

Henry County Community Foundation

2024 Annual Report

History in the making



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History has always held a special place in my heart. As a child, I built structures in the woods and pretended to be a pioneer battling the elements to survive. The subject of history was an easy 'A' in school, and I am one of those people who reads every placard in museums.

Yet I firmly believe history isn't static or meant to remain locked away in museums or books. History isn't merely a record of past events—it's a powerful tool that shapes our present and future.

In this annual report, you'll discover the stories of individuals and organizations transforming our community by building upon or revitalizing our past with support from Choose Henry Flex Fund grants.

- Many will journey down memory lane as they read about the restoration of the Memorial Park shelter house (pg. 8-9) and the revitalization of the Lewisville Skating Rink (pg. 4-5).
- You'll learn about wetlands whose ecosystem once supported Native American tribes, now being restored to provide flood control, water filtration, and natural habitats for Henry County (pg. 6-7).
- You'll also meet an organization that utilized a grant to bring Black history to life through a mobile museum, providing artifacts and educational talks for the community (pg. 10-11).

These projects aren't just preserving history—they're actively shaping our present and creating a new history, which is being written right before our eyes.

The impactful grants that made this work possible exist because decades of forward-thinking supporters contributed to the Choose Henry Flex Fund. Today, your donations are truly history in the making. Each contribution funds transformational change in our community. Whether you choose to donate to a current fund, establish a new fund, or you're inspired to create your legacy through estate planning for a cause you care most about, you're writing an important chapter in Henry County's ongoing history.

As we celebrate historic people and places, we also express our sincere gratitude for your unwavering commitment to building a better future. Thank you for your investment in Henry County. We are grateful to be partnering with you.

Standing at the intersections of past, present, and future,

Jennifer Fox

Your Mark in History: The Choose Henry Flex Fund Match

It started with a challenge—one that came with a big opportunity. Lilly Endowment Inc. offered a 2-for-1 match for gifts to the Choose Henry Flex Fund. For every dollar given, two more would be added. And you didn't hesitate.

YOU GAVE generously, some for the first time, others continuing a tradition of giving.

YOU GAVE because you believe in Henry County.

YOU GAVE because you've seen Choose Henry making a difference in our community.

AND TOGETHER, with the match, you helped grow this vital fund by \$1.125 million.

That's not just a milestone. *That's a legacy*.

The Choose Henry Flex Fund gives us the flexibility to respond when needs arise and opportunities knock. When you "Choose Henry," you join thousands of others who want to help address local needs and enhance our community.

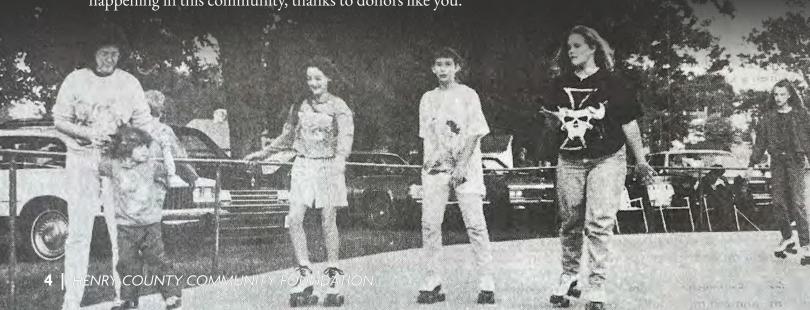


This is the kind of work that makes an impact today and shapes a brighter future. That builds a county our kids will be proud to grow up in. And it only happened because you said yes.

The impact of this match will echo for generations, and it's only possible because of your generosity. So, thank you. Thank you for believing in your community. Thank you for making this moment possible.

Because of you, Henry County isn't just moving forward; we're making a mark in history together.

In honor of this incredible achievement, we want to share stories of organizations recently impacted by Choose Henry grant cycles. Please take some time to read about great things happening in this community, thanks to donors like you.



The Revival of Lewisville's

Skating Kins

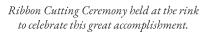
For decades, the Lewisville Skating Rink was more than just a place to skate—it was a cornerstone of the community. Opened in the early 1950s, when skating was a national craze, the rink was built through the efforts of the Lion's Club and the town coming together. Generations of families laced up their skates, shared laughter, and created lifelong memories on its well-worn surface. But as

time passed, the rink began to deteriorate. In an effort to keep it safe for everyone, the Lewisville Park Committee stepped in—with a little help from the Henry County Community Foundation and many others.

