

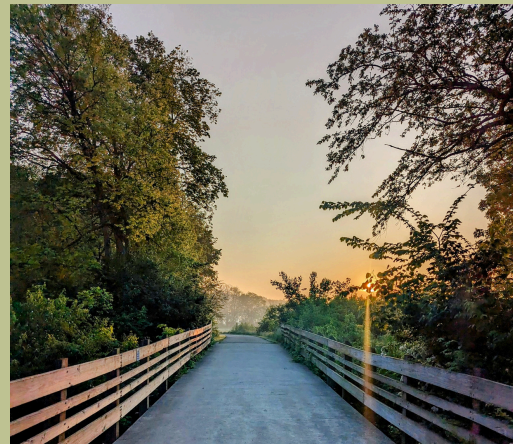
Henry County Community Foundation

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NEWSLETTER

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Happy fall from the Henry County Community Foundation!

As we embrace the crisp air and colorful leaves of fall, we're excited to share our latest updates with you. This season is a perfect time to reflect on the amazing impact we've made together. Your support truly brings our community to life, and we are grateful for it.

In this newsletter, we are concentrating on the **Choose Henry Flex Fund**. This is our unrestricted fund that is used for grantmaking in the community each year.

Through the spring and fall grant cycles, TASC grant cycles, and nonprofit capacity building, the Choose Henry Flex Fund is supporting Henry County in a number of ways.

With the current match from Lilly Endowment Inc, donors can be a part of this great work through tripling your donation.

Every **\$1 you donate is matched with \$2**, making your support even more powerful.

That means a donation of **\$1,667 turns into a donation of \$5,000** and can create your own named fund, carrying on your impact forever.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our shared vision. Together, we're making Henry County stronger.

Warmly,

President and Executive Director



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What is the Choose Henry Flex Fund?

**The Choose Henry Flex Fund
addresses the broad needs in
Henry County**

Donations are pooled
together, and the payout is
used each year to fund
various projects that make
Henry County a better
place for everyone.

Five focus areas of grantmaking:

- HEALTH & MEDICAL
- SOCIAL SERVICES
- EDUCATION
- CULTURAL AFFAIRS
- CIVIC AFFAIRS



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informational video**



Choose Henry Grants Jan-August 2024

- Art Association of Henry County -
Live @ the Arts Park
- Believe and Achieve Mentoring -
Star Student Recognition Program
- Cadiz Harrison Township Volunteer Fire
Department -
Gear washer
- Castle Kids Daycare -
Start up funding, summer program
- Centerstone of Indiana -
Therapy supplies for Henry County
children
- Children's Bureau, Inc. -
Safe sleep program
- Greensboro Volunteer Fire Department -
Turn out gear and hose fitting
- Henry County Cemetery Commission -
Public cemetery restoration
workshop
- Henry County Saddle Club -
Completion of new arena
- Henry County YMCA -
Capital investment study
- Kennard Crusaders -
Back to School Bash
- Lightkeepers of Henry County -
Mobile Black history museum



- NC-HC Kiwanis Club -
Shoes for Kids
- New Castle Family and Internal
Medicine -
Reach Out and Read Program
- New Castle Parks and Recreation -
Lifeguard certification classes
and supplies
- New Castle Schools -
Stop the Bleed Program
- Nonprofit Capacity and Development -
Learning series, internship
program, grant watch
- Safe at Home -
Sustaining optimal operations
- Shenandoah High School -
Legacy Prom
- Spiceland Preservation and Tourism
Society -
Hoover Hall renovations
- Straughn Volunteer Fire Department -
Radios
- The Salvation Army -
Summer camp
- Victory Lane -
Marketing bundle
- YWCA of Central Indiana -
Operating costs



The fall grant cycle is currently in process



DONATE + MATCH = TRIPLE IMPACT

Choose Henry Flex Fund Match

With a match from Lilly Endowment Inc., every dollar donated to the Choose Henry Flex Fund is being matched – 2 for 1. That means, every donation is tripling in impact. It's the perfect time to utilize the perfect match and start your own named fund with a one-time gift of a minimum of \$1,667, or through **a monthly pledge of a minimum of \$43***. Make a difference in your community by donating to the Choose

Henry Flex Fund!

