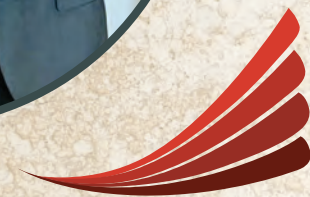


Investing in Our Future — together

2025
Annual Report



Henry County
Community Foundation

Celebrating 40 Years of Impact

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Henry County Community Foundation Inc. is a public trust which secures funds for sustainable philanthropic purposes. Its mission is to...

- Help where the needs are the greatest and the benefits to the community and its citizens are most substantial
- Provide public spirited donors a vehicle for using their gifts in the best possible way now and in the future as conditions inevitably change
- Provide excellent stewardship of those gifts which it receives



From Left to Right: Hilary Bennett - Program Director, Elizabeth Eley - Program and Donor Service Associate, Tara Jacobi - Office Manager and Accounting Assistant, Jennifer Fox - President and Executive Director, Amber Estelle - Communication & Donor Engagement Mgr., Carrie Barrett - Development Officer

Letter from the President

Like a succulent thriving in the harshest of conditions, the legacy we build together is a testament to what's possible when resilience meets intention.



There is a reason succulents outlast everything around them. They store what they need, endure what others cannot, and never stop growing. They were designed to last, just like the Henry County Community Foundation.

As we commemorate the Foundation's first 40 years, we celebrate a legacy that was set to endure. It began with a small group of visionary founders who believed that the most meaningful gifts were those planted not for themselves, but for those who would come after. They also had the foresight and courage to put that belief into action through endowments, as you will read on page 6.

Endowment is at the heart of what we do. Like a succulent that stores water against an uncertain future, funds at the Foundation preserve your generosity, holding it carefully so that it may provide for the causes you care about today and for every season forward.

Each contribution, no matter the size, is carefully held, preserved, and invested into growth that spreads far beyond what any of us could imagine. Principal is protected. Interest grows. And the impact you make is investing not only in our future but the future of generations to come.

We tend your gifts with the long view in mind, knowing that the most enduring legacies, like the hardiest plants, take root slowly, grow steadily, and outlast us all with great purpose.

Our founders understood this. And now, 40 years on, we carry that vision forward, together.

Thank you for being part of something built to last. It is because of donors like you that this Foundation has flourished for 40 years and will continue to for 40 more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Fox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "J" and "F".

Jennifer Fox
President and Executive Director



2025

FOUNDATION BY THE NUMBERS

621

Donors

1,727

Gifts

597

Funds



Choose Henry Flex Named Funds



Scholarship Funds



Designated Funds



Field-of-Interest Funds



Agency Funds



Donor Advised Funds



Charitable Gift Annuities



Investing in the Future

Building Opportunity Through Impact Investing

By Jennifer Fox, President & Executive Director

Since the Henry County Community Foundation was established more than 40 years ago, innovation has guided our work. From the very beginning, community leaders believed that thoughtful philanthropy could strengthen Henry County for generations to come.

One of our founders, Patty Danielson, captured that vision when she said, “There’s going to be needs in the community that we don’t even know about, or anybody has ever thought about. Well, the Foundation can meet those needs in the years to come.” That forward-thinking mindset continues to inspire how we approach our work today.

In 2025, we took an important next step in that journey by launching the Foundation’s first impact investment. This approach builds on the strong foundation laid by those early leaders while giving us a new tool to respond to emerging community needs.

One of the most pressing challenges facing Henry County today is access to affordable housing. A 2024 housing study identified a need for 1,815 homes priced between \$100,000 and \$299,000.

To help address this gap, the Foundation partnered with Affordable Housing Solutions of Henry County and Citizens State Bank on a

\$1 million impact investment loan. This investment supports the construction of energy-efficient single-family homes priced between \$175,000 and \$225,000, offering 1,400–1,800 square feet of quality living space for families earning up to 80% of the area median income.

“There’s going to be needs in the community that we don’t even know about... the Foundation can meet those needs in the years to come.”

Unlike a traditional grant, this impact investment will be repaid, allowing the Foundation to reinvest those same dollars into future community projects. It’s a model that reflects both responsibility and possibility, ensuring today’s solutions also strengthen tomorrow’s opportunities.

Construction is set to be completed on the first home in Middletown in early 2026. Additional homes are also underway in Spiceland, with two more planned in New Castle.