Nancy McCullers, a longtime Lewisville resident, remembers carrying her heavy skates as a first grader and skating three nights a week—Monday, Wednesday, and Friday—often with her sisters. "Friday night was the big night," she recalls. "Everybody just came together and skated. Anyone that skated down there has really fond memories of it. It's a special thing we have in Lewisville. We wanted to bring it back."

Determined to restore this historic gathering place, the Lewisville Park Committee applied for a grant to repair and improve the rink. Thanks to the generosity of donors who believe in keeping community traditions alive, the grant provided much needed funds for resurfacing and structural updates. During the ribbon-cutting celebration, several of the old skaters returned, reminiscing about their time at the rink and celebrating its revival.

"The Foundation has always supported the community very generously," Nancy explains. "We decided to apply for a grant because we've seen their impact on playgrounds, bleachers, and concession stands. It's great that the Foundation chooses to support parks because smaller towns don't have a lot of money to keep up with expensive park equipment."

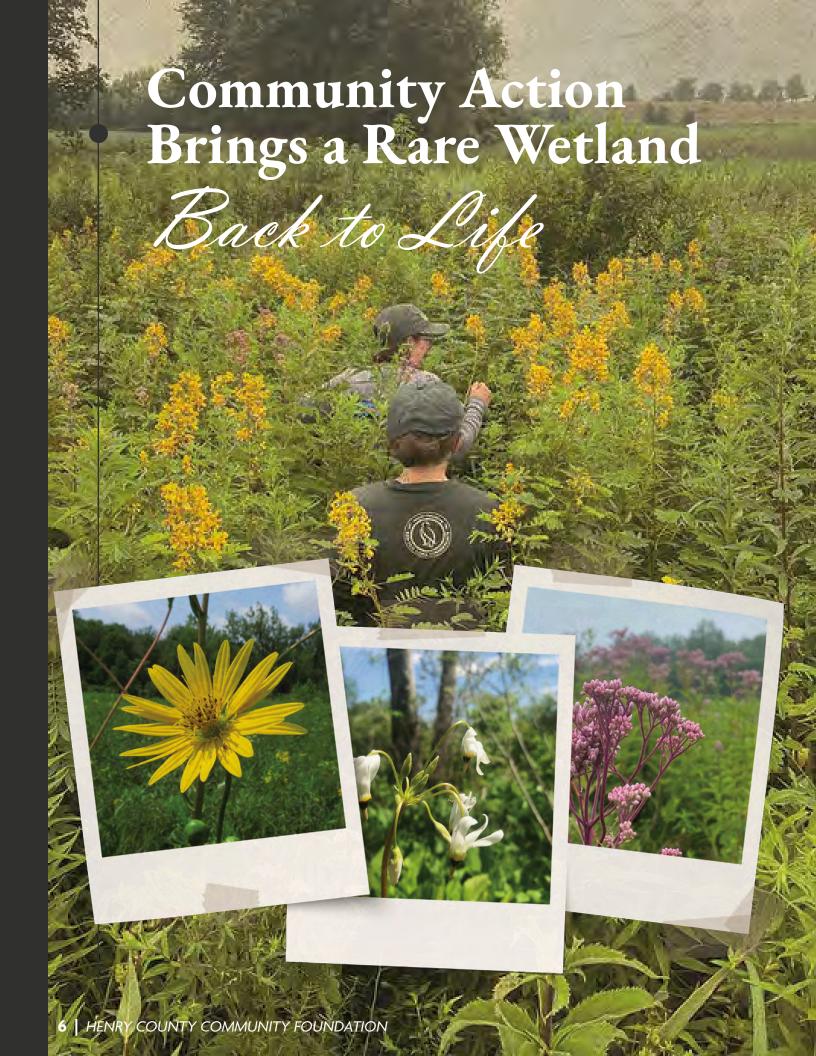


Left: The renovated skating rink.

