

 **Pictured:**  
Jennifer Fox  
& Captain  
Scott Rifner



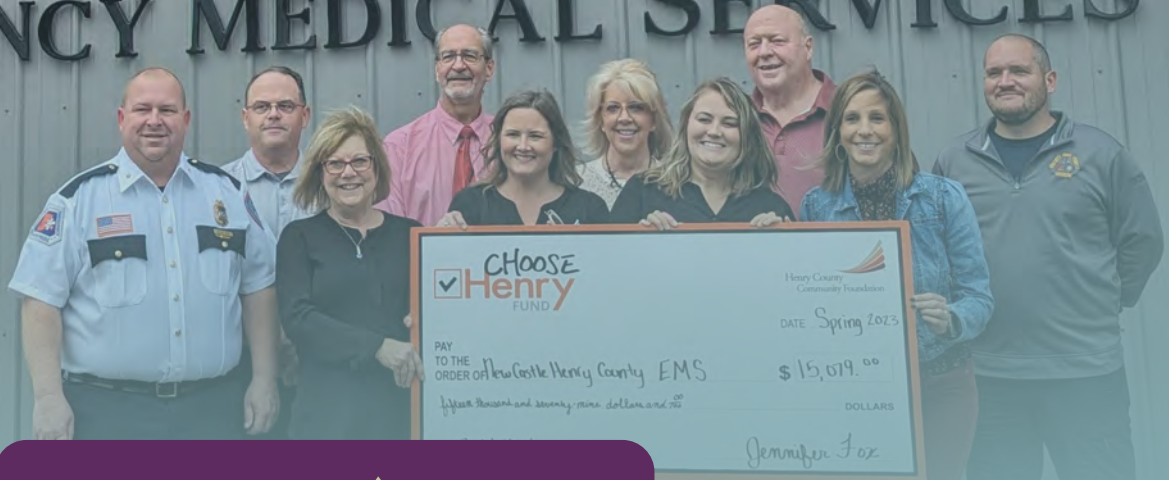




# NEW CASTLE - HENRY COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



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## Your Heart for the Community

*Your impact through the Choose Henry Flex Fund allows the Foundation Board of Directors to be responsive to local needs—including future needs that cannot be anticipated at the time of your gift.*

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

- You can establish your named fund through the Choose Henry Flex Fund as a way to create a legacy or to honor the memory of a loved one.
- Establish your named fund with a minimum of \$5,000 or give a donation of any size to support grant making from the Choose Henry Flex Fund.
- And because you do not set any restrictions, the earnings are used to meet the needs of the community through grants to nonprofit organizations.
- Gifts are invested and stewarded to provide an annual scholarship.



Check out this **short video** about the **Choose Henry Flex Fund** and how your donation can be matched.



# The Enduring Legacy

## How Planned Giving is Saving Lives in Henry County

WHEN CORA FOUST AND EDITH SMITH created their wills in 1960 and 1979, they never could have dreamt of how pivotal their planned gift would be for Henry County.

The Red Initiative, mentioned previously in the opening story on page 4, is a ground-breaking technology. The first of its kind in Indiana, New Castle-Henry County EMS is now equipped with the ability to perform blood transfusions on site. No longer having to transfer people out of the county to receive blood, lives will be saved.

Though Cora and Edith would never set eyes on the leading-edge Red Initiative program that is being implemented with the New Castle - Henry County EMS, their foresight in crafting estate plans decades ago is a sustaining force for this lifesaving technology.

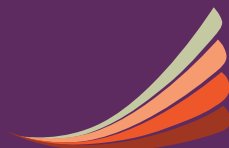
With payouts from their funds distributed yearly to the EMS, they will help supply the blood needed to carry on the work of this innovative program. Making

their gifts from decades past the difference between life and death.

Their stories are powerful, and they are joined with many others in this provisional- forward thinking way of giving. Donors who have included the Foundation in their wills have found a way to ensure the causes they care most about will be strengthened long after they're gone. Whether it's a scholarship empowering a young dreamer, a grant nurturing a local organization, or the steadfast support of the Choose Henry Flex Fund, every act of planned giving leaves a permanent mark.

Cora and Edith have left a life-changing mark. **Because they believed in the power of endowments, lives will be saved not just today, but for years to come.**

Maybe you're looking for a way to leave a lasting impact? With planned giving, you might not witness it first hand, but never doubt the profound difference it will make.



### Your Heart for the Community

*A charitable bequest in your will, like Cora Foust and Edith Smith had planned in their estates, is one tool you can use to leave a lasting legacy in our community.*

#### HOW DOES IT WORK?

- You can establish any type of fund through various planned gift options, found on page 7, or add to any existing fund with any amount.
- Find out more on our planned giving website [www.hccfgift.org](http://www.hccfgift.org).



# Have you thought about how you would like to be remembered?

If you have, perhaps your thoughts have centered on ways you can leave an enduring legacy that reflects how you helped others and the good that you achieved during life. A **charitable bequest** is one of the easiest ways to help the causes you care about and make a strong legacy statement.

## Legacy Giving

Did you know there are several different ways to leave a legacy gift to support the causes you care about? Here are some ways to include a charitable gift in your estate plan:

### + WILL, TRUST OR CODICIL

You can leave a charitable bequest in your will, trust or codicil. Your gift can be any dollar amount, a specific asset, a percentage of your estate, or the residue of your estate.

### + BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

You can use a beneficiary designation to leave a legacy gift. You can designate us as a beneficiary of a retirement plan, a financial account or a life insurance policy.

### + TESTAMENTARY PLANNED GIFT

You can even create a testamentary planned gift. You can fund a testamentary gift annuity or charitable trust to provide for family and support the causes you care about. Retirement assets are particularly good assets to use to achieve the best tax outcome with a testamentary planned gift.

### + HOW A CHARITABLE BEQUEST BENEFITS YOU

In addition to helping you create your legacy, a charitable bequest may benefit you and your family in several ways. Bequests are flexible, can help you set priorities and are easy to manage.

**Priorities** - With a bequest you can establish a priority as to who will inherit specific assets. If the primary beneficiary, such as a relative, is unable or unwilling to inherit the asset, you can name us as a contingent beneficiary.

**Easy to Manage** - With a bequest, such as a gift made as part of a beneficiary designation, you can easily manage changes to your plan. For example, many IRA administrators permit IRA owners to make beneficiary changes through their online accounts.

**Tax Savings** - With a bequest, you may even be able to reduce taxes on your heirs. If you give your high tax assets (such as your IRA) to us, you can leave your low or no tax assets (like a home or stock) to your family.