As we reflect on our past and look toward the future, this investment represents who we have always been as a Foundation—willing to think creatively, respond to real needs, and build on innovative ideas that strengthen Henry County. By honoring our beginnings and embracing new approaches, we continue our commitment to building a stronger community for generations to come.

The Derek F. Clark Scholarship

The Lasting Impact of Endowed Funds

When Derek Clark was five years old, his mom, Vickie, took him to the doctor for an earache. After that appointment, the doctor recommended further screenings, and his family soon found themselves facing the difficult diagnosis of ALL Leukemia.



Derek spent two weeks enduring intensive treatment at Riley Children's Hospital. During that time, the doctors didn't think he would make it. But he pulled through and continued chemotherapy treatments for three more years.

Nine years after his initial diagnosis, the cancer returned. This time, there was no fighting it, and Derek passed away at the young age of 14. His dad, David, described him as "an excellent student. He was an excellent baseball and basketball player. He was well known in New Castle and lived the life of an exemplary young man."

At the time of Derek's passing, his family and friends wanted to do something to honor his life. Thanks to the dedication of helpers like Danny and Patty Danielson and Bob Workman, by the time the family held Derek's funeral service, a scholarship in his name had been established.



The Clarks presenting the scholarship

The Derek F. Clark Scholarship Fund was the very first fund at the Henry County Community Foundation. Patty Danielson and Terrill Harvey signed the fund agreement, which set it in motion.

This scholarship is awarded every year to one or more graduating seniors from Blue River Valley High School or New Castle High School with a GPA of 3.0, participation in athletics or other extracurricular activities, and enrollment in an accredited college or university.

Funds at the Foundation are invested in the market, keeping the principal unspent and growing forever while allowing the yearly payout to make a difference in the community.

Since its inception and initial payout period, the Derek F. Scholarship Fund has been awarded to 106 Henry County students.

As former teachers in both Blue River Valley and New Castle Schools, Derek's parents understood the difference each scholarship makes for a student's future.

"Helping young people in Henry County follow their dreams to go on to college and receive an education is very meaningful," shared David.

In 2025, after battling Alzheimer's disease for ten years, Derek's mom, Vickie, passed away. At that time, the family asked for memorial contributions to Derek's Fund. Seeing people continue to donate to the fund from time to time is very significant to David. He appreciates the longevity



of the fund and its ability to carry on the legacy and memory of his loved ones.

"The scholarship fund will last forever. Knowing that we're helping people in the community while bestowing honor on Derek and seeing his name live on makes me very proud."

And his name is living on through the students who received help from this scholarship to complete their college degrees. Some of whom have returned to live, work, and make a difference in the community.

Abraham Haler graduated from New Castle Schools in 2015 and later graduated from Anderson University. Most recently, he has stepped into the role of Director of Work-Based Learning & Internships at New Castle Schools. He is grateful for the help he received, "The scholarship was beyond impactful for me when I was transitioning from high school to college to get my degree and play basketball. I am so blessed to be fully back in our community. To be living here, working in our high school, and directly a part of the lives of our youth, I couldn't be any more proud or grateful."

Former Blue River graduate, Kreigh Cook, received the scholarship in 2007. He now lives in New Castle and serves as the Vice President, COO of IU Health Ball Hospital. Kreigh volunteers some of his time as a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors. Kreigh shared, "Receiving this scholarship helped alleviate financial burden and allowed me to focus fully on my academic,

personal, and professional development. Now, living in the community where I grew up means so very much to me because it represents both my foundation and my purpose. This community helped mold my values, and living here enables me to honor that impact by investing my time, effort, and leadership into its continued growth and success. It gives me the opportunity to give back to the people and places that helped shape my character and ambitions."

Abraham and Kreigh are just two examples of the continuous impact of the Derek F. Clark Scholarship Fund.

"The scholarship was beyond impactful for me... To be living here, working in our high school, and directly a part of the lives of our youth, I couldn't be any more proud or grateful."

In the midst of unimaginable grief, the Clark family and their close friends chose a lasting and meaningful way to remember Derek. Not only is Derek's name being carried forward throughout future generations, but it's also changing the lives of many Henry County students. As we see some of these students return to enhance our community, we witness the powerful, expanding impact of enduring funds at the Henry County Community Foundation.