The revitalization of the skating rink is more than just a renovation—it's a tribute to the past and a gift to the future. The rink now hosts events every other Friday with music, concessions, and activities for families. Plans for the future include more frequent open skate nights, free skate rentals, additional skates in larger sizes, and further building updates.

Fundraising efforts, including community breakfasts, eclipse-themed events, support from local businesses and organizations, and a matching grant from the Indiana Housing Community Authority also played a crucial role in bringing the rink back to life. Many former skaters who grew up in Lewisville contributed, eager to give back to a place that gave them so many fond memories.

The Henry County Community Foundation is honored to play a part in reviving the places that make our community special. Thanks to the dedication of the Lewisville Park Committee and the generosity of our donors, this cherished landmark will continue to bring people together for years to come.



Restoring Hope

IMAGINE A VIBRANT tapestry woven by nature: emerald marshes swaying gently in the breeze, a symphony of bird calls filling the air. Beneath the water's surface, a hidden world teems with life. This was once the reality for a quarter of Indiana's landscape - wetlands, vital for the health of our ecosystems.

Sadly, over 85% of Indiana's wetlands have vanished since the 1800s. These precious ecosystems provide invaluable services: flood control, water filtration, and vital habitats for countless species. Protecting the remaining wetlands is crucial for biodiversity, clean water, and mitigating the effects of climate change.

For nearly two decades, Red-Tail Land Conservancy hoped to acquire a rare wetland north of Summit Lake in Henry County. In 2023, that hope became a reality.

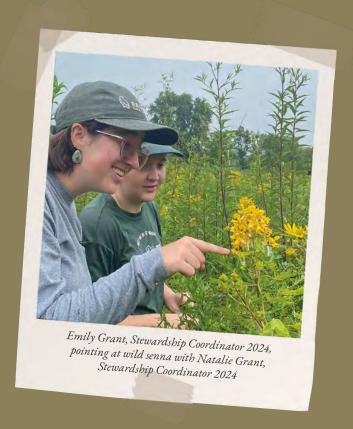
To secure the funding needed to purchase the land at an auction, Red-Tail turned to the community for support, including generous Henry County Community Foundation donors. With a grant cycle in 2024, a Choose Henry Flex Fund grant played a pivotal role, providing crucial momentum for Red-Tail.

"Receiving this grant was truly thrilling," shared Julie Borgmann, Director of Red-Tail. "It lent significant credibility to our project, encouraging the involvement of other individuals and organizations."

The impact of this wetland restoration extends far beyond its boundaries. Recent surveys have revealed the presence of rare plant species previously unknown in the region, highlighting the ecological significance of this precious habitat.

And this is just the beginning. Plans are underway to restore adjacent farmland into a vibrant sedge prairie, teeming with wildflowers, grasses, and a chorus of birds and butterflies. This transformation will create a thriving, interconnected landscape for generations to come.

"This wasn't just about buying land," explained Julie. "It was about creating a lasting legacy. This land is so important to migrating wildlife. It can create a contiguous thread of protected land for wildlife in our area."



