

Building a Community Where Everyone Thrives



HAMILTON COUNTY
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

2025 Annual Report



A Message from Our Leadership

“Hamilton County is a community on the move. We are growing, evolving, and full of possibility. That growth is most meaningful when our entire community has the chance to be a part of it.

In 2025, HCCF took important steps forward—launching a new strategic plan, welcoming new leadership, and building even stronger partnerships across our community. All with one goal in mind: making sure every person, no matter their circumstance, has the chance to thrive.

It’s people like you—our donors, nonprofit partners, volunteers, and neighbors—who make this work possible. We’re truly grateful to be doing this together and to be part of a community that cares so deeply.”



Danielle Stiles-Polk

HCCF President



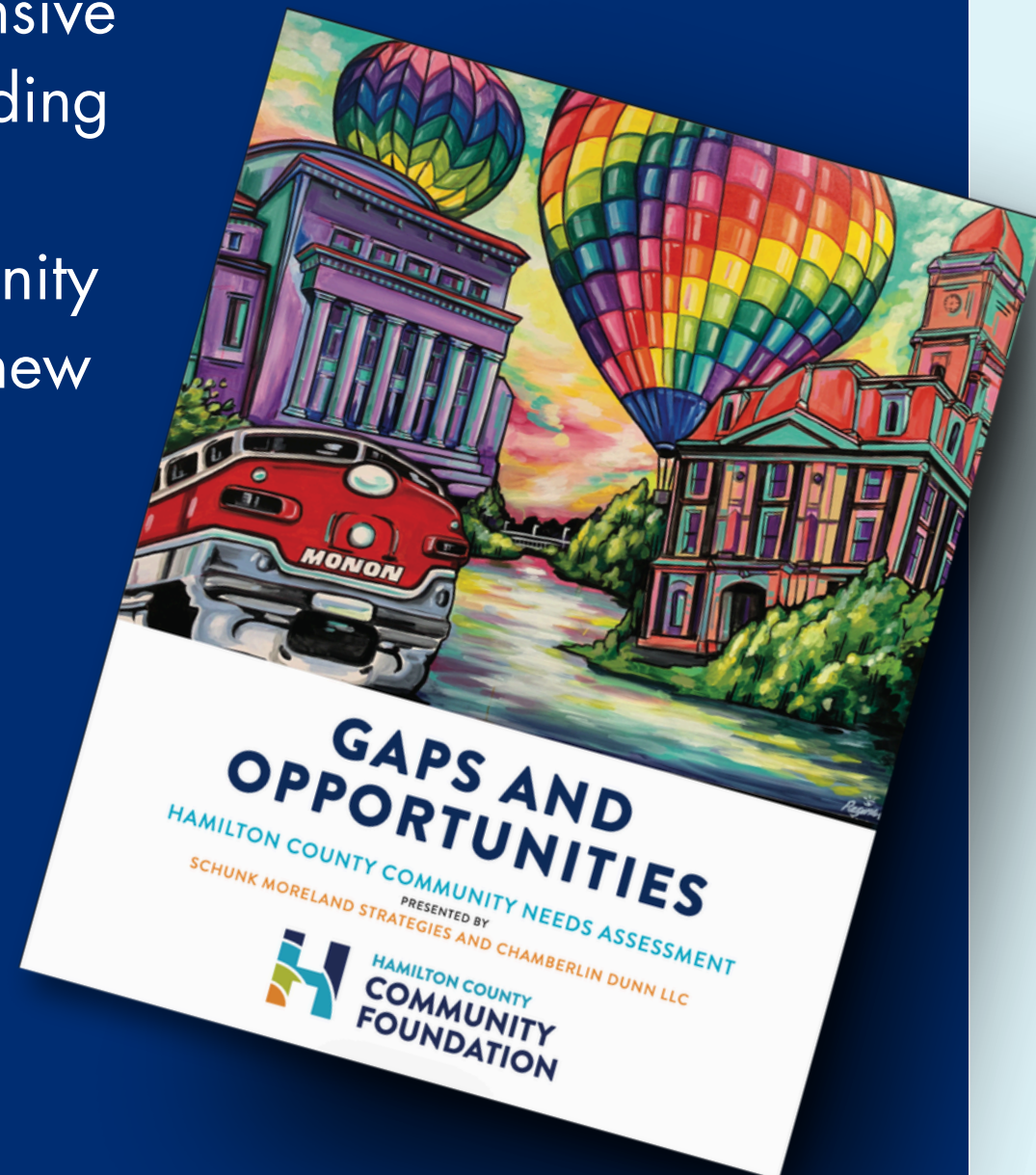
Eddie Rivers

HCCF Board Chair, 2025

LAUNCHED JANUARY 2025

A Roadmap for Hamilton County's Future

Guided by a comprehensive needs assessment, including **more than 2,000 data points** and deep community conversations, HCCF's new strategic plan focuses investments where they matter most.