Built to Last

Early Leaders, Enduring Funds



*Dick & Bonnie
Myers*

As we celebrate 40 years of the Henry County Community Foundation, we are reminded our story began with people who believed deeply in this community and chose to invest in its future.

In the early days, board members gave generously of their time, talent, and treasure to help bring the Foundation to life. Some say the Foundation's earliest conversations happened around Patty Danielson's kitchen table. That image captures the spirit of the beginning: community members gathering, sharing ideas, and imagining something that would outlast them.

While it's impossible to highlight every past member of the Board of Directors, the Foundation is deeply grateful for the generous spirit, steady leadership, and innovative energy each brought to its earliest days. Together, their collective vision helped transform a shared idea into a lasting community resource.

Many early board members also chose to give in a lasting way, establishing funds designed to grow, adapt, and serve Henry County long after the original gifts were made.

Several created named funds within the Choose Henry Flex Fund, which plays a vital role in major grantmaking throughout the year, allowing the Foundation to respond to emerging needs and opportunities. Others established donor-advised funds, scholarship funds, designated funds, or field-of-interest funds, each reflecting the causes they cared about most and trusting the Foundation to steward those resources in perpetuity.

Their commitment to providing funds that continue to make an impact decades later and shape the Foundation's impact today. The Foundation is truly an accumulation of generosity, vision, and people who believed Henry County was worth investing in.



*Pictured: Danny &
Patty Danielson*

Together, their collective vision helped transform a shared idea into a lasting community resource.



*David & Kathy
McCord*



*John & Jane
Pidgeon*



*Steve & Lisa
Pfenninger*



*Herb & Judy
Bunch*

Here are a few of the earlier funds.

DONOR ADVISED FUND — 2003

Dick and Bonnie Myers believed in thoughtful philanthropy. In 2003, they established the Richard and Bonnie Myers Donor Advised Fund, a fund that allows donors to recommend specific programs and projects to support. Today, that legacy continues through their daughters, who now steward the fund, ensuring the Myers family's commitment to giving back remains a family tradition.

DESIGNATED FUND — 2002

Bud Shore chose to invest in a cause that mattered deeply to him. Through the Shore Family Fund for YMCA, a designated fund supporting the Henry County YMCA, Bud ensured that the YMCA would have a permanent source of support for its mission.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUND — 2010

For David McCord, giving back was deeply personal. He established the Larry McCord Memorial Fund in memory of his father. This field-of-interest fund supports local food pantries when needs arise, offering timely help to neighbors and addressing one of the community's most essential needs.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND — 2006

John and Jane Pidgeon turned their belief in education into a lasting opportunity. Through the Luther and Marian Pidgeon Memorial Scholarship

Fund, Luther Pidgeon Memorial Scholarship, and the John and Helen Dickey Scholarship, they created scholarships that support local students.

CHOOSE HENRY FLEX FUND — 2002

Steve Pfenninger joined the Foundation's board in 1985, during its earliest county-wide years. Soon after, he established a named fund within the Choose Henry Flex Fund - the Pfenninger Family Fund, honoring J.J. (Jake), Paul F., and Steve and Lisa Pfenninger.

Herb Bunch's connection to the Foundation was both professional and personal. In addition to serving as Executive Director during a critical period of growth, Herb established the Bunch Family Named Fund as a lasting expression of his belief in the Foundation's mission. Since his passing, his wife, Judy, has continued that commitment by opening three additional funds - the Herb and Judy Bunch Family Designated Fund, a Field of Interest Fund, and a Scholarship Fund, ensuring the Bunch family's impact reaches far into the future.

Together, these individuals and many others (listed later on) helped create something far bigger than any one fund or moment. Forty years later, their belief continues to shape Henry County. The Foundation they helped build is still doing exactly what they hoped it would: connecting people who care with causes that matter, now and for generations to come.

A Legacy in the Making

From Junette's *Vision* to Kyleigh's Classroom

While growing up in Henry County, Kyleigh Compton imagined a future in cosmetology and business. She enrolled in the cosmetology program at the New Castle Career Center and began building the skills she thought would shape her career.

But during her senior year, something shifted. Through her volunteer work with students in the special education program at Blue River Schools, she started feeling drawn to teaching.