### + LIVING TRUST

A living trust holds your property and is managed by you or a trustee you select. You or your selected trustee may own, manage and control your assets during your lifetime. You may add property to or remove property from the trust at any time. Any trust income is taxable to you.

### + CUSTOM ESTATE PLAN FOR FAMILY BUSINESS, INVESTMENTS OR A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

You may need a custom plan if you own a family business, have substantial real estate holdings or your child has special needs. A special needs trust will facilitate care of your child by providing resources and directions.

### + IRA, 401(K) OR OTHER RETIREMENT PLAN

IRA, 401(k), 403(b) or other retirement plan can be transferred to a person or charity after you pass away. It is transferred through a beneficiary designation form provided by your plan custodian. You may select a primary beneficiary as well as contingent beneficiaries.

### + LIFE INSURANCE

Life insurance involves a written document called a policy, which is a contract. The policy will provide a payout to the policy beneficiaries after the person whose life is insured passes away. Primary or contingent beneficiaries are named on your beneficiary designation form.

### + CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

A charitable remainder trust (CRT) is an excellent way to benefit yourself, your spouse or other family members and provide financial support to your favorite charitable causes. A testamentary CRT through your will or living trust can provide income for your family. After all of the payments are made to family, the remaining trust assets will be given to charity. You may also consider funding a lifetime CRT. You will receive a charitable income tax deduction and trust income payouts.

### + CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

A charitable gift annuity is a contract involving you and a charity. You make a gift to the charity in exchange for fixed payments for the life of one or two persons. After all payments are completed, the charity receives a gift. A gift annuity funded during life provides you with a charitable income tax deduction and partly tax-free income.

### + DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Many families find that a donor advised fund (DAF) is a simple and efficient way to support the causes they care about. With a DAF, you can time your gifts to favorite charities. You receive an income tax deduction and may decide later on your transfers to favorite charities. Many parents find that a DAF is a useful tool that can encourage philanthropy by allowing their children to recommend future gifts to charity from the DAF.

### + CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS

You can use your will or trust to create an endowed fund after you pass away. We will invest your gift and use the annual income to support your chosen area of our work. Because we are not spending the principal amount of your gift, an endowed gift has the ability to benefit us for many years and it enables you to leave a lasting legacy.



## *Healthy Communities* of Henry County

# Thriving through Nature & Community Support

A **VIBRANT COMMUNITY** doesn't happen overnight. Organizations, volunteers, and leaders work tirelessly to provide a high quality of life. Groups like Healthy Communities of Henry County (HCHC) have had boots on the ground for many years, helping Henry County to become a place with bright natural spaces, meaningful community events, and opportunities to strengthen both physical and mental health.

Healthy Communities of Henry County has been revolutionizing the landscape and well-being of the residents of Henry County for 30 years. Founded in 1993, HCHC's roots stretch back to 1988, when a Kellogg Foundation grant and the vision of Mayor Bud Ayres set in motion a study of the county's health needs. From there, HCHC has blossomed into a vibrant organization, leaving its mark on every corner of the county.

At the helm of HCHC are a group of dedicated volunteers, serving on the board of directors. Their passion for the community shines through

in their efforts to create a healthier, happier Henry County. Under the guidance of its board, HCHC has spearheaded numerous initiatives.

Healthy Communities understands the intricate link between the environment and mental health, fostering a sense of connection and well-being through their open and free activities.

Jerry Cash, previous chair of the HCHC board, emphasized the various ways HCHC impacts the community, "We're more diversified than only trails. Although trails are our big program that we're proud of, we do a lot of things in the community related to the environment, and we partner with a lot of groups."

The Henry County Community Foundation has played a crucial role in HCHC's journey by supporting things like the Cool Climate Festival, the FUN Park playground construction, planting a butterfly garden at Memorial Park, and growing and sustaining trail

systems. “We wouldn’t be able to do all of this work without the help of the Foundation. We always need local support to get state-wide grants. Every trail has been impacted by the Foundation providing funding to help. It’s impacting every corner of the county, from Honey Creek Trail and the FUN Park to the National Heritage Trail and Wolly Bear,” reflected board member, Jeff Ray.

Each mile is paved with community support. Through Choose Henry grant cycles and the enduring support of Designated Funds, the Foundation’s contributions have not only expanded access to outdoor recreation but also spurred economic development, attracting visitors and enriching the quality of life for all.



One of the designated funds, established by Frank Schwegman and his wife, Judy, was formed out of an interest in Healthy Communities and the hope to see the trails continue to thrive. At the start of local projects, Frank knew that the trails would need regular maintenance and care, and he wanted to ensure that they would receive the necessary funding for years and years to come.

Thanks to funds like this, the trails have been able to continue growing and providing important space for community members. During the difficult times of quarantine and social distancing, Beverly Matthews, HCHC Board Chair, saw how important these spaces are for not only physical but also mental health, **“When everything was closed, people needed somewhere to go. I saw more people on the trails than ever before. They made more than just a physical impact. Being outside in these open, free spaces made a big difference for the mental health of the community. It wouldn’t be possible without the funds at The Foundation.”**

Frank encourages people with passion to pursue lasting ways to support those things—like a fund at the The Foundation. “If you have a passion for something, then you can do this too! You can watch your fund grow and watch it help what you choose to set it up for. It helps strengthen the organization,

and you can reap rewards just from giving and get the warm feeling that you’re helping out.” Individuals like Frank and Judy exemplify the power of giving that fuels the Foundation and builds up organizations like HCHC. Their foresight in establishing a designated fund ensures the long-term sustainability of the trail system, a crucial resource for physical and mental health.

The story of Healthy Communities is a reminder that a thriving community is built with the collective efforts of dedicated individuals and organizations, all working together towards a common goal. The Henry County Community Foundation and its donors are an integral part of the impact of Healthy Communities of Henry County, playing a vital role in ensuring the continued health and well-being of Henry County for generations to come.

*...ensuring the continued health and well-being of Henry County for generations to come.*



## Your Heart for the Community

*Establishing a Designated Fund provides you with a wonderful way to give back to one or more specific organizations that have touched your life.*

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

- You identify the organization(s) you wish to benefit
- You make a gift to the HCCF (\$5,000 minimum made in one gift or over 5 years)
- You select a name for your fund
- Gifts are invested and stewarded to provide annual grants to your designee(s)



# *A Heart for Children leads to* **Continued Support for Henry County Youth**

**ELSIE KLINE** was a force for good in Henry County. Her story is a testament to the transformative power of one person's passionate heart.