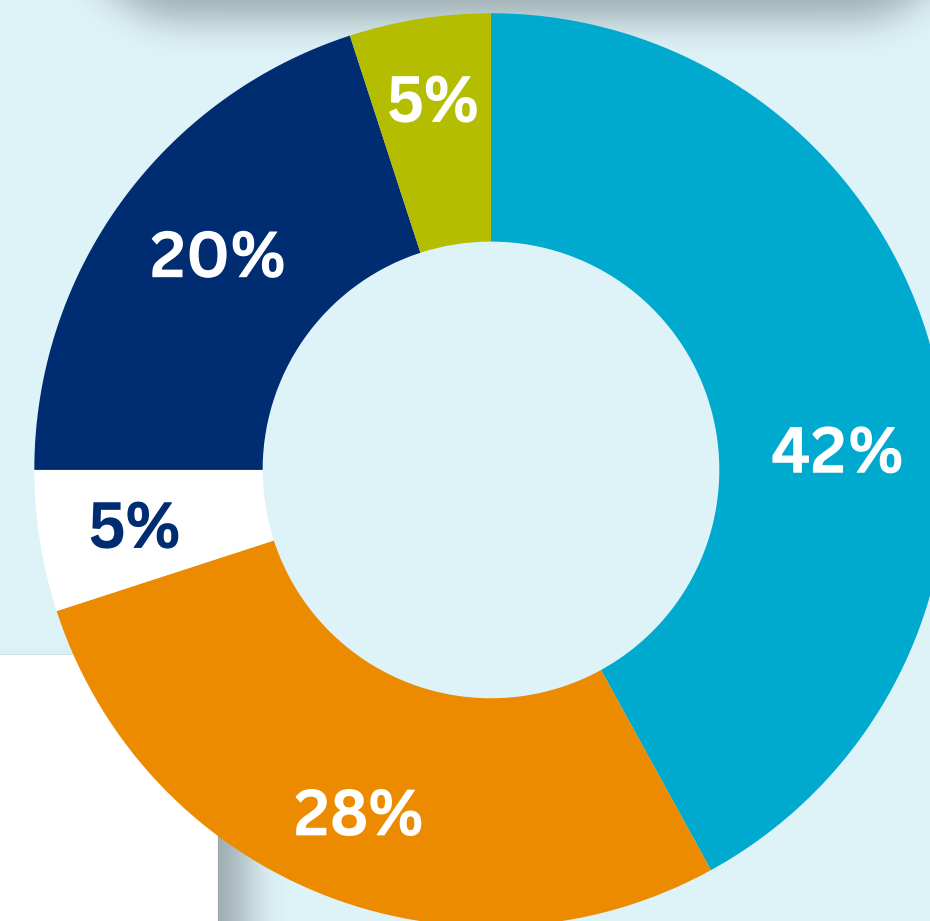
FIVE FOCUS AREAS

- Affordable Housing
- Education & Training
- Social Services
- Childcare Solutions
- Transportation

Individual Fundholders at a Glance



- Health & Human Services
- Education Arts & Culture
- Civic & Community Improvement
- Environment



\$4.0M

Contributed to HCCF individual funds

981

Organizations received grants from HCCF fundholders

\$5.4M

Granted by HCCF individual fundholders

Charitable Org Funds

41

Nonprofits that hold funds at
HCCF

152

Charitable Org Funds

\$13.6M

Charitable org funds under
HCCF management



Scholarships



84

Scholarships awarded

\$913K

Scholarship funds awarded

71

Students impacted

2025 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars

"Our 2025 Lilly Scholars are the kind of young people who see a need and step up. They have shown real leadership, follow-through, and a heart for service in Hamilton County. This scholarship will open doors on their campuses, and we are excited to see how they keep learning, leading, and giving back here at home."

Danielle Stiles-Polk, President of HCCF



**Addison
Dollahan**

Culver Academies



**Isreal Josh
Tioua Ponpoe**

Noblesville High School



**Japnam
Kular**

Hamilton Southeastern
High School

Not pictured: **Sabrina Mari Alberty**, Fishers High School & **Evan Homan**, Westfield High School

Convening Our Community at the HUB

In 2025, The HUB @ HCCF served as a gathering place for connection and collaboration.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Behavioral Health Collaborative

Community Leaders came together to address Hamilton County's mental health challenges—made even more uplifting thanks to Officer Luna, the therapy K-9 from the NobleACT team.