Kyleigh went on to attend Ball State and receive a bachelor's degree in Intensive Interventions.

After graduating, she began working as an instructional aide at New Castle Schools.

"I quickly realized how much I loved the work and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the students I serve," Kyleigh shared.

Since 2021, Kyleigh has been the special education life skills teacher at New Castle Middle School. Every day, she helps students build confidence, independence, and skills that will carry them far beyond the classroom.

Wanting to deepen her knowledge and better support students with autism, Kyleigh enrolled in a program to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). It's a rigorous certification that requires significant coursework.

Fortunately, funding from a scholarship created by Junette Chance, in memory of her daughter, Janice, years earlier helped make that opportunity possible.

With support from the Janice Paige Hughes Scholarship Fund, Kyleigh was able to continue her education without the added financial pressure.

Kyleigh reflected, "This scholarship has given me the opportunity to pursue coursework that strengthens my skills in classroom behavior management. The training has been invaluable, equipping me to effectively address challenging behaviors and make a meaningful difference in the lives of my students."

What Kyleigh may not have realized is that her opportunity began years earlier with a thoughtful decision made in a will.



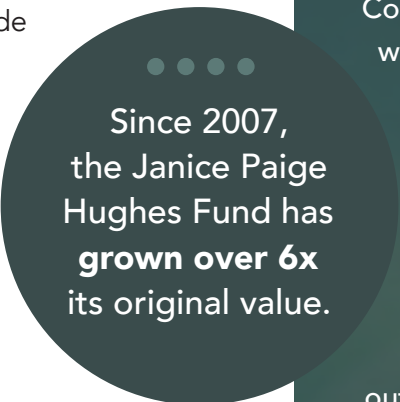


In the early days of the Foundation, Junette Chance chose to include the Henry County Community Foundation in her estate plans. She wanted to create something lasting that would support Henry County residents pursuing certifications, degrees, or graduate studies in special education.

When her estate gift established the Janice Paige Hughes Fund in 2007, it began with \$85,000. Thanks to thorough stewardship and investment through the Foundation, the fund has now grown to more than \$530,000.

Today, Junette's thoughtful decision to include the Foundation in her will continues to create opportunities she could only imagine.

Nearly twenty years later, her legacy continues to make an impact, opening doors for local educators and transforming the lives of Henry County students. By supporting Kyleigh's BCBA certification, the fund enhances her expertise and deepens her engagement in the classroom. It is a beautiful example of what happens when we commit to the long-term success of our community.



Since 2007,
the Janice Paige
Hughes Fund has
grown over 6x
its original value.

POWER OF PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving is one of the most impactful ways to invest in the future of your community. By including the Henry County Community Foundation in your estate plan, whether through a bequest in your will, a charitable trust, or naming us as a beneficiary of your retirement account, you ensure the causes you care about are strengthened long after you're gone.

Why consider a planned gift?

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 to the Foundation, 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 forever.

Let's Invest in the Future, Together

Estate planning isn't just about organizing assets. It's about ensuring your passion lives on. The Foundation is here to help you and your family navigate this process. We offer free estate planning resources on our website that you can easily share with your financial advisor to ensure your legacy is secure.

Visit: henrycountycf.org/planned-giving



TASC GRANTS

Tri Jr Sr High School

Food Packing with IDES

Shenandoah FFA

Nashville Night - Legacy Prom

The Salvation Army of HC

Summer Camp

Tri Jr Sr High School

Hanson PBL Project

New Castle Middle School

Camp Better Futures

Tiny Trojans Preschool

Preschool Expansion

Hope Initiative

Back to School Festival

Kennard Krusaders

Holiday Uplift

Shenandoah FFA

Operation Christmas

New Castle High School

Fuel for Success NCHS School
Pantry

Secret Families

2025 Christmas Season

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.



Blue River Valley High School

Kennedy Baker, Gabriel Bilby, Kenna Sheets, Jayden Abbott, and Amelia Koontz

Knightstown High School

Vance Toth, Kinzie King, Brooklyn Barker, Elizabeth Wilkinson, and Sam Davis

New Castle High School

Sylvie Terrell, Anyah Amman, Lyla Shue, Annie Glover, and Langlee Murphy

Shenandoah High School

Landon Barr, Jarrett Helman, Josie Copass, Kayden Foshee, and Jalyen Pritchett

Tri Jr./Sr. High School

Dalton Key, Jillian Chew, Mason Cole, Maren Stevens, and Arianna Bennett

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship



Landon Barr of Shenandoah High School was named the 2025 Henry County Community Foundation Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipient.