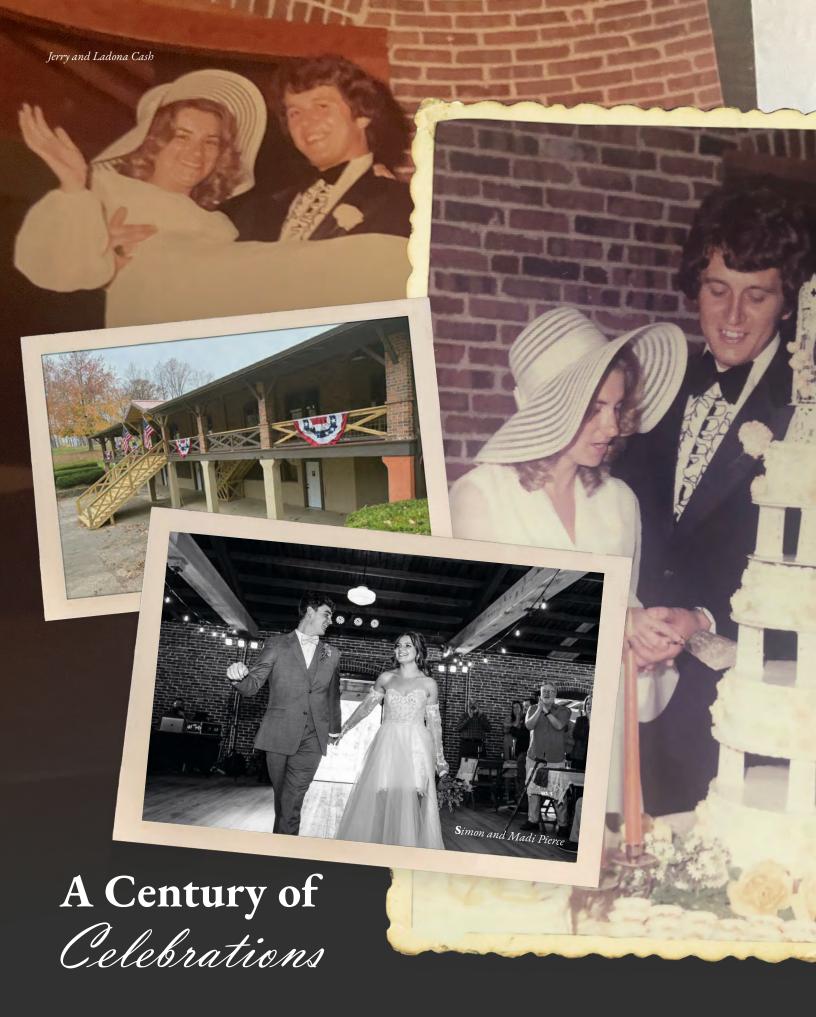
Grateful for all the funding received, Julie appreciated seeing the amazing collaboration with the community coming together to help Red-Tail realize its dreams of restoring this land.

"We couldn't have achieved this without the generosity of Foundation donors," said Borgman. "The support wasn't just financial; it was a statement that our community values its natural heritage."

This wasn't just about buying land, It was about creating a lasting legacy.

-Julie Borgmann

This project is a powerful reminder of what's possible when local donors and organizations work together. Through the Choose Henry Flex Fund, donors like you make it possible to protect, restore, and sustain the natural beauty of Henry County.







Reforming the Heart of Memorial Park

The year was 1973, a time of bell bottoms and big hair, when love blossomed between Jerry and Ladona Cash. To celebrate, they chose a venue steeped in history: the Memorial Park Shelter House. Built in 1921, this charming structure has witnessed countless joyful occasions - from lively sock hops and elegant dances to countless family reunions and, of course, other wedding receptions.

Over a century of cherished memories had left their mark, and the shelter house, though brimming with history, was showing its age. Recognizing its significance to the community, a dedicated committee, spearheaded by Jim Ward, Jerry Cash, and Ed Tarentino, embarked on a mission to restore this beloved landmark.

With the support of the Henry County Friends of Memorial Park and funding from the Food and Beverage tax, the committee meticulously planned the restoration, prioritizing both historical accuracy and modern safety standards, "Our goal has been to keep the shelter as original as possible while updating the structure with new safety measures in mind. The lighting fixtures, doors, and windows were all replaced to look like they did originally," shared committee member, Jerry Cash.

However, the Food and Beverage tax alone wasn't enough to cover the entire restoration. To bring the exterior back to its original splendor, the committee sought assistance from the Henry County Community Foundation's Choose Henry Flex Fund.

Jerry explained, "The outside had been painted a terra cotta color that wasn't in line with the history of the building. Now, with this grant, the entire downstairs is an appropriate color. The grant from the Foundation enabled us to update the entire look of the building."

The restoration of the Memorial Park Shelter House is already creating new memories for the next generation. Just as Jerry and Ladona Cash celebrated their love there in 1973, Simon and Madi Pierce chose the same historic venue for their wedding reception decades later. "We both grew up close to the park and have made many memories there," shared Madi. "The shelter house was the perfect location for our fall wedding, with the turning leaves creating a beautiful backdrop and the cabin-like charm making it feel warm and inviting. It was the perfect place to celebrate with our favorite people."

This restoration is a testament to the impact of Henry County Community Foundation donors. Your support preserves historic treasures like the Memorial Park Shelter House, ensuring future generations have a place to gather and create lasting memories.