Elsie's vision was to connect children with mentors, offering guidance, support, and a sense of belonging. In 1990, she planted the seeds of Big Brothers Big Sisters in Henry County, nurturing it from a budding idea into a vibrant program.

She spent much of her time and energy ensuring that kids in our community had strong mentoring relationships with caring adults. Her dedication was her driving force allowing for the program to match over 60 children with mentors, fostering friendships and opportunities beyond measure.

At the time a group of compassionate citizens had formed the Child Abuse Council. Through this connection, even more children were included in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. The Big Brothers Big Sisters Program has evolved into what is now known as Believe and Achieve Mentoring (BAM).

Travis Cornett has been volunteering his time as a mentor with BAM for five years now. Feeling drawn to volunteer locally, he saw the need at BAM and thought it would be a good fit for him. And he was right.

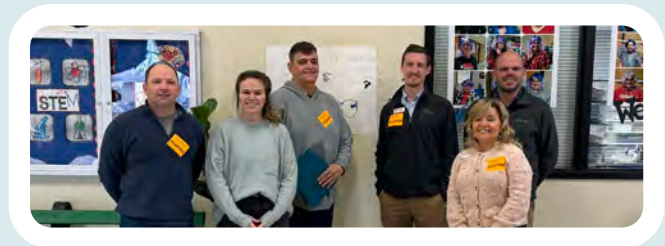
Travis expressed gratitude for the program and the leadership, "It's a great group of people at BAM. They're supportive of the children and the volunteers. I can't say enough about the organization and the leadership."

Through the Lunch Buddy Program, Travis has mentored two students, one now in middle school, and one in elementary school. At first, he wasn't sure if 30 minutes would be enough time to connect. He shared, "But now I see how impactful that bit of time is. The conversations I've had with the kids are meaningful, and I can sense that they really look forward to that time and enjoy being with me. It's great to see the excitement on their faces when I show up. I've loved building relationships with them."

Thanks to Elsie's tireless efforts to create and sustain a strong program to support Henry County youth, mentors like Travis can make a lasting difference in the lives of young students.

But Elsie's impact didn't end there.

In 2003, when the community mourned her loss, they found a way to carry on her heart for Henry County's youth. Her friends Barbara Lacy,



Olene Veach, Susan Stamper, and Craig Bailey created the Elsie Kline Memorial Donor Advised Fund. "We decided we needed to do something to honor her," Olene stated. "Her biggest passion was helping kids. We wanted to do something that would help kids in all kinds of ways, to fill needs and provide for activities."

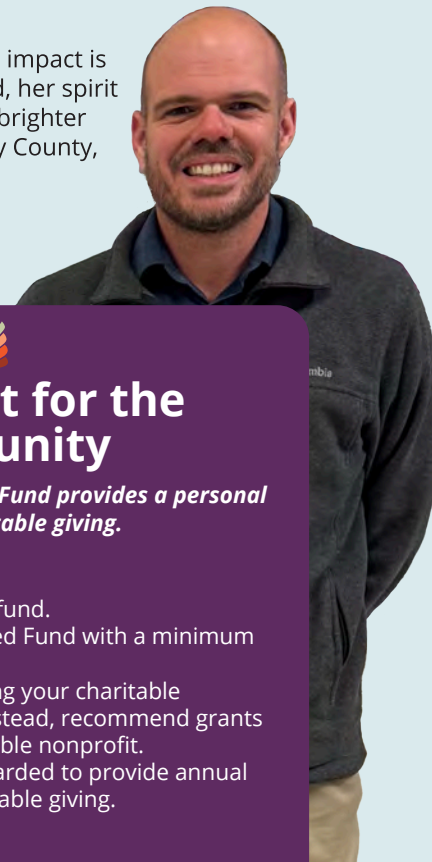
Their hope for the fund is to see it provide resources and opportunities for kids in the community, just as Elsie would have done.

And it has already begun to make an impact! With grants serving children with special needs, providing educational opportunities, and drug prevention programs, Elsie's fund is reaching children in the community.

The most recent grant was given to help two students from the New Castle Career Center attend an Education Careers Conference, opening doors to new possibilities in their chosen field.

Elsie Kline may be gone, but her impact is far from over. Through this fund, her spirit and dedication live on, shaping brighter futures for the children of Henry County, one opportunity at a time.

 **Pictured: Travis Cornett & His Lunch Buddy**

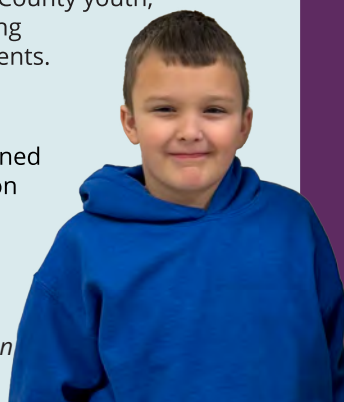


## **Your Heart for the Community**

*Establishing a Donor Advised Fund provides a personal account to use for your charitable giving.*

### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

- You select a name for your fund.
- Establish your Donor Advised Fund with a minimum of \$25,000.
- Don't worry about identifying your charitable beneficiary immediately, instead, recommend grants when you decide on an eligible nonprofit.
- Gifts are invested and stewarded to provide annual grant dollars for your charitable giving.



# The Spark of an Unfinished Adventure

## ***A scholarship born from loss, fueled by a spirit that could not be dimmed***

The "Hilary Weimer Memorial Fund," serves as a meaningful memorial, established to carry on the legacy of a young woman named Hilary, whose life was cut much too short by a rare cancer.

While death took her physical presence, it couldn't touch the vibrant curiosity and love for adventure that defined her. Her spirit lives on through her scholarship and its recipients, individuals who, like Hilary, seek to explore the world, push boundaries, and learn with fervor.

A woman built of resilience and untamed curiosity, Hilary had a heart for adventure. With degrees in anthropology, folklore, and public administration, she was involved in a variety of internships around the United States. Experiencing the Council of State Governments in Washington D.C. and museum education in Wauconda, Illinois on to the Rocky Ridge Music Center in Estes Park, Colorado and so much more.

In her 29 years on this earth, she learned to play instruments like the flute, trumpet, piano, and organ. She was a member of several clubs and volunteered at many organizations, including the Henry County Community Foundation. She served on one of the first TASC (Teens About Serving the County) Committees. She was active in hiking, biking, traveling, snowboarding, and mountain climbing. Through it all, she didn't allow her cancer diagnosis to defeat her zest for life.

