

#### **Henry County Community Foundation**

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#### **HCCF Newsletter: November 2019**



#### **Upcoming Opportunities!**

- 1. The Henry County Community Foundation 2019-2020 Common Scholarship applications opened on Friday, November 1, 2019 and are due February 3, 2020. Visit www.henrycountycf.org
- 2. **Spring Grant Workshop** will be held on Wednesday, January 29th at 4 pm at the New Castle-Henry County Public Library. Attendance is mandatory for all organizations interested in applying for the spring grant cycle. Please limit one seat per organization. RSVP by calling our office at 765-529-2235.



Front row, L-R: Alexandra LaMar, Rylee Johnson, and Emma-Kate Moore; back row, L-R: Tytus Ragle, Eli Richards, and Isaiah Steele

# Henry County Community Foundation Announces 2020 Finalists for Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

The finalists for the Henry County Community Foundation 2020 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are Rylee Johnson, Shenandoah High School; Alexandra LaMar, Blue River Valley High School; Emma-Kate Moore, Knightstown High School; Tytus Ragle, New Castle High School; Eli Richards, Hagerstown High School; and Isaiah Steele, Tri High School.

Every graduating senior attending Blue River Valley, Hagerstown, Knightstown, New Castle, Shenandoah, Tri and Union high schools, who is also a Henry County resident, is eligible to apply for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. Each high school nominates one student to represent their school in the Henry County Community Foundation's scholarship selection process. After the Foundation's scholarship committee from outside the county narrows the field to one nominee and two alternates, their names are forwarded to Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) for the final selection of Henry County's 2020 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar, who will be notified by ICI in December. The finalists who are not selected as Henry County's Lilly Endowment Community Scholar will each receive one-time \$1,000 scholarship awards from the Henry County Community Foundation for being chosen to represent their school.

ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 30 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit, private colleges and universities in the state. This scholarship is the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to 1) help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education; 2) to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and 3) to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit, and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state. There are 143 scholarships awarded statewide.

# Harold E. and Imogene L. Caine Memorial Fund Grant

#### Caine Grants 2019 Announced!

The Henry County Community Foundation has chosen the recipients for the Harold E.



and Imogene M. Caine Memorial Fund Grants for 2019. The Caines were residents of Mt. Summit and regular supporters of Toys for Tots. Harold and Imogene wanted to continue their legacy by giving needy local children gifts at the holidays and chose to establish this fund in their Last Will and Testament. Since 2002, the Harold E. and Imogene M. Caine Memorial Fund has provided holiday cheer for over 2,600 Henry County children.

This year, Caine grants are being awarded to five programs to benefit Henry County children: Christian Love Help Center, Knightstown Cheer Guild, Inc., ICAP Operation Holiday Helper; Secret Families of Henry County and Westminster Community Center. We are proud to support these organizations who are working to provide a merry Christmas for our local children.

## Community Foundation Welcomes New Team Members

The Henry County Community Foundation welcomed **Erin Riggle** and Hilary Bennett to their staff recently. "Foundation growth has been steadily rising which is positive for our community," said Beverly Matthews, President. "We now have a



Director of Grants and Special Projects and an Education Manager to help with our growth."

Erin Riggle holds a bachelor's degree in English from Indiana University East and has professional experience in nonprofit management, finance and technology systems and client communication. Joining the Foundation team, as the Director of Grants and Special Projects, Riggle recently held the position of Director of Trust Operations for the East Central Indiana School Trust.

"I wanted to make a difference and do something to benefit the community and enrich my skills, said Riggle. "The

Foundation gives me that opportunity."

Riggle is married to Matt and they have two dogs. They enjoy outdoor activities, including fishing and hunting.



A Henry County native, **Hilary Bennett** is a graduate of Tri High School and holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Indiana University East. She has continued her professional training through technology and communication courses and is certified in Microsoft Office at an expert level. Bennett is the newly named Education Manager, overseeing the Foundation's 153 scholarships and working with other grants as well. She most recently was an Eligibility Specialist for Conduent, who administers the Family and Social Services Benefits for the State of Indiana.

"Working at the Foundation helps me utilize my degree and help students who need scholarships and other assistance to complete college. I enjoy working with people and education is important for the full development of individuals and the community."

Bennett is married to Dusty and they have two daughters, Myah, age 7 and Emersyn, age. 3. They enjoy family travel and outdoor recreation.



# Santa Claus is Coming to Town with Grants for Local Non-Profit Organizations

The Henry County Community
Foundation (HCCF) is helping Santa
grant a wish to non-profit organizations
(501c3's) in our community this
Christmas. Now through Wednesday,
December 11, they invite the residents

of Henry County to write Santa a letter about a non-profit organization they believe is making a difference in the community.

Santa's Elves will collect the letters and the HCCF Board of Directors will draw the winners. Non-profit organization winners will be contacted to pick up their Santa grants on Dec. 13. Santa Grants will be announced on the Foundation website - www.henrycountycf.org, the Foundation's Facebook page, and to the local media. Be sure to tell Santa in your letter the name of the organization, the organization's contact information, the impact they make in our community, and why they are important to Henry County.

To qualify, the organization must be a 501(c)3 and benefit our community. According to Beverly Matthews, President of HCCF, "Organizations who receive government support are not eligible for Santa Grants. Due to the closing of United Fund, nonprofits have had a rough time sustaining the important work they do all year in the community." Letters must be received by noon on Wednesday, December 11 at the Henry County Community Foundation Office, 700 S Memorial Drive, New Castle. Letters can also be mailed to P.O. Box 6006, New Castle, IN 47362.