Thanks to you, the shelter house remains more than just a building—it's a symbol of community and continuity. Every gift helps restore, sustain, and uplift Henry County, building a legacy of connection and care.



Black History

Members of the Lightkeepers enjoying the exhibit.



HENRY COUNTY HAS A RICH BLACK HISTORY

that predates the Civil War. Among the earliest settlers was William Trail, a formerly enslaved man who escaped from South Carolina and settled in Henry County in 1812. He purchased land near present-day Shirley, Indiana, establishing Trail's Grove—the county's only documented Black settlement. The community thrived, with a school and a strong civic presence. The contributions of Black residents like William Trail were an important part of the establishment of Henry County.

That legacy of resilience and progress continues today. Just as early Black pioneers fought to create opportunities for future generations, modern organizations like The Lightkeepers of Henry County are working to build understanding and inclusivity within the community.

The mission of the Lightkeepers of Henry County is to provide essential services, foster education and creativity, and create growth opportunities, especially for underserved families and marginalized individuals. From hosting cultural events to organizing resource hubs, we aim to illuminate the path toward a stronger, more connected community where everyone can thrive. They are committed to shining a light on hope, inclusivity, and progress in Henry County through collaborative efforts and impactful initiatives.

Today, this dedicated organization is making a real difference, empowering residents through cultural events, resource hubs, and impactful initiatives like bringing the Black History 101 Mobile Museum to New Castle.

Director of the Lightkeepers, Mary Nicholson, shared, "We asked around and were told that nothing like this has been done here before, and we want to do groundbreaking things whenever possible."

However, as a young organization, Lightkeepers lacked the funding for major events like this. This is where the generosity of donors to the Henry County Community Foundation made all the difference. Through the Choose Henry Flex Fund, the organization received a grant that turned their vision into reality. Mary expressed, "Without the grant, we would not have been able to bring the Black History Museum here. We were thrilled to bring this opportunity to Henry County because



there aren't a lot like it."

The event featured the Black History 101 Mobile Museum. This museum offers different artifacts and themes unique to the locations they visit. Curated by Dr. Khalid El-Hakim, the museum also offers a presentation and a question-and-answer session with Dr. El-Hakim. "It was wonderful to see the community engage and learn from him," reflected Mary. This unique experience provided a deeper understanding and connection within the community, made possible by the support of the Foundation's donors.

Opportunities like this, fueled by the generosity of donors to the Henry County Community Foundation, foster a greater sense of community. As Mary aptly stated, "It's our history. It's all history. It's American history."

Thanks to donors, the Foundation continues to empower local organizations like Lightkeepers, making transformative initiatives possible and helping Henry County shine brighter.

Look to the future. Give a gift that lasts forever...



The Power of Planned Giving

The Power of Planned Giving: How You Can Make Your Mark in History through becoming a Legacy Donor.

A planned gift is one of the most powerful ways you can give back to your community. By including the Henry County Community Foundation in your estate plan, you are ensuring that your values and commitment to Henry County will continue to make an impact long after you're gone.

What Is Planned Giving?

Planned giving refers to the practice of making charitable contributions through your estate plan. This can take many forms, from leaving a bequest in your will to creating a charitable trust or naming a nonprofit like the Henry County Community Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement account. The key is that these gifts are planned and structured in advance, offering both the donor and the recipient the chance to maximize their impact.

How the Henry County **Community Foundation Can Help**

At the Foundation, we are committed to helping individuals and families create lasting legacies. We offer free estate planning resources on our planned giving webpage, where you can explore a range of options for supporting the causes you care about through the Foundation. Our team is here to provide the information you need to share with your financial advisor, ensuring that your legacy is secure, your family is supported, and your community thrives.

Why Estate Planning Matters

One of the primary benefits of estate planning is the peace of mind it brings. By taking the time to create a plan, you ensure that your assets will be distributed according to your wishes, sparing your family from the potential stress of difficult decisions down the line. But the advantages don't stop there. Estate planning can also:

- **Protect Your Loved Ones:** By clearly outlining who will inherit your assets and how they will be managed, estate planning helps safeguard your family's financial future.
- Minimize Taxes: Proper estate planning can help reduce estate taxes, meaning more of your assets can go to your beneficiaries and the causes you care about, rather than the government.
- **Support Your Community:** Through planned gifts, you have the power to give back to the community and causes that have made a difference in your life. These contributions can continue to support vital programs and services long after you're gone.