It's that vibrant ray of light in the face of the unimaginable that inspired the idea for the Hilary Weimer Scholarship Fund. Through profound grief and love, Hilary's parents, David and Jean Weimer, established a scholarship for Knightstown High School graduates.

During their junior or senior year of college, students may apply for this scholarship to aid in funding an internship, clinical, practicum, student teaching experience, or other similar program.

Understanding the need for internships to help build a successful portfolio and lead to employment, the Weimers sought to help make that possible for Knightstown students. "We wanted this scholarship to help those students seeking these opportunities. We have it geared for the third and fourth year of school to help students finish their degrees and gain more experience. Hilary took part in several internships and special programs, we thought this was a great way to remember her," recalled David.

This scholarship fund has already started the work it set out to do. With four students receiving help from the fund to extend their educational experiences, lives are being enriched while Hilary is being remembered.

**The Hilary Weimer Memorial Fund stands as a tribute to the lasting impact of a life well-lived.** Though her time was short, Hilary continues to inspire future generations to embrace adventure and learn with unwavering passion. As students embark on internships and delve into their chosen fields, they leave their own mark on the world, adding to the ripple effect of positive change that extends far beyond the classroom. This fund is more than just a scholarship; it's a community of individuals driven by curiosity, resilience, and a love for life, ensuring that Hilary's legacy continues to illuminate the world forever.



## Your Heart for the Community

*Invest in the future through a scholarship fund to support students as they pursue their dreams. Whether you open a scholarship fund to support preschool children or vocational and college post-secondary students, you invest in our community's future.*

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Select a name for your fund after your family, business or in memory of someone special.
- Establish your Scholarship fund with a minimum of \$25,000.
- Choose the criteria used to select a student that best fits with your values.
- Gifts are invested and stewarded to provide an annual scholarship.







*Helping Hand in the Fight*



# The Henry County Cancer Society Fund

WHEN JUSTIN'S cancer started to take a toll on his mobility, he relied on the use of an electric wheelchair. Unfortunately, the wheelchair started to break down. He needed a new way to take care of things around the house, but most importantly, to allow him to spend more time outside with his son.

That's where the Henry County Cancer Society stepped in. The Henry County Cancer Society is a dedicated group of community members who stand with those battling cancer and offer a helping hand and listening ear.

Their story begins with Rosemary Muncy, a kind soul who founded the Cancer Society in the 1970s. Rosemary's love and care for those battling cancer lives on through a fund at the Henry County Community Foundation. This Field of Interest Fund that she created fuels the Society's mission, allowing them to reach those who can use a boost during a difficult time.

Leading the charge are five passionate individuals: Nancy Lewis, Wendy Padgett, Holly Guffey, Nora Rust, and Krista Gibson. Driven by a shared vision, they revived the Society, determined to make resources readily available. "We want the community to know they're not alone," says Nancy. "This fund is here to help."

Their efforts go beyond financial assistance. They partner with other local agencies, ensuring holistic support for those facing cancer. They often help with things like gas cards for treatment trips or grocery assistance. When a single mom who was battling cancer could no longer work and was facing the risk of losing her car, the Cancer Society stepped in, helping her maintain transportation until she could return to work.


In Justin's case, they helped with finding an electric scooter. After spending time and energy trying to fix his wheelchair on his own, he realized he needed something different. Unsure if he could get help from the Cancer Society, Justin was surprised to receive a call from Nancy letting him know they'd be coming with a new electric scooter. Justin saw this as nothing short of a miracle, "God sent a blessing to help me out."

The Henry County Cancer Society Fund at the Foundation allows them to expand their reach. Their goal is to see the fund continue to grow, enabling them to alleviate the burdens of more cancer patients.

Thanks to their hard work and the power of endowment, cancer doesn't have to be fought alone. The work

Rosemary began carries on through the Henry County Cancer Society, fueled by their endowment fund at HCCF. They stand ready, a helping hand of hope and support.

Their tireless work extends to advocacy and awareness. Through their Facebook page, and 24/7 phone line (765-686-2260), they connect directly with those in need and spread the word about their services.



## Your Heart for the Community

*Establish a Field of Interest Fund to support a general cause important to you.*

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

- Instead of choosing one organization to support, the annual grants will support a cause through various organizations (Ex. children, sports, senior citizens, or specific needs within the community).
- Establish your Field of Interest Fund with a minimum of \$5,000.
- Gifts are invested and stewarded to provide annual grant dollars for the cause important to you.



# TASC

*The Teens About Serving the County (TASC) Youth Grants Committee is made up of five student representatives from each of the five school corporations in Henry County. Each school has one representative per grade from the 8th through 12th grades.*

## Fall

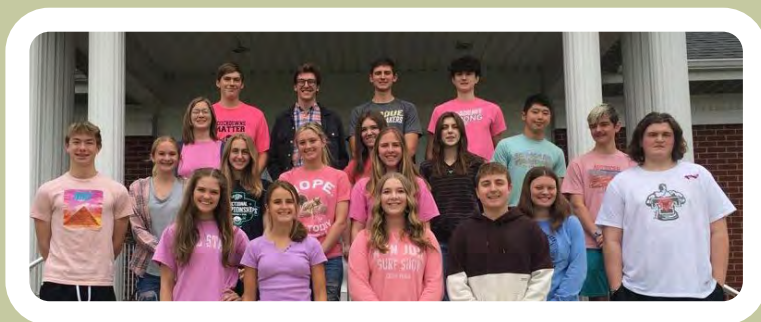
- New Castle School Corporation - *Heart Healthy*
- New Castle Henry County Youth Baseball League Inc. - *Batting Cages*
- Victory Lane Camp - *Family Christmas Party*

## Winter

- Henry County Solid Waste Management District - *Environmental Education Resources*
- Art Association of Henry County - *Battle of the Bands*
- Shenandoah School Corporation - *FFA Operation Christmas*
- Civic Cheer Guild of Knightstown Inc. - *Christmas program*
- Hope Initiative, Inc. - *Back to School Festival*

## Spring

- Miracle League of Henry County/New Castle - *Equipment*
- South Henry School Corporation - *IDES food packing*
- Shenandoah School Corporation - *Raider Closet*
- Shenandoah School Corporation - *Starry Night Legacy prom*
- Henry County 4-H Association - *Henry County 4-H Livestock Ambassadors*
- Knightstown Kids Inc. - *Soccer program*
- New Castle Trojan Little League Football - *Equipment*



