

Celebrating 40 years of generosity, growth, and community impact!



As the seasons change and everything begins to bloom, I find myself reflecting on the growth we've seen over the past 40 years at the Henry County Community Foundation. What started as a vision to support our community has grown into something truly incredible—thanks to generous donors, dedicated volunteers, and passionate community members like you.

This year, as we celebrate our 40th anniversary, we're not just looking back, we're looking forward.

We're excited to honor the legacy of those who helped build this foundation and continue planting seeds for the future. Thank you for being part of this story.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jennifer Fox". The signature is fluid and cursive.

President and Executive Director



Henry County
Community Foundation
Celebrating 40 Years of Impact

Celebrate
WITH US

HCCF Annual Meeting Dinner

June 26, 2025

The Crossing on 38
Cocktail Hour - 5:00

Women's Circle of Friends Grantmaking Gala

September 9, 2025

The Crossing on 38
Cocktail Hour - 5:00



In this newsletter you will find:

Donor and Grant Stories, Recent Choose Henry Grants, and more!

Donor Spotlight: Jeff and Kim Galyen Building Community Through Service

Some people don't just live in a community—they help shape its very foundation. For nearly four decades, Jeff and Kim Galyen have been cornerstone citizens in Henry County, through consistent service and heartfelt dedication.

Jeff's story began in Knightstown, where early lessons in small-town values would eventually guide his career in law and community leadership. When he and Kim chose New Castle as their home in 1982, they weren't just selecting a place to raise their two children. They were committing to a community they would serve for decades to come.

Their impact goes far beyond Jeff's respected legal career. From church ministry and youth programs to the arts and education, both Jeff and Kim have given their time and talents generously. Kim founded the local Mothers of Preschoolers program in the 1980s and has been active in Bible Study Fellowship and the art community, touching lives in meaningful ways.

That deep care for community naturally led them to the Henry County Community Foundation, where Jeff has served since 1995, including two terms as Board Chair.

"When I joined the Board, the Foundation's endowment was around \$5 million," Jeff says. "Now, thanks to the generosity of this county, it's grown more than tenfold."

Jeff remembers serving alongside the early leaders who built the Foundation's strong foundation. "Many of them are no longer with us, but the Foundation's strength today speaks to their vision and commitment."



To keep giving back, Jeff and Kim created the Galyen Family Named Fund within the Choose Henry Flex Fund. This fund helps the Foundation meet the community's most urgent needs, now and in the future.

"Our fund is a simple way for us and our family to give back," Jeff says. "It's how we honor what Henry County has given us."

If you know Jeff and Kim, you know they're not ones to seek the spotlight. But their impact is undeniable. They haven't just been part of community life. They've helped shape it.

As the Foundation grows to meet new challenges, the Galyen Family Named Fund stands as a reminder of what's possible when we invest in our community with our time, talent, and treasure. And just like the Galyens, anyone can be part of that story. Whether through starting a fund, giving to an existing one, or simply supporting the Foundation's work, every gift—big or small—helps build a stronger community for generations to come.

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.



Choose Henry Grants August 2024 - March 2025

Agape' Learning Center -
Travis Banta Gymnasium Project
Art Association of Henry County -
Concert Series
Children's Bureau, Inc. -
Safe Sleep Program
First Christian Church -
Space remodel and marketing materials
Healthy Communities of Henry County -
Summer internship
Henry County EMS -
ALS equipment support
Henry County Friends of Memorial Park -
Renovations on the big shelter at
Memorial Park
Henry County YMCA -
Swimmer Safety System
Hope Initiative, Inc.-
Hagar's Hope renovations on Williams House



Kennard Krusaders -
Out and Active Greensboro, Holiday Uplift
LIVE Coalition -
Student trip to Washington
Middletown/Fall Creek Township Park Dpt. -
Safety railings on Honey Creek Trail
Mooreland Volunteer Fire Department -
Turnout gear
Salvation Army of Henry County -
Summer Camp
Secret Families of Henry County, Inc. -
Christmas Program
Servants at Work, Inc. (SAWs) -
6 wheelchair ramps in Henry County
Shenandoah School Corporation -
FFA Legacy Prom
South Henry School Corporation -
Food packing with IDES and Hanson PBL
Animal shelter project
The Guest House Inc. -
Cots for guesthouse

Helping Babies Sleep Safely

HOW FOUNDATION DONORS ARE SUPPORTING FAMILIES

When you think about what every baby needs, things like love, warmth, and cuddles might come to mind. But for many families in Henry County, even the basics, like a safe place for their baby to sleep, aren't guaranteed.

That's where Firefly Children and Family Alliance steps in.

Thanks to a 2024 grant from the Choose Henry Flex Fund in the Henry County Community Foundation's spring grant cycle, Firefly has been able to grow its Safe Sleep program. This program offers free monthly classes and provides Safe Sleep Kits to local families. Each kit includes a pack-n-play, wearable blanket, pacifier, and helpful tips for safe sleep—all simple, yet lifesaving tools for new parents.

And it's working. So far, the team has given out 57 Safe Sleep Kits, held a well-attended Community Baby Shower in partnership with Alliance for Youth, and continues to host twice-monthly classes at the WIC office. They're also building new connections across the community to expand their reach even further.

"The education is simple, but powerful," says Jenny. "We teach the ABCs of Safe Sleep—Alone, on their Back, in a Crib. It's something anyone can learn and share. Anyone who is caring for a baby is able to receive the education and get the kit. Could be a grandparent caring for a child. There is no income requirement. It's a stigma free way to get the education and the resources."



"The safe sleep class made me confident in sleep practices. As a first time mom to twins I learned a lot about the importance of safe sleep"

- Henry County Mom

As Joli Heavin, Firefly's Director of Development, shared, the partnership with the Foundation has made a lasting impact. "We've always appreciated how thoughtful and engaged the Henry County Community Foundation's grants committee is. The process is smooth, the team is helpful, and they truly care about funding work that matters," she said. "If you're a nonprofit wondering whether to apply—do it."

With the generosity of donors to the Choose Henry Flex Fund, Firefly is helping babies sleep safely, families feel empowered, and our community grow stronger.

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