Make a Difference Beyond Your Lifetime

Estate planning isn't just about organizing your assets for the future—it's about ensuring that your values and passions live on. For many, planned giving provides an opportunity to not only protect their family's financial security but also to leave a lasting impact on the causes they care about. Together, we can build a brighter future for generations to come and make your mark in the history of our community.

I AM INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE LEGACY SOCIETY BUT MAY NOT BE READY TO COMMIT. HOW DO I RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION?

- Call the HCCF office at 765.529.2235
- ▶ Visit and sign up for a Planned Giving e-newsletter at www.hccfgift.org



Seventeen years into Mrs. Kelly Harvey's teaching journey, she brings experience, passion, and a deep well of care to her third-grade students at Wilbur Wright Elementary School. Her dedication inspired the nomination for her to receive the 2024 Teacher Excellence Award from the Henry County Community Foundation.

This award recognizes educators who consistently go above and beyond, demonstrating exceptional commitment to their students and making a lasting impact on their lives. It highlights those special teachers who create a positive and enriching learning environment, inspiring students to reach their full potential.

This honor reaffirms the impact Mrs. Harvey has on her students. As one parent who nominated Mrs. Harvey shared, "She finds creative ways to engage with the students and reach them where they are, giving them space to grow. Not only that, but she is also noticing them. She sees their growth and their strengths, and she takes the time to make sure they see it all too. For these students, having their teacher speak truth and positivity into their lives, is vital and it's life-giving."

For Mrs. Harvey, being a teacher is a dual role: she is both a guide on their educational journey and an enthusiastic audience member, witnessing their discoveries and celebrating their growth.

"I have the most interesting colleagues," Mrs. Harvey shared, referring to her eight- and nine-year-old students. Her classroom is a hub of dreams. Her students envision themselves as future astronauts, paleontologists, artists, professional baseball players, and even orthodontists. One budding entrepreneur has even promised Mrs. Harvey the first slice of pie and a cup of tea from their future cat café.

At the heart of Mrs. Harvey's teaching philosophy lies the understanding that education transcends academics. It's about building a genuine connection, offering unwavering encouragement, and inspiring young learners to boldly pursue their dreams.

Grateful for the recognition of this award, Mrs. Harvey expressed, "This award showed me that our community values its educators and the work that we do. It also showed me that my relationships with students

are important. Parents want to know that their children are cared for and their voices are valued when they are away from home."

Mrs. Harvey's influence extends beyond the walls of her classroom. By cultivating curiosity, kindness, and a passion for learning, she is shaping the future, one student at a time. The Henry County Community Foundation is honored to celebrate her remarkable dedication and the incredible work of all educators who make a difference in the lives of children every day.

THE TEACHER EXCELLENCE

AWARD is given out every year in the spring. Nominations are open from mid-February to mid-March. The ideal candidate for this award is inspiring, creative, committed, enduring, and encouraging. Any current fulltime teacher in a Henry County public school can be nominated for the award. Parents, students, peers, community citizens, or anyone who has had a direct experience with the teacher can make the nomination.

Judy Melton Award

Olence Veach: A Force for Good

OLENE VEACH has a heart of compassion and action for Henry County. She embodies the spirit of philanthropy through her contributions as a youth mentor, philanthropist, volunteer, teacher, and social worker. Her dedication to the community and the Henry County Community Foundation earned recognition through the Judy Melton Award, a tribute to individuals who profoundly impact their community through their "time, talent, and treasure."

The Judy Melton Award, named after a former president and board member of the Henry County Community Foundation, honors those who, like Judy, tirelessly contribute to the Foundation's mission. Judy, renowned for her decades of service and communications, set a high standard of dedication.

Jennifer Fox, President of the Henry County Community Foundation, describes Olene as a force of humble support and unwavering commitment. Their paths first crossed when Jennifer, then a young advocate on a child abuse prevention committee, encountered Olene's intense drive to empower others to live their best lives.