DECEMBER 2025

Executive Directors Holiday Gathering

HCCF celebrated the Hamilton County Executive Directors Group with a build-your-own flower bar, a blind date with a book, and a heartfelt thank you for their tireless work in Hamilton County.





CROSSER FAMILY FOUNDATION

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

\$521K

grants awarded in 2025

23

nonprofit organizations funded

“Our family cares deeply about strengthening our community and helping individuals thrive. These grants are our way of supporting organizations that address critical issues such as community engagement, housing, health, and youth development. We are proud to partner with them to make a meaningful difference in people’s lives.”

—Craig Crosser

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Investing in Youth & Families Across Hamilton County

The Crosser Family Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the lives of youth and families in Hamilton County and Central Indiana. By partnering with innovative nonprofit organizations, the foundation strives to cultivate a strong and engaged community.





SHEEHAN FAMILY FUND

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\$1.2M

grants awarded in 2025

*“Every grant we provide reflects the values my parents, **Tom and Soni Sheehan**, cherished: compassion, community, and a dedication to helping others. It is a privilege to carry on their legacy by supporting organizations that are making a meaningful impact in the lives of children. These grants honor their memory and continue the work they started to build a stronger Hamilton County.”*

—**Tracey Sheehan**



ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Carrying Forward a Legacy of Compassion

The Sheehan Family Fund provides medical assistance to families facing financial hardship, and supports children’s development by helping cover the cost of durable medical equipment, occupational and physical therapy, and short-term treatments that improve quality of life. The fund also provides grants to nonprofits that honor the Sheehan family’s legacy of compassion and community impact.

Prevail, Inc. \$120k Multi-Year Partnership

In May 2025, HCCF was proud to announce an investment of \$120,000 over three years in support of Prevail, Inc., a nonprofit that empowers survivors of crime and abuse on their path to healing while engaging the community to support safe, healthy relationships.

“This transformative long-term partner grant represents far more than funding. It is a powerful investment in the safety, stability, and future of survivors of crime and abuse in our community. With the Hamilton County Community Foundation’s support, Prevail will expand access to secure housing options—removing one of the biggest barriers our clients face as they begin their healing journey.”

Tami Wanninger, Executive Director of Prevail, Inc.



Hamilton County Land Trust

In 2025, HCCF helped launch the Hamilton County Land Trust through collaboration with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis, HAND, Inc. and other community partners.

The **Hamilton County Community Land Trust** is a community-driven effort to ensure long-term housing affordability by rethinking how land is owned and stewarded.

By separating the cost of land from the cost of housing, this model makes homeownership more attainable today and keeps it affordable for future generations.



\$100K to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

When a disruption in SNAP benefits left many Hamilton County families facing unexpected gaps at the kitchen table, local partners stepped in quickly.

HCCF, alongside the **Crosser Family Foundation** and the **Shelly & Cherryl Friedman Family Fund**, came together to provide a \$100,000 emergency grant to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank.

This support is helping the food bank respond to rising demand and ensure neighbors across the county continue to have access to the nutritious meals they need to thrive.

“This support comes at a pivotal time for many residents impacted by SNAP benefit interruptions and will help ensure continued access to nutritious food across our community. It’s a powerful reminder of the compassion and collaboration that make Hamilton County such a caring place to call home.”

Suzanna Hobson, Executive Director of Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