Each Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment for four years.

The finalists for the 2025 Henry County Community Foundation Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program were Sylvie Terrell, New Castle High School; Dalton Key, Tri High School; Vance Toth, Knightstown High School; and Colton Kemerly, Blue River Valley High School.

Each finalist will receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship from the Henry County Community Foundation for representing their school.

A special note To Our Donors

**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 supporters like you.

Since 1985, generous individuals like yourself have built
a powerful force for good in our community.

Thank you for making a difference!



Visit **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?

- 1 SMALL & CONSISTENT**
Small, monthly donations can have
the same impact as a large, one-time
donation.
- 2 BUILD YOUR LEGACY**
You can build your own endowed fund
over time through monthly donations.
- 3 JOIN A MOVEMENT**
Monthly giving has become an
important way for donors like you to
support the causes you care about.

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Greensboro Volunteer Fire Department –
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Back to School Festival

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ADA sidewalk for war
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New course within Memorial Park

New Castle Band Boosters –
Sound System

New Castle High School –
Fuel for Success NCHS Pantry

New Castle High School Choir –
Enclosed box trailer

New Castle Little League –
Completion of batting cages

New Castle Main Street –
Preservation of Main Street's
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New Castle Parks and Recreation –
Lifeguard certification classes

New Castle Police Department –
Digital forensic tools and training

New Castle School Corporation –
Camp Better Futures

New Castle School Corporation –
Tiny Trojan expansion

Nonprofit conference entry –
(Nonprofit Capacity Building)

Raintree Habitat for Humanity –
Materials for a new house

Salvation Army –
Summer Camp

Second Harvest Food Bank –
The Big Idea program in Henry County

Secret Families of Henry County –
Reach more families

Servants at Work (SAWS) –
Help build 6 wheelchair ramps
in Henry County

Shenandoah FFA –
Operation Christmas, Legacy Prom

Spiceland Volunteer Fire Department –
Concrete for the new fire house bay

Summer Internships –
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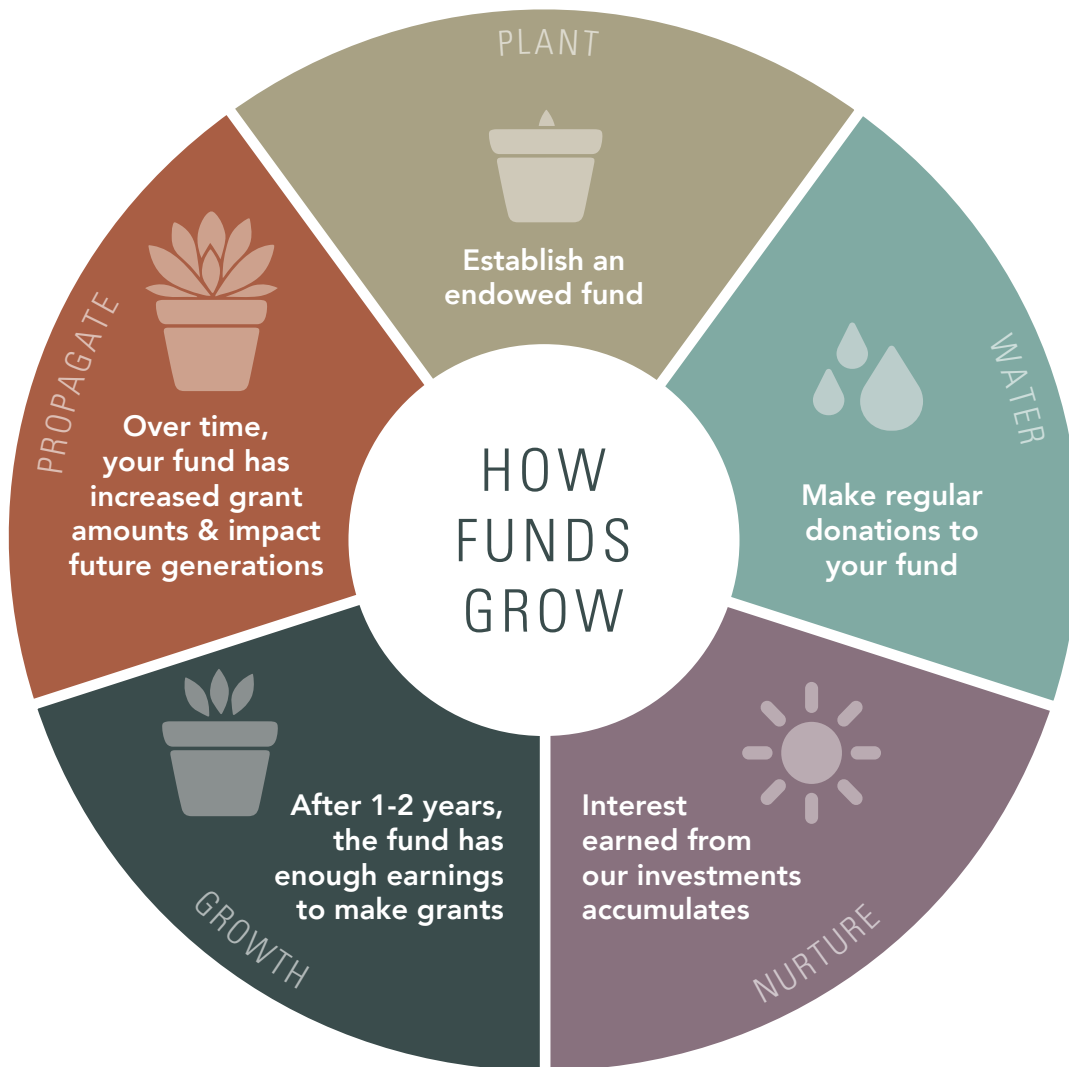
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Women's Circle of Friends Grantmaking Gala