## 2022-2023 Members

- + Blue River Valley High School:**
  - Brian Walradth
  - Eli Sayre (*Treasurer*)
  - Kennedy Baker
  - Gabriel Bilby
  - Kenna Sheets
- + Knightstown High School:**
  - Jordan Weddle (*Vice President*)
  - Becca Waggoner
  - Vance Toth
  - Kinzie King
  - Brooklyn Barker
- + New Castle High School:**
  - Lydia Harvey (*Secretary*)
  - Rylee Thompson
  - Sylvie Terrell
  - Anyah Amman
  - Lyla Shue
- + Shenandoah High School:**
  - Ryan Craig (*Historian*)
  - Ashley Zody
  - Landon Barr
  - Jarrett Helman
  - Josie Copass
- + Tri Junior-Senior High School:**
  - Annabelle Searcy (*President*)
  - Kennadi Kneply
  - Dalton Key
  - Jillian Chew
  - Mason Cole

# Women's Circle of Friends Grantmaking Gala

THIS YEAR, WE HELD THE 10TH ANNUAL Women's Circle of Friends Grantmaking Gala. We had a blast celebrating impactful nonprofits with generous women in our community.

During the gala, members enjoyed the beautiful atmosphere of The Crossing at 38, and delicious food from Sweet Pea Catering Company. They were able to mingle with each other and participate in meaningful grantmaking together.

Members of the Women's Circle chose the New Castle Band as this year's top recipient. Director, Rebecca Wand, shared about what being a part of the band means to students and how this grant can help them with their financial needs this school year.

The funding for this event is provided by the registration fee. All of the fees go directly into grantmaking, allowing the band to receive 50 percent of the proceeds while the two runners-up, Henry County Young Life and Believe and Achieve Mentoring, each received 25%.

This year's gala was a tremendous success. We were able to raise over \$4,000 to support the work of these nonprofits, which will impact the lives of kids and teenagers in our community!



## Endowment Grant

The Women's Circle of Friends committee chose to award a grant from the Women's Circle of Friends for Women endowment fund to Raintree Habitat for Humanity to support their upcoming women's build.

This is an endowed fund created by a group of passionate women in 2005 with the intent of supporting women and girls in Henry County.

Each year the committee chooses a deserving grantee to receive the payout from this fund.

Executive Director of Raintree Habitat for Humanity, Gene Sewell, spoke at the Gala, sharing about the 2024 Women's Build he is organizing that will benefit from this fund.





# Lisa Pfenninger Receives Judy Melton Award for Exemplary Service to Henry County

**LISA'S DEDICATION** to community shines through in her work with the Henry County Community Foundation and beyond.

The Henry County Community Foundation is honored to continue recognizing those who go above and beyond expectation through the Judy Melton Award. This year, the Foundation is grateful to present the award to Lisa Pfenninger for her outstanding service and commitment to the community.

Judy Melton was a past president and board member of the Henry County Community Foundation. She was a tireless volunteer who, in addition to her service, also used her English teacher background to produce all of the formal communications that the Foundation published. Her dedication through her time, talent, and treasure from 1993-2005 to the Foundation is rarely duplicated.

The Judy Melton Award is given to individuals who "make a difference in Henry County, exemplifying philanthropy through time, talent and treasure." It is selected by the board of directors. A memorial plaque with Judy's engraved picture was placed in the Foundation office to remind members of the organization that it is people like Judy - whose commitment and hard work have paved the way for our success - and to recognize others who go above and beyond expectation.

Lisa has been a volunteer with the Foundation since the mid 1990s. She has served on the Grants Committee, going above and beyond to help our local nonprofits. She enjoys meeting with the organizations and helping them find more connections and grant opportunities.

Lisa serves the community in many ways through the Art Association of Henry County, the New Castle-Henry County Animal Shelter, the New Castle-Henry County Public Library, the Christian Love Center, and her church.

Lisa and her husband, Steve, have two daughters, Jan (Josh) Estelle and Lauren (Dave) Dragoni, along with four grandchildren. Since 1989, Steve and Lisa Pfenninger have made over 250 donations to the Foundation to support various funds.

"I was totally unaware and overwhelmed," Lisa said of her recognition. "My parents worked under the radar in the community their whole lives and I guess that's what was instilled in me. I've met so many incredible, dedicated people in Henry County. I've forged lifelong friendships with people I've met through the Foundation. Community is so important in every aspect of life. I'm blessed to be a part of this community. It just makes my heart burst."

Lisa, it is an honor to have you as part of the Henry County Community Foundation. Your dedication to our community is an inspiration to us all.



**Left to Right:**

Mark Morris, Steve & Lisa Pfenninger, and Jan Estelle







# Engineering a Difference In the Lives of Students

**WITHIN THE WALLS** of the New Castle Career Center, students from all over Henry County come to shape their futures.

In the engineering program, they are guided by the steady hand of David Allen, an engineering teacher with a passion for sparking “AHA!” moments. For Mr. Allen, teaching isn’t just a job; it is an opportunity to ignite curious minds and watch them transform.

For over 20 years, Mr. Allen has worn many hats - construction, enterprise, manufacturing, and even transportation and communication. Having spent 30 years before his teaching career working in the industry, Mr. Allen has a lot of experience and knowledge to offer his career center students.

When nominations opened for the Henry County Community Foundation’s Teacher Excellence Award, three of Mr. Allen’s students, Luke Joplin, Kenyan Troxel, and Ethan Werking, jumped at the chance to recognize him for his efforts in the classroom.

Ethan described a story of Mr. Allen’s commitment and sacrifice to ensure the strength of the engineering program, “Since day one on the job, Mr. Allen has tried endlessly to find funding opportunities. Anywhere from Duke Energy cards, to creating products on C.A.D. and fabricating them to sell as a class at the New Castle Christmas street festivals.

Around Christmas time, we held a fundraiser for our class. We sold decorations at the New Castle Christmas walk. I found Mr. Allen there selling items for our class in 20-degree weather by himself. I had to leave early, and he still sat out there for another two hours in the bitter cold for his students. He does so much for us that goes unnoticed it’s hard not to just appreciate the opportunity of being in his class.”

For Mr. Allen, the award isn’t just a special honor; it is confirmation that he is doing the work he set out to do. He expressed “It verifies that I’m doing a good job. I sometimes see kids who have graduated, and they’re doing what they learned in my class and using the lessons I’ve taught them. When you get an award for something like that, it shows how much of a difference you’re making.”