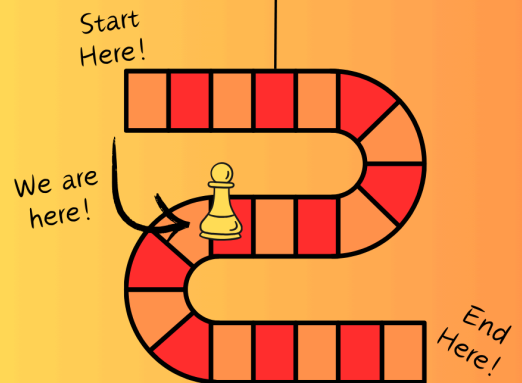
*if started in October 2024

We're more than halfway there! Thanks to generous donors, we are moving closer and closer to our goal.

If you're interested in opening a named fund, now is the time. Don't miss this opportunity to make an impact and triple your donation.

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\$375,000 PROJECTED GOAL	\$218,301.71 CURRENT TOTAL
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What does Choose Henry mean to our board and staff?



Elizabeth Eley
Administrative Assistant

"I love working at the Foundation because it allows me to work with people from all over the community with the same goal, and that is making our community the best it can be! And the Choose Henry Flex Fund is the perfect resource for making a difference in Henry County!"



Carrie Barrett
Board Chair

"I love the Choose Henry Flex Fund! It allows me to be a part of so much in my community! I love that it gives funds to the community as the needs change and adapt. It is exciting to be a part of an organization that can be flexible as community needs change."



Donor Spotlight: From Chamber Champion to Community Changer Rebecca Gonya's Journey with the Choose Henry Flex Fund

During her tenure as president of the Chamber of Commerce Board, Rebecca Gonya set an ambitious goal: to endow the New Castle-Henry County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship with the Henry County Community Foundation. This launched her on a year-long fundraising journey, **driven by a desire to create a lasting impact.**

As Rebecca witnessed the collective effort of chamber members rallying to support local youth, she realized that positive change was within reach. "I realized we can really make a difference, and working together makes these goals happen. The scholarship process made me excited to become a regular donor to the Foundation," she shared.

Initially, Rebecca held misconceptions about philanthropy. Although she was familiar with the Foundation, she believed that donations required large sums. She explained, "I always thought in order to be a donor, I'd have to make a big donation and create a fund of my own. As I became more familiar, I learned about the Choose Henry Flex Fund and how it pools together donations of all sizes and gives the Foundation an opportunity to make a big difference in the community."

What Rebecca appreciates most about the Choose Henry Flex Fund is its unrestricted nature. She trusts the Foundation's expertise in identifying and addressing critical community needs. **This flexibility empowers the Foundation to support various causes, from education to essential services.**

"I think that the staff and the board of directors are really passionate about the community and have a good understanding of what our community needs. I love that the Choose Henry Flex Fund allows the Foundation to help in a lot of different areas. I can just give a check and trust the Foundation to allocate it where it's needed most," Rebecca said.

Rebecca hopes to encourage others in their giving, emphasizing that every dollar counts. "Sometimes people feel intimidated or think they can't be a part of this because they don't have that kind of money. **Every dollar makes a difference – you can give \$10, \$10k, or \$1 million.** Every dollar is appreciated. And I've found the staff and board to be knowledgeable and approachable, always ready to help and answer questions."

Rebecca's story is a powerful message for everyone. **The Choose Henry Flex Fund enables individuals like Rebecca to join forces and create lasting positive change in Henry County.** If you're looking to get involved, the Foundation welcomes contributions of all sizes and offers guidance on creating a named fund or making a one-time donation.

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