The 12th annual Women's Circle of Friends Grantmaking Gala brought together generous women from across Henry County for an evening of community, inspiration, and collective giving at The Crossing on 38. Attendees enjoyed a cocktail hour followed by dinner and the opportunity to learn directly from local nonprofit leaders.



POWER OF COMMUNITY

The heart of the event is philanthropy: each woman donates a minimum amount to join, and those pooled dollars become grants that support organizations making a difference in our community. 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.

At the gala, three local nonprofits presented their work and mission to the group before members cast votes to determine how the funds would be distributed. Presenting non-profits were the DSI Developmental Services Inc., Kindergarten Prep

and Child Care, and the Miracle League of Henry County.

After thoughtful discussion and voting, the Miracle League of Henry County was selected as the top recipient, earning the largest share of the grant pool to further its mission of creating inclusive recreation opportunities for children and adults with disabilities.

As the top recipient, the Miracle League of Henry County 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, fostering connection and meaningful conversation while investing in the future of local nonprofit work. The event once again demonstrated the power of collective giving. When women come together, their impact multiplies across Henry County.

This event wouldn't be possible without the women who show up, give generously, and believe in the power of community. Your support helps local programs grow and thrive. Thank you for making a difference!



WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The Women's Circle of Friends Field of Interest Fund was founded to provide financial support to local nonprofit organizations that work 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.

The 2025 recipient of the Women's Circle of Friends Field of Interest Fund was Safe at Home. Director Holly Adkins spoke at the gala about Safe at Home's important work and expressed gratitude for the fund's support.

2026 Women's Circle of Friends Grantmaking Gala

We hope you'll join us for this year's event at the Crossing on 38 on Tuesday, September 8th, with a cocktail hour beginning at 5:00pm and the program and dinner at 6:00pm.



Remembering VIRGINIA REEVES

As the first woman on the Foundation's Board of Directors, Virginia Reeves helped open doors and set a powerful example of leadership. Her influence continues to be felt throughout our work. We remember her life and service with deep appreciation following her passing in 2025.



Judy Melton Award Recipient

Don Geozeff

The Judy Melton Award is named for Judy Melton, a former president and board member of the Foundation whose dedication left a lasting mark. Her unwavering commitment set a standard that continues to guide the Foundation today. Following her passing in 2009, the award was established to recognize individuals who go above and beyond in service to the community.

Each year, the Foundation's Board of Directors selects the recipient through an anonymous vote. The 2025 recipient, Don Geozeff, is a quiet supporter whose life reflects a deep commitment to serving others.