Mackenzie Jackson, the Career Center’s Director, beamed with pride. “This award,” she affirmed, “is great for Mr. Allen and the Career Center as a whole. It validates how wonderful the program is and what an excellent job the teacher is doing. For students from three different schools in different class sessions to nominate Mr. Allen, shows that this program is the right fit for some students. And that’s great to see!”

**The Teacher Excellence Award isn’t just about one teacher; it is about the quiet heroes who walk among us, shaping the future with every lesson and every “AHA” moment. It is a testament to the power of a teacher to spark inspiration in the lives of their students.**

# The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship



STELLA HOUCHINS, a Tri Jr. Sr. High student, is the recipient of the 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

Stella, a dedicated and passionate young woman, has a lifelong dream of becoming a veterinarian. Growing up on a grain and livestock farm, she has always had a strong connection to animals and a desire to help them. Her experiences working at a large animal vet clinic and the Humane Society solidified her career aspirations and fostered a passion for working in a mixed-animal practice.

Stella plans to attend Purdue University and pursue a degree in Animal Science with a concentration in Pre-Vet. She was impressed by the university's facilities, research opportunities, and vibrant campus life. Beyond her academic goals, Stella is driven by a desire to give back to her community. After graduating from veterinary school, she plans to return to Henry County and address the shortage of large animal veterinarians in the area.

More than just academic excellence, Stella embodies the qualities of a true leader. During the challenging times of virtual learning, she displayed her strong work ethic and integrity by staying true to her morals. Her ability to identify issues and take initiative, as demonstrated by her involvement in setting up a tutoring program, further highlights her leadership potential.

Stella's resilience is another noteworthy quality. Diagnosed with Psoriatic Arthritis at a young age, she has overcome her fear of injections and learned to persevere through challenges. This experience has instilled in her the ability to face difficulties head-on and emerge stronger.

The selection committee was highly impressed with Stella's passion,

dedication, and commitment to serving her community. They believe she is an exemplary representative of Henry County and are confident she will make a significant impact on the lives of animals and their families for years to come.

The finalists for the Henry County Community Foundation 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are Isabella Shelton, Hagerstown High School; Ryan Craig, Shenandoah High School; Lydia Harvey, New Castle High School; Stella Houchins, Tri High School; Jordan Weddle, Knightstown High School; Riley Webster, Union High School; and Garrett Grim, Blue River Valley High School.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program is a highly competitive scholarship that provides full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment for four years of undergraduate study at any eligible Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be graduating seniors from a local high school and must also be Henry County residents. Each high school nominates one student to represent their school in the scholarship selection process.

After careful evaluation, a scholarship committee made up of three judges from outside of Henry County interviews and selects one nominee and two alternates to forward to Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) for the final selection of Henry County's Lilly Endowment Community Scholar.

The selected scholar will be notified in December and will have the opportunity to pursue their

academic dreams without the burden of financial constraints. The remaining finalists will each receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship award from the Henry County Community Foundation for their outstanding achievements.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program was established in 1998 with the aim of raising the level of educational attainment in Indiana and fostering a stronger connection between Indiana community foundations and their communities. Since its inception, the program has supported over 5,200 Indiana students with grants totaling in excess of \$505 million.

The Henry County Community Foundation is proud to support this remarkable scholarship program and to recognize the exceptional achievements of these seven outstanding students. **We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.**



**Pictured:**  
Stella Houchins



# *A Special Note* **To Our Donors!**

## ***You are the heart of Henry County!***



Being a donor to the Henry County Community Foundation means **you're a champion for our community**. You believe in **building a stronger, brighter future** for everyone here.



Every donation, **big or small**, creates lasting change. Your gift is an investment in the **health of Henry County**, and it keeps on giving, even **beyond your lifetime**.



We're incredibly grateful for **supporters like you**. Since 1985, **generous individuals** like yourself have built a **powerful force for good** in our community. Together, we're **making a real difference** in the lives of all our residents.

***Thank you for making a difference!***



Visit [www.henrycountycf.org](http://www.henrycountycf.org) to see a list of our amazing donors and learn more about the funds that are continuously improving our community.



# Monthly Giving

## Did you know that a small, monthly donation can have the same impact as a large, one-time donation?

Monthly giving has become a very useful and important way for donors like you to support the causes you care about.

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Named Fund  
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Named Fund  
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Named Fund  
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Named Fund  
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Loretta Carlton Named Fund  
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Named Fund  
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Nate and Allie Dann Named Fund  
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Named Fund  
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Named Fund  
Phil Estelle Memorial Named Fund  
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Named Fund  
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Named Fund  
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Hammer Named Fund  
Hamm Family Fund-Duke and  
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Aliene Harding Fund-in memory  
of A.O. and Lilly Harding  
Charlene Harvey-in memory of  
Ralph Harvey  
Robert C. and Barbara M. Haugh -  
in memory of Forest H. and  
Ruby N. Meek  
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of Clarence and Edna Burgess Scott  
HCCF Grants Committee Named Fund  
The HCCF Board of Directors  
Named Fund  
Henrico, Inc.-Bennett House Fund  
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Robert S. Hunter, Jr. and Eleanor  
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Margaret Hair Lane and Martin  
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Gerald and Pat Malott Family  
Named Fund  
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New Castle Class of 1924 Fund  
New Castle High School  
Class of 1952 Fund  
New Castle High School  
Class of 1953 Fund  
New Castle Class of 1963 Named Fund  
New Castle Class of 1968 Named Fund  
New Castle Class of 1971 Named Fund  
New Castle Class of 1974 Named Fund  
New Castle Chrysler High School  
Class of 1982 Named Fund  
Linda L. Newman Named Fund  
Lois Wiggins Newman Fund  
Pavy and Walker Family Fund  
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The Pfenninger Fund-J.J. (Jake),  
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Paul W. and Marian H. Prior  
Named Fund  
Pritchett Backhoe Service Fund  
Thomas and Valorie K. Ratcliff  
Named Fund  
Jeff and Judy Ray Named Fund  
James and Joyce Ray Named Fund  
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The Kirk Saint Named Fund  
Patsy (Patti Jo) Sanders Named Fund  
Jerry Schaeffer Honorarium  
Named Fund  
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Rex and June Slick Named Fund  
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TASC Named Fund  
J. Newton Turner Trust  
The Up Daisy Fund  
Walker Family Named Fund  
Fred and Charlotte Walker Fund  
Westwood Country Club Fund  
Edna Wheeler Named Fund  
Mildred Wiggins Bacon and  
George Wiggins Fund  
Joyce Wilhelm Fund

