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HCCF Celebrating 25th Anniversary

At the end of 1989, a group of over 20 forward-thinking Huntington County citizens met to investigate and discuss the creation - utilizing assistance from the Lilly Endowment - of a community foundation in Huntington County. From this meeting the seeds of the Huntington County Community Foundation (HCCF) were planted.

Starting with $5,000 made possible by Lime City Manufacturing in 1991, HCCF has grown to over 175 funds totaling $13,400,000 in assets today. During the last decade alone, $3,116,808 has been distributed through HCCF back into our Huntington County communities in the form of grants and scholarships. Founding Board President Steve Piekarski said it best when he recently stated that HCCF is able to do things that the original members 25 years ago could have only imagined in their wildest dreams.

HCCF’s purpose is to offer a service that allows you to live your impact, sustain your passion, and fulfill your legacy. We are the business who believes in impacting our local classrooms. We are the nonprofit looking for a sustainable future. We are the family who creates a scholarship in memory of their mother/father. We are a representation of 25 years of philanthropy by countless individuals within Huntington County. From small gifts to large gifts and everything in between, together we are living our impact, sustaining our passions, and fulfilling our legacy.

As we continue our 25th anniversary celebration, stay tuned for more information regarding anniversary announcements such as the launch of our new website design in the coming months!

HCCF Extends Matching Opportunity

After completing our Lilly match in 2015, HCCF is pleased to announce the continuation of the $1 for $1 match on the first $250,000 in donations received into the Community Impact Fund during 2016. In addition, individuals, businesses, or organizations who donate $2,500 or more will be eligible to name their own Community Impact Fund and have the opportunity to sponsor one of HCCF’s annual awarded grants. Created in 1994, the Community Impact Fund has invested over $1,300,000 into providing scholarships and enhancing the services of local nonprofits and teachers serving Huntington County residents. Matching dollars are first come, first serve so take advantage of this opportunity while it lasts!

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I want to help my community by giving through the Huntington County Community Foundation!

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution. Please apply it to:

☐ Community Impact Fund (matched $1-for-$1) ☐ Where the need is greatest
☐ ____________________________________________ (Specific Fund)

This gift is in ☐ honor of; ☐ memory of: _________________________________

Send acknowledgement to: __________________________________________________________

Thank you for your generous donation of your treasure!

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Make a Difference Grants

During our fall grant cycle, we received 16 Make a Difference grant applications requesting a combined total of $266,078. Of the 16 applicants, 11 projects were approved for full or partial funding totaling $44,076. In addition, $30,000 was paid on a previous $100,000 pledge towards the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) room inside the new Parkview Boys & Girls Club of Huntington County building. In 2015, $120,458 was granted for 26 projects in Huntington County through Make a Difference grants.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Finalists

After a two month long process of applications and interviews, we are pleased to announce Alexa Hill, Nathan Park, and Aaron Webb as the finalists for the 2016 Huntington County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

The winning student will receive a four-year full-tuition scholarship to the Indiana college of their choice along with a $900 annual book stipend all made possible by the Lilly Endowment. The remaining finalists will both receive four-year scholarships worth $1,500 annually made possible by HCCF. Announcement of the 2016 Lilly Scholar will take place in early April.

Alexa Hill is the daughter of Cheri and Michael Hill of Huntington. She will be attending Grace College majoring in elementary education with plans to return and teach at an elementary school in Huntington after obtaining her degree.

Nathan Park is the son of Melanie and Stephen Park of Andrews. He will be attending Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis majoring in biomedical engineering with the goal of working with health professionals to create medical devices that assist people with brain disorders.

Aaron Webb is the son of Jill and Jeffrey Webb of Huntington. He will be attending Wabash College majoring in philosophy and pre-med with the goal of improving the quality of life in Indiana by tending to the physical and mental health of its residents.

Classroom Education Grants

Along with our Make a Difference grants, we had 17 applications for our Classroom Education grants. Of the 17 applicants, 14 projects were approved for funding totaling $8,056. Projects included funding to purchase native wildflowers for the Flint Springs Garden Club, materials for a shed to be made and sold by HNHS students, and a variety of mechanical parts used in STEM challenges at Riverview. Below are the teachers who were rewarded for their innovative projects.

Acknowledgements

ACRES Land Trust - $9,000
Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana - $1,250
Portion of our $100,000 pledge towards the STEM room inside the new Boys & Girls Club building
Youth for Christ - $1,342
Becker, Becker & Wiley, Crestview - $625
Bergman, HNHS - $500
Daugherty, Hull & Pansom, HCCSC - $749
Dunwacker & Walter, Crestview - $527
Eshhart, Flint Springs - $750
Humphries, HNHS - $378
Hunt, Riverview - $433
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