Olene's impact extends far beyond her professional roles. She has fostered 15 children and served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer. When the local Ivy Tech campus faced a funding gap, Olene spearheaded a community fundraising effort to secure \$1 million for its expansion.

Jennifer Fox presented the Judy Melton Award to Olene Veach at the annual meeting in June. Recognizing the pivotal role education plays in breaking cycles of disadvantage, Olene took on roles to help individuals earn their GEDs, even volunteering in jails to support inmates' educational journeys. Her commitment goes beyond time and effort; Olene also financially supports students through scholarships and funds initiatives against substance abuse.

Most recently, Olene established a pass-through fund to support an innovative and life-saving technology, the Red Initiative, exemplifying her ongoing dedication to addressing pressing community needs.

The Judy Melton Award celebrates Olene's exceptional service, underscoring the Foundation's gratitude for her contributions. Through her relentless advocacy and generosity, Olene not only enriches lives today but also shapes a brighter future for Henry County.









Women's Circle of Friends

Grantmaking Gala

THE 11TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDS Grantmaking Gala was a wonderful evening filled with generosity, community, and impactful giving. Women from across Henry County gathered at The Crossing on 38 to support local nonprofits and invest in the betterment of our community.

The funding for this event comes directly from the generosity of its attendees. Each woman who participated donated a minimum of \$50 with 90% going directly to the evening's grantmaking and the rest contributing to the Women's Circle of Friends endowment fund. The grant funds were then distributed among three nonprofit organizations: Hagar's Hope, Kennard Krusaders, and the New Castle-Henry County Renaissance Festival. After hearing presentations from each organization, attendees voted to determine the funding distribution.

Hagar's Hope was selected as the top grant recipient. This incredible organization provides transitional housing for women in need, offering them a safe and stable environment as they work toward independence. Representatives from Hagar's Hope shared powerful stories about the impact of their work and how this grant will help them continue

serving local women facing hardship.



Hagar's Hope

As the top recipient, Hagar's Hope received 70% of the pass-through funds collected, while the second-place organization received 20% and the third-place organization received 10%.

More than 100 women attended the gala, enjoying a warm and inviting atmosphere as they connected with one another and participated in meaningful grantmaking. This year, we were proud to raise a total of \$6,800 to support organizations making a difference in Henry County.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDS FIELD OF INTEREST FUND

The Women's Circle of Friends was founded to provide financial resources to local nonprofit organizations working to improve the lives of women and girls in Henry County. The principal of the Women's Circle of Friends endowment is invested, with a portion of the earnings paid out to support important initiatives.

We are so grateful for the women who continue to make this event a success year after year. Your dedication and generosity ensure that vital programs continue to thrive in our community.

Thank you for making a difference!

WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDS GRANTMAKING GALA

We hope you'll join us for this year's event on Tuesday, September 9th with a cocktail hour beginning at 5:00 and the program and dinner at 6:00.



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.













Becca Waggoner

Blue River Valley **High School:**

Eli Sayre Kennedy Baker Gabriel Bilby Kenna Sheets Jayden Abbott

New Castle High School:

Rylee Thompson Sylvie Terrell **Anyah Amman** Lyla Shue Annie Glover

Tri Jr./Sr. **High School:**

Kennadi Knepley Dalton Key Jillian Chew Mason Cole Maren Stevens

Knightstown **High School:**

Becca Waggoner Vance Toth Kinzie King Brooklyn Barker Elizabeth Wilkinson Kayden Foshee

Shenandoah **High School:**

Ashley Zody Landon Barr Jarrett Helman Josie Copass

Cycle One

Kennard Krusaders - Mrs. Claus Experience Shenandoah FFA - Operation Christmas Shenandoah Elementary - Sensory Items for SPED Students

Cycle Two

Purdue Extension Henry County 4H - Chick It-Out Stem/AG Project Shenandoah High School - Audio/Visual Club Hope Initiative - 2024 Back to School Festival

Cycle Three

Believe and Achieve Mentoring - Star Students Recognition Project Shenandoah FFA - Legacy Prom New Castle Family and Internal Medicine - Reading Program

Cycle Four

Kennard Krusaders - Back to School Bash New Castle Memorial Wesleyan Castle Kids Daycare

- Games & Equipment

New Castle Community Schools

- Stop the Bleed and CPR Expansion

New Castle Parks & Recreation

- Lifeguard Certification Classes & Supplies

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

WYATT BREWSTER was named the 2024 Henry County Community Foundation Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipient. Each Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides for full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and required equipment for four years. The finalists for the Henry County Community Foundation 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program were Landen Mathes, Shenandoah High School; Kennadi Knepley, Tri High School; Stella Leakey, Knightstown High School; Kaitlynn Holderman, Union High School; and Tyler Flynn, Blue River Valley High School. The five finalists will each receive a one time \$1,000 scholarship from the Henry County Community Foundation for representing their school.