If you have any questions about this grant opportunity, or would like to make a gift to the Henry County Community Foundation, please call 765-529-2235 or visit our website at www.henrycountycf.org.

Santa Grants are made possible by the Choose Henry Fund. Let Santa know who has

been good this year!

The end of the year is fast approaching and it is important to start planning how you will make an impact this year. There are many options to choose from which offer attractive tax benefits while making an impact in the quality of life in Henry

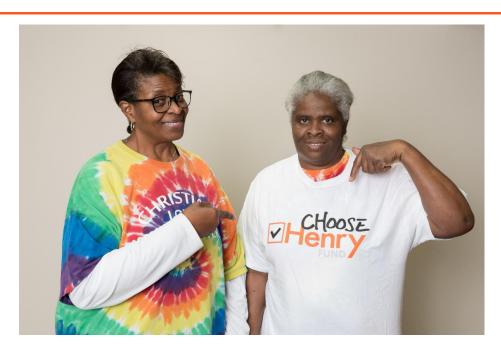


County. The Foundation exists to provide public-spirited donors a vehicle to support the community's charitable needs. The Foundation can suggest flexible, efficient, and tax effective ways to achieve the greatest possible philanthropic impact.

- Give Cash or Check
- Donate Online at www.henrycountycf.org
- Give Appreciated Stock
- Invest in a Life Income Plan
- Donate an Insurance Policy

Click here to learn more about giving to your favorite fund at the Henry County

Community Foundation.



# Donate to the CHOOSE HENRY FLEX FUND and your gift will be MATCHED 2:1

### The matching opportunity is available for a LIMITED TIME ONLY!

The Choose Henry Flex Fund is unique in its ability to assist local nonprofits that provide programming and services in Henry County. Grants are made from the Choose Henry Fund to organizations that address the needs of the community to promote and support social services, arts and culture, health and recreation, civic affairs, and education for Henry County residents. Click <a href="here">here</a> to learn more about the Choose Henry Flex Fund.

#### Ways to Donate

- Online at <a href="https://www.henrycountycf.org">www.henrycountycf.org</a>
- Cash or Check at Henry County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 6006, New Castle, IN 47362
- · Gift of Grain

- IRA Rollover
- Stock



# How big does a scholarship have to be?

According to Forbes magazine, the "Price of College is Increasing Almost 8 Times Faster Then Wages. Student loans make up the largest chunk of U.S. non-housing debt – more than both credit cards and auto loans."

National news like this even affects students in our community and region. When the Henry County Community Foundation was established in 1985, a student could get a four-year degree at a public university for \$11,812. Today, the average annual in-state college tuition in Indiana is \$36,448 for a four-year degree. That's over a 208% increase and doesn't include room and board for those students who live on campus.

Scholarship endowment levels at the Henry County Community Foundation started at \$5,000 in 1985 and they were main drivers of investment in the community. Trying to keep up with college costs to help students in their college debt burden, the scholarship endowment level was raised to \$12,500 in 2008 to generate a \$500 scholarship.

In order to help more students succeed in attaining a degree and not be so burdened in liability, the Henry County Community Foundation board of directors voted to increase the scholarship endowment level minimum to \$25,000, effective January 1, 2020.

#### What does this mean for the 160 current scholarship funds?

Current established scholarships will continue to pay out at their endowment levels, and in 2018, that total amount was \$330,000. The Foundation would like to work with donors of these scholarships and explore ideas to grow their capacity.

Receiving a scholarship of any amount is an honor – to both the student and to the donor, who created the scholarship. The Foundation's scholarship donors have been so generous that their contributions make up 35% of our total assets.

The Henry County Community Foundation is a strong believer in helping our youth obtain their education goals. They make our world a better place. Beginning on January 1, 2020, when scholarship endowments require \$25,000, these students will be better equipped to finish their degrees with less debt. Thank you to all our donors to the Foundation who are our partners in doing good.

If you are interested in more information about helping students or our community, please contact me at beverly@henrycountycf.org or 765-529-2235.

#### **TASC Youth Grants**

Any non-profit organization may apply for a TASC grant so long as the grant monies will be used for programs benefiting the youth of Henry County, Indiana. Grants under \$2,500 preferred. Read TASC Guidelines for further information about what is required for organizations applying for grants.

### **TASC Grant Application**

**Due:** December 6, 2019 at Noon

Visit <u>here</u> for more information and to apply!



#### 2019-2020 Scholarship Applications Open

## **NOVEMBER 1, 2019**

www.henrycountycf.org

The Henry County Community Foundation wishes you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving!



#### **Memorials**

At the request of the family, the Foundation is honored to accept donations for the following people.

#### Kent A. Keith

October 11, 2019

#### John J. Maher

October 18, 2019

#### **October Memorials**

Chester, beloved dog of Barbara & Brandt

Ford

Derek Clark

Lester "Trey" Dale Cole III

Ralph Eugene Hollars Terry Harvey

Jan Hinton

Kent Keith

Ryan Lohrey John J. Maher

Gabe Mosley

Richard Pickett

Gary Sampley Stephen Thurston

Paul Walter

Jessica Wantz

**Brandon Bowling** Erin Bundy Natalie Estelle Geneva Henderson John Henderson Max Murphy Ted Myers Priscilla Thurston

#### **October Donors**

Elliott & Betts Adams Estate of Nancy F. Antrim Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bates Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bimber

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Blessinger

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Broyles Herb & Judy Bunch

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