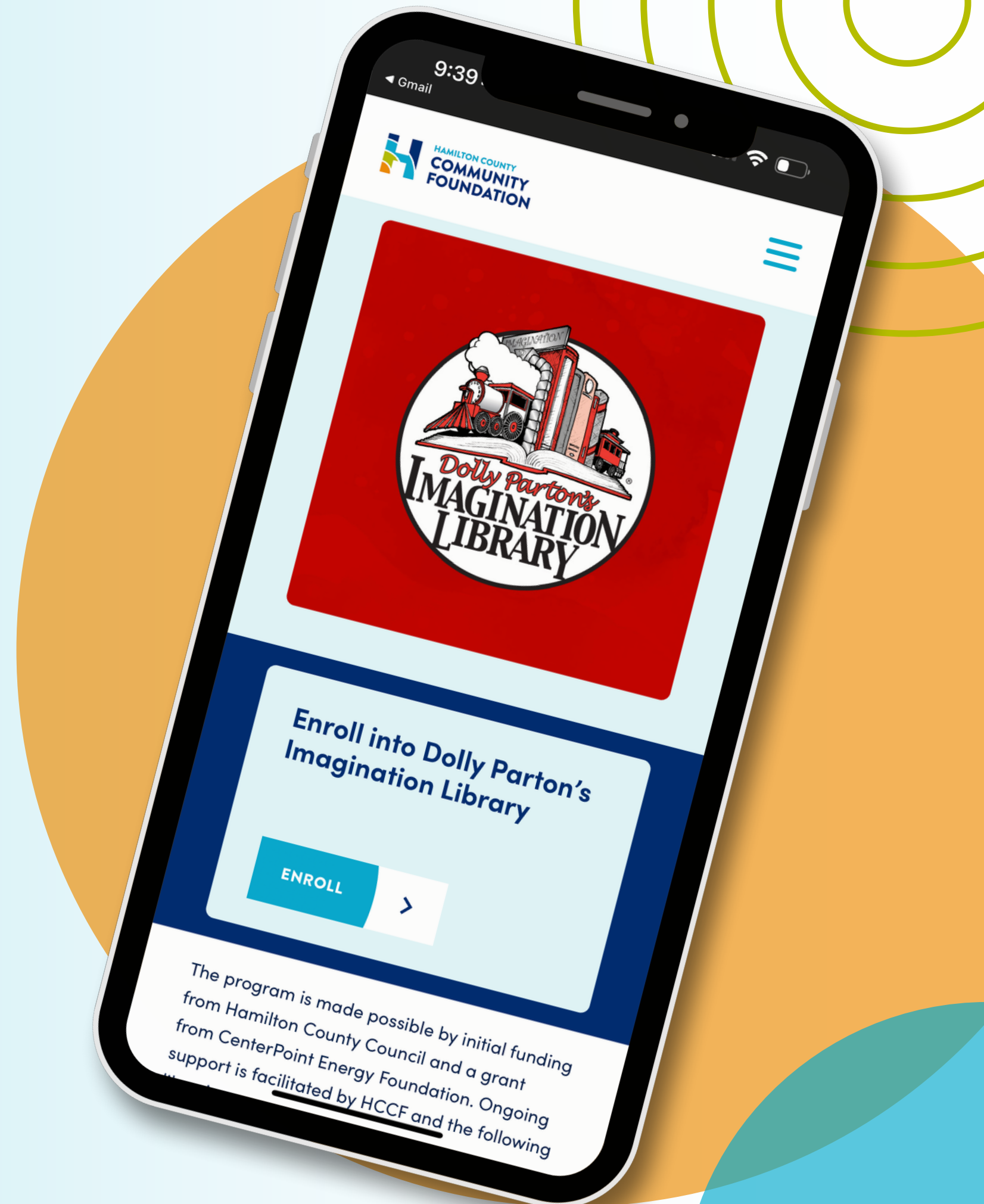


Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

In Hamilton County, several partners came together to invest in the earliest years of learning.

Through a coordinated effort led by local libraries and Hamilton County Community Foundation, along with funding from the Hamilton County Council, **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** is already providing more than 5,000 children under age five with monthly books.

By delivering books directly to families, the program advances early literacy and creates lasting opportunities for children to thrive.



2025 Competitive Grant Round

In 2025, Hamilton County Community Foundation invested \$558,000 in the community, with **\$405,000** awarded through our 2025 competitive grant cycle.

These flexible funds allow nonprofit partners to respond where the need is greatest and support programs and services that enhance quality of life for Hamilton County residents.

“Every grant we award reflects our commitment to strengthening the wellbeing of our neighbors. Whether expanding access to housing, education, childcare, workforce development or essential social services, nonprofits are leading community change, and HCCF is proud to support their work.”

Danielle Stiles-Polk, President of HCCF



GIFT IX: \$6 Million for Grant Funding

Hamilton County Community Foundation was awarded a **\$6 million Community Support Grant** from Lilly Endowment through its GIFT IX initiative.

This investment provides flexible resources that will help HCCF respond to near-term needs and continue building stronger communities **throughout Hamilton County** over the next three years.

With this support, HCCF will be able to strengthen its partnerships, invest in community-driven priorities, and provide timely funding to organizations addressing the county's most pressing challenges as they emerge.



Thank You For Believing in Hamilton County

The work we do can't happen in isolation.

It's shaped by **donors, fundholders, nonprofit partners, and community members** who continue to invest their time, resources, and energy into Hamilton County.

We're grateful for that shared commitment and look forward to seeing our community continue to grow.