## Named Funds Continued

Christopher, Lindsey and  
Daniel Wilkey Family Fund  
Larry and Phyllis Williams  
Named Fund  
John Woolums Memorial Named Fund  
Jerry Wright Trust  
James M. Wrin Memorial Named Fund



# Memorials & Honorariums

## Honorariums

Kayla Acuna  
Cameron Aker  
Heather Aker  
Branson Akers  
Sam & Sharan Alford  
Kory and Haley Alford  
Steve and Tanya Alford  
Karen Anderson  
Amanda Angle  
Carla and Max Angle  
Gina Ballard  
Ryan Ballard and Family  
Carrie Barrett  
Ava Bell  
Brody Bell  
Chad Bell  
Devon Bell  
Danny Bennett  
Kent Benson  
Dillon Bergum  
Ellen Bergum  
Mike and Sherri Bergum  
Pat Bogue  
Doug Bowers  
Brandon Bowling  
Lisa Brening  
Jill and Michael Brough  
Andy Brown  
Emily Brown  
Caleb Brown  
Chris Brown  
Kevin and Cindy Brown  
David Brown  
Jacob Brown  
Tyler Brown  
Mike and Patty Broyles  
George and Susan Caldwell

JB and Paula Chapman  
and Family  
CeCe Chefalo  
Leo Chefalo  
Maky Chefalo  
Dan Clawson  
Lisa Cleveland  
Juli Coffman  
Dennis & Lori Couch  
Mark and Beverly Cronk  
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Brad Hacker  
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Herschel Hankenhoff  
Jon Hankenhoff  
Lainey Hankenhoff  
Porter Hankenhoff  
Chrissy Henderson  
Ellie Henderson  
Geneva Henderson  
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Spencer Henderson  
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Phil Hinsey  
Mike Huff  
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Charlie and Shirley Jacobi  
Kierstyn Jenkins  
Stephane Johnson  
Wanda Jones  
Kevin Keith  
Wayne & Mary Malone's  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
George Maloyed Jr.  
Diana Marcum  
Dick Masters  
Libby Mastin  
Beverly Matthews  
Mike Maze  
Jenny McClure  
Kelly and Susie McClure  
Jon McCutcheon  
Valerie McNelis  
Lauri Morgan and Family  
Danielle Mosley  
Gabby Mosley  
Gerald Myers  
Jake Myers  
Jim Myers  
Todd Myers  
Dave Nantz  
New Castle High School  
Career Center  
Charles, Joyce, Melody Nicholson  
Lisa Pfenninger  
Dan Pflaum  
Chris Broome, Mike Broome,  
and John Pidgeon  
Jane Pidgeon  
Jennifer Poor  
Duane and Peg Queener  
Lilian Rey Rabii  
Richard P. Ratcliff

Jeff Ray  
Krista Reece and Family  
Jody Reichart  
Dale Riggs  
Joe Riggs  
Mitch Roland  
Dr. Jack Rusch  
Sandy Scott  
Ann Shupert  
Jacob Simms  
Lee Stacey  
Evan and Stephanie Taylor  
Carla Terryberry  
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Harlow Jo White  
Harper White  
Hudson White  
Kelsey White  
Mica and Nick White  
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Shane Williams  
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Hailey Woods  
Katie Woods  
Steven and Megan Woods  
Nate Woods  
Greg and Terri York  
Tony Young



## Memorials


Doris Addington-Brooks  
Jack Alexander  
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Tyler Eugene Atkinson  
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William Easter Bergmann  
Parker Bernhold  
Jason Bertram  
Joe Bogue  
Beau Bowling  
Jill Brough  
Eric Brown  
Keith Buck  
Herb Bunch  
Kathy Burris  
Mary Lee Buschmann  
Jean Morris  
Steven Caldwell  
Imogene Carpenter  
Bill Carter  
Constance "Connie" L. Caudill  
Dorothy Cole  
Brian Conley  
Derek Conley  
Deloris Cook  
Archie Alexander Cox  
Mary Lou Cox  
Ina Craig  
Stacey Crane  
Robert Crowe  
Mrs. Roberta Cunningham  
Betty DeSelm  
Mike Dietz  
Gary Dinkins  
Carolyn (Dolly) McCormack  
Gibson Dragoni  
Stephen Dyer  
Barbara Dynes  
Elizabeth A. Edwards  
Kate and Carly Estelle  
John Flynn  
James H. E. Feezer  
and baby boy John  
Robert Garner  
Donna Jean Garrison  
James and Carolyn Garvin  
Susan Kay Gaylor  
Kim G. Gibson  
Patricia Goodspeed  
Kathleen Kay Gossage  
Leon and Ruby Green  
Kenneth Groce  
Susie Moistner Hacker  
Ruth Hamblin  
Mary Hamilton  
Susan Hampton  
Gene Hastings  
Missy Hilbert  
Danny Holloman  
Sally Howard  
Virginia Thompson Howell  
David Von Hoy  
Betsy John Jennings  
Daniel Jessop, Jr.  
Marla Jo Buckley Johnson  
Ralph Jones  
Jack and Gay Keith

Nancy Jane Garrett Kellam  
Lyle Koger  
Jeneka Lynn Lancaster  
Scott Larrison  
Delma Leath  
Ron Lightfoot  
Ginger Loveall  
Jeff Lowhorn  
Jerry Maddy  
Josephina Renee Mayo-Camacho  
Katie McClure  
Judith McCord  
Charles and Wanda McGinnis  
Robert McLane  
Kathryn McQueen  
Patrick McWhorter  
Ruth Ann Millikan  
Gabe Mosley  
James H. Moyer  
Myron and Edith Neff  
Douglas Duane Newman  
Kim Ooten  
Danny Ray Painter  
Joan Paul  
Vincent Paul  
Dr. Ray Pavy Jr.  
Edith Peckinpugh  
Robin Perdue  
Jim Perkins  
Karen Marcum  
Donald Peters  
Scott Pfenninger  
Diana Pheffer  
Richard Pickett  
Ray Pierce  
Floyd Piercy  
Carolyn Pitts  
Charles Popplewell  
Paul and Marian Prior  
Valorie Kay Ratcliff  
Debra Ratliff  
George and Sharon Rauch  
Jane Reece  
Jack Renner  
Martha Reynolds  
Susan Rhoades  
James and Judy Robbins  
Novella Rogers  
Larry Roy  
Rebecca Ryan  
Bill Saint (William Kirklin  
Saint III)  
Steve Schetgen  
Dr. Michael Schroder  
Valerie Schwinn  
Rosellen Shore  
Virgil Shortridge  
Rex Slick  
Charlie Sloneker  
John Smiley  
David J. Sutherland  
Esther Hurt Reeves Syphers  
James Russell Thalls  
Joanne Theis  
Blanche Thompson  
Edward L. Thompson  
Linda True