Those who know Don describe him as kind, selfless, and deeply genuine. He has a remarkable way of making people feel seen, whether by remembering names, asking about families, or offering encouragement in thoughtful, personal ways. His impact can be felt across Henry County through his involvement with schools, United Fund, faith-based organizations, and the Community Foundation.

Don's connection to the Foundation began with a gift supporting a playground project, reflecting his long-standing passion for creating opportunities for children. Since then, he and his wife have supported numerous funds, including their own fund benefiting students. In addition to his philanthropy, Don has served through

volunteering his time and energy to the grants committee.

What truly sets Don apart is his humility. In one notable example, Don initially opposed a local program. As the program evolved, he recognized its value, openly acknowledged his change in perspective, and went on to serve on the organization's board. This willingness to grow and serve speaks volumes about his character.

The Judy Melton Award honors individuals whose lives reflect generosity, service, and quiet leadership. In every sense, Don Geozeff embodies that legacy.

The Henry County Community Foundation is honored to recognize Don Geozeff as the 2025 Judy Melton Award recipient and grateful for the example he sets for our community.





Teacher Excellence Award Recipient: Kristin Tran

Solving the Formula for Student Success

At Blue River Valley Jr/Sr High School, Kristin Tran is known as a leader, a mentor, and a constant advocate for students. That commitment is why she was nominated for the 2025 Teacher Excellence Award at the Henry County Community Foundation.

The Teacher Excellence Award honors educators who go above and beyond to create meaningful opportunities for their students. Mrs. Tran exemplifies this spirit through both her leadership and her willingness to step in when her school needs her most.

Now in her 22nd year of teaching at Blue River Valley, Mrs. Tran continues to bring energy and enthusiasm to the classroom. "What I love most about teaching is when students become excited and curious about what we're learning," she shared. "I love sharing my passion for Biology with my students, and am delighted when they find some of that joy too."

When Blue River Valley introduced a Biomedical Pathway for students interested in medical careers, Mrs. Tran immediately took the lead. She completed Project Lead the Way training and, when staffing challenges threatened the program, continued her training and leadership to ensure it could move forward.

Students describe Mrs. Tran's classroom as a place where they feel valued and supported. Even those who do not initially enjoy science

find themselves engaged and encouraged to do their best. Seniors frequently name her as the teacher who made the greatest impact on their high school experience, citing her care, dedication, and belief in their potential.

Because she cares deeply about her school community, Mrs. Tran's influence extends beyond her classroom. She is a trusted resource for colleagues, supporting new teachers, assisting with technology and lesson planning, and providing professional development.

Reflecting on the recognition, Mrs. Tran shared, "Receiving an award like this reminds me how incredibly fortunate I am to have a job that I love, where I also feel appreciated. This award reminds me that the things I do within my classroom make a difference in my school community, and drives me to want to continue to grow as an educator."

Through her leadership, compassion, and unwavering dedication, Kristin Tran truly represents the heart of the Teacher Excellence Award. The Henry County Community Foundation is proud to honor her and the difference she makes in the lives of students every day.

"This award reminds me that the things I do within my classroom make a difference in my school community."

The Teacher Excellence Award is presented annually in the spring to a full-time teacher in a Henry County public school. The ideal candidate is inspiring, creative, committed, enduring, and encouraging. Nominations are accepted from parents, students, peers, and community members who have had a direct experience with the teacher.

The Roger & Barbara Ward Education Fund

A Lasting Legacy of Enriching Classrooms

For nearly 30 years, Barbara Ward poured her heart and expertise into the students of Henry County, spending the majority of her career at Tri Jr.-Sr. High School. While Barbara was busy inspiring students in the classroom, her husband, Roger, served on the school board behind the scenes for 16 years.

Beyond that, Roger and Barbara were active in the community, frequently visiting every Tri activity they could, from sporting events to plays, concerts, and even proms. They taught their daughters, Suzanne and Mindy, the importance of a quality education and the value of supporting the local community. By bringing them to every chili supper and raffle, they instilled a sense of pride and belonging in their community.

After Roger and Barbara passed away, Suzanne and Mindy knew they wanted to do more than just remember their parents—they wanted to continue their work. To do this, they partnered with the Henry County Community Foundation to establish the Roger and Barbara Ward Education Fund.