Front Row, L-R: Stella Leakey, Kaitlynn Holderman and Kennadi Knepley; Back Row, L-R: Landen Mathes, Tyler Flynn, and Wyatt Brewster. Photo by Burns Photography.

You are making your mark on the history 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 legacy of Henry County, and it keeps on giving, even beyond your lifetime.
- We're incredibly grateful for you. Since 1985, generous individuals like yourself have built a powerful force for good in our community.



SCAN FOR WEBSITE

Thank you for making a difference!

Visit https://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.



Monthly Donor List

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Choose Henry Flex Fund

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Our Mission is:

...to help where the needs are the greatest and the benefits to the community and its citizens are most substantial, and

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

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Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances Accrual Basis - For the Years Ending December 31, 2024 and 2023, Unaudited

Assets	2024	2023
Cash	\$ 1,438,686	\$ 1,425,136
Pledges & Accounts Receivable, Net	59,533	46,855
Prepaid Expenses	40,293	43,278
Investments	56,112,843	51,544,416
Property & Equipment		
Land	152,514	152,514
Building	751,019	751,020
Furniture & Equipment	124,368	104,775
Works of Art	7,500	7,500
	1,035,401	1,015,809
Less Accumulated Depreciation	393,625	363,110
Net Property & Equipment	641,776	652,699
\$	58,293,131	\$ 53,712,384
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$ 12,158	\$ 28,624
Grants Payable	2,000	11,326
Capital Lease Payable	-	-

Net Assets

Agency Funds

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Liabilities & Net Assets

\$ 58,293,131

324,956

1,036,786

1,375,900

56,917,231

\$ 53,712,384

413,097

994,435

1,447,482

52,264,902

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For several years, Henry County Community Foundation has been a place where every day people come together to make a difference. But along the way, some myths have taken root misunderstandings that might keep folks from joining in this incredible story of generosity and impact. Let's take a moment to clear those up.

Myth #1: "I have to be ultra-rich to give to the Foundation."

Not even close. In fact, 73% of gifts made to the Foundation in 2024 were \$100 or less. That's proof that everyone can be a philanthropist. Your \$10, \$25, or \$50 gift to the *Choose Henry Flex Fund* joins with others to support local nonprofits through grants. Or, you can give to an existing fund that supports a cause close to your heart. Every dollar tells a story.

Myth #2: "I can't start a fund unless I'm super wealthy."

Think again. Building a fund is more doable than you might think. With just \$83 a month, you can create a Designated Fund, a Field of Interest Fund, or a Named Fund over five years. Skip the birthday gifts and holiday stuff—invite friends and family to help you build something meaningful instead. Depending on the fund type, you can get started with \$5,000 or \$25,000.

Myth #3: "The Foundation just sits on the money."

Actually, we invest it—wisely and with purpose—so it grows and gives back forever. The funds you give today will support the community for generations to come. Unlike a one-time donation, a fund at HCCF keeps working long after you're gone. That's a meaningful way to make a mark in history.

Myth #4: "I can only support local organizations through HCCF."

While many donors do choose to support local causes (and we love that!), your fund can also support regional or even national nonprofits that matter to you. The Foundation gives you the flexibility to make a difference wherever your heart leads.

When you give through HCCF, you're helping write the next chapter of Henry County's story—one that's still unfolding, full of hope, and rich with history in the making.















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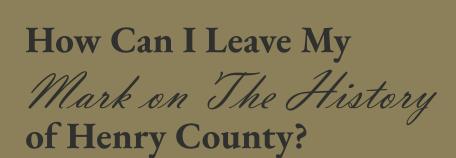
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