Raymond Vulgan  
Robert Reed Watson  
Hilary Weimer  
Katy Scotten Wettengel  
Robert L. Wiles  
Thomas and Marjorie  
Wilkinson  
Benjamin F. Williams  
& Myra E. Williams  
Ruth Ann Willis  
Bob Wilson  
John Woolums  
Willis Yeoman

## Pet Memorials

Pup Lucy Bryant  
Gibby, Beloved Dog



*Many have found a  
fitting way to remember a  
special someone is through  
a gift to the Foundation*



# Financial Report



## Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances Accrual Basis - For the Years Ending December 31, 2023 and 2022, Unaudited

### Assets

	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
Cash	\$ 1,487,156	\$ 1,650,105
Pledges and Accounts Receivable, Net	46,855	11,574
Prepaid Expenses	43,278	39,696
Investments	51,339,203	46,942,051
Property and Equipment		
Land	152,514	152,514
Building/Land Improvements	751,020	729,919
Furniture and Equipment	104,775	108,668
Works of Art	7,500	7,500
	<u>1,015,809</u>	<u>998,601</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	363,110	332,134
Net Property and Equipment	<u>652,699</u>	<u>666,467</u>
	<b><u>\$ 53,569,191</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 49,309,893</u></b>

### Liabilities

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 28,624	\$ 22,251
Grants Payable	11,326	4,433
Capital Lease Payable	-	6,237
Charitable Gift Annuity	413,097	436,744
Agency Funds	1,023,060	937,536
	<u>\$ 1,467,107</u>	<u>\$ 1,407,201</u>

### Net Assets

	<u>52,093,084</u>	<u>47,902,692</u>
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### Liabilities & Net Assets

	<b><u>\$ 53,569,191</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 49,309,893</u></b>
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*In 2023,* we lost two great leaders of the Foundation. Herb Bunch and Rex Slick were enthusiastic ambassadors for the Foundation. Their excitement was contagious. They helped build the base of what the Foundation is and what it stands for in the community. We are forever grateful for their efforts and their legacies in Henry County.



**Herb Bunch**  
*In loving memory*



**Rex Slick**  
*In loving memory*

## 2023 Committee Members

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Frank Schwegman  
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Sally Howard  
Susie Leonard  
Amber Marcum  
Beverly Matthews  
Mike McKown  
Susan Falck-Neal  
Cindy Perdue  
Vickie Rhodes  
Sherry Trainor  
Debi Ware

### + Youth Grants

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### + Women's Grants

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Don & Betty Geozeff  
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Justin Helman  
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Scott Lightfoot  
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Heidi Simmons  
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# Myths of the Community Foundation

The Henry County Community Foundation is a great way for everyone to support the community and causes they love. However, there are common misconceptions that keep some from utilizing the Foundation to impact their community.

## ✘ Myth #1: I have to be a zillionaire to give to the Foundation.

Did you know 86% of donations to HCCF in 2023 were \$100 or less? Anyone can give to the Foundation and every donation makes an impact! If you give to the Choose Henry Flex Fund, your donation is pooled with others and the earnings provide grants to nonprofit organizations (see pages 4-5). You can also give to an existing fund to support a cause you care about.

## ✘ Myth #2: I can't start a fund at the Foundation because I am not a zillionaire.

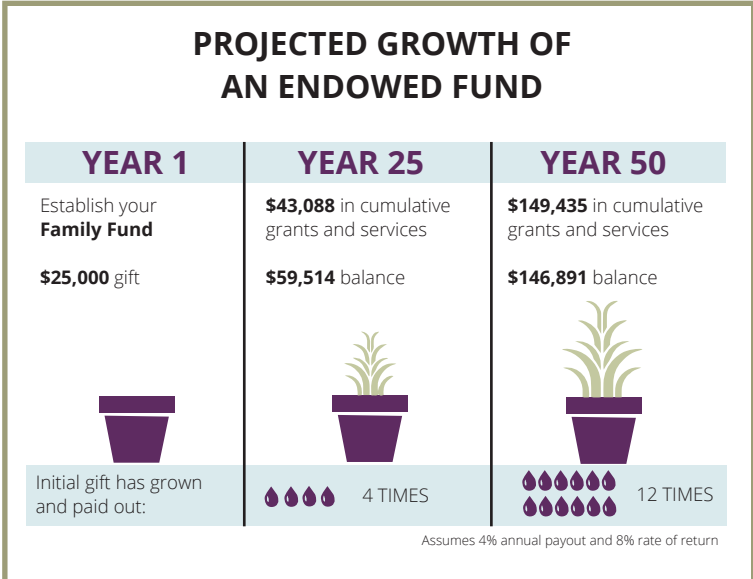
No problem! You can build your fund over five years. With just \$83 a month, you can create a Designated Fund in just 5 years. Don't need birthday and Christmas presents? Others can give to help you create your fund as well. The minimum amount for an endowed fund is \$5,000 or \$25,000 depending on the fund type (learn more in the "your heart for the community" boxes at the end of each fund story).

## ✘ Myth #3: HCCF stockpiles the donations.

Not at all. We invest donations given to the Foundation because we believe in the long-term support of our community. Please refer to the graphic on this page that explains how your gifts will grow and provide more back into the community than you could even imagine! And, you might consider this—if you support a particular nonprofit with an annual gift, that support stops when you pass away. But, if you create a fund at HCCF, your donation continues forever, and your impact grows!

## ✘ Myth #4: I can only support local organizations with a fund at HCCF.

While most of our donors choose to support local causes, others support regional and national organizations. You can do that with the Foundation, too.









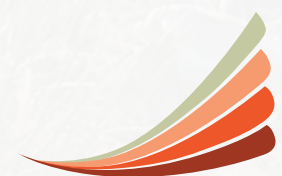




*How Can I.....*

## Make a Difference with My Heart of Henry County?

- + ONLINE AT *HENRYCOUNTYCF.ORG*
- + CASH OR CHECK TO:  
*HENRY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION*  
*P.O. BOX 6006 NEW CASTLE, IN 47362*
- + AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL
- + PLANNED GIVING
- + GIFT OF GRAIN
- + IRA ROLLOVER
- + STOCK



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