By utilizing the Foundation, the sisters found a meaningful avenue to carry on their parents' legacy forever. The fund acts as a permanent resource for the South Henry School Corporation, providing annual grants that empower teachers to enrich their classrooms with new technology, essential supplies, or professional development.

Each year, teachers can apply for this grant and use it toward classroom supplies, special technology, or continuing education.

In 2025, the inaugural grant was awarded to Mrs. Adrienne Thrasher, a dedicated educator in her 13th year at the elementary school. Known for being a positive role model who leads with love, Mrs. Thrasher embodies the very spirit the Wards championed.

"Helping students learn is such a gift," Mrs. Thrasher shared. "I love the excitement and curiosity that shines through when a child is learning something new."

Mrs. Thrasher was shocked and honored to receive this grant. She expressed her gratitude,

"The fact that I was considered meant so much to me... This grant has helped make my classroom even more inviting for our tiniest titans."



"The award was created to honor a local legacy and to allow her to continue to shine a light in our small community. The fact that I was considered meant so much to me."

Since receiving the grant, Mrs. Thrasher has been able to update some of the equipment her class uses daily, such as her easel, student clipboards, whiteboards, and art tools. The majority of the grant supported the purchasing of early childhood play materials, including a much-needed sensory table.

"The more we can incorporate play into our learning, the more learning takes place. This grant has helped make my classroom even more inviting for our tiniest titans."

Mrs. Thrasher and her classroom are just the beginning of what will grow into a lasting legacy of support for education at South Henry Schools.

Through the Roger and Barbara Ward Fund, Suzanne and Mindy have found a meaningful way to honor their parents while also creating ongoing support for local teachers and students.

And in many ways, Roger and Barbara are still right where they always were, cheering on students, encouraging teachers, and making a difference in the classrooms they cared about so deeply.

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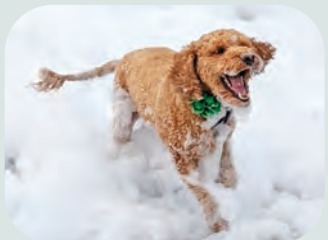
Financial Report

	2025	2024
Assets		
Cash	\$2,097,925	\$1,438,686
Pledges & Accounts Receivable, Net	19,021	59,533
Prepaid Expenses	50,447	40,293
Investments	63,595,309	56,112,843
Property & Equipment		
Land	152,514	152,514
Building	751,019	751,019
Furniture & Equipment	132,179	124,368
Works of Art	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>
	1,043,212	1,035,401
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>426,704</u>	<u>393,625</u>
Net Property & Equipment	<u>616,508</u>	<u>641,776</u>
	\$66,379,210	\$58,293,131
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$22,322	\$12,158
Grants Payable	7,475	2,000
Charitable Gift Annuity	308,634	324,956
Agency Funds	<u>1,171,810</u>	<u>1,036,786</u>
	\$ 1,510,241	\$ 1,375,900
Net Assets	\$64,868,969	\$56,917,231
Liabilities & Net Assets	\$66,379,210	\$58,293,131

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Every Dollar Matters ● ● ● ●

There's no such thing as a "small" gift here. Every donation, no matter the size, becomes part of something bigger. When combined with others, those dollars turn into scholarships, grants, and opportunities that make a real difference in Henry County.

Anyone Can Be A Philanthropist ● ● ● ●

Our donors are neighbors, families, and local businesses who care about this community. Whether it's a one-time gift or a long-term fund, everyone has the ability to make an impact.

Gifts That Keep Giving ● ● ● ●

Endowed funds are invested, and a portion is granted out each year. That means a single gift today can support students, nonprofits, and community needs for generations.

We're Community Funded ● ● ● ●

Everything we do starts with people who care. We rely on generous donors to fuel our work and make local impact possible.

We Support Local Nonprofits ● ● ● ●

We assist with funding for local programs and projects, helping organizations do their best work across Henry County.

We Connect Giving to Impact ● ● ● ●

We work with donors to match their passions with the community's greatest needs. Giving can look a lot of different ways—we work alongside donors to find what fits, whether that's starting a fund, giving through a will, or supporting immediate needs.

We Focus on What Matters Most ● ● ● ●

Every grant and every fund is rooted in improving the quality of life in our community, both now and for the future.

*Together, we can make a difference.
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