

HCCEF To Give Away \$250 At Hardin County Fair

Is there a special project or social-profit group in your community that would benefit from a gift of \$250? The Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation (HCCEF) plans to give \$250 to an organization that is nominated by the public and receives the most votes of support during the Hardin County Fair, July 8 -12th.

HCCEF is inviting people to stop by their booth in the Community Building beginning Wednesday, July 8th to cast their vote for their favorite community project, school, or social-profit organization.

Individuals can vote for one organization per day on Wednesday, July 8th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; Thursday, July 9th from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday, July 10th from 5 p.m.-7 p.m., and on Saturday, July 11th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

“This is a new way to provide additional dollars for important causes in our county,” said Carol Gilbert, chair of HCCEF. This year supporters of worthy projects can “fund-raise” through this vote challenge offer and enjoy the Hardin County Fair at the same time.

Votes will be tallied each night and posted to give a progress report on which organizations are leading in the vote count. The announcement of the top vote-getting organization will take place Sunday evening at the Demolition Derby in the fairground’s Grand Stand.

“We encourage all communities and organizations to spread the word about this opportunity and to stop by HCCEF’s booth when they are at the Hardin County Fair. Our board felt this was an excellent way to promote the mission of HCCEF in a fun way while providing additional funds for a Hardin County organization.”

HCCEF’s mission is to enhance the quality of life in the county by providing opportunities for donors to leave a legacy, by building a permanent collection of endowment funds, and by making grants to social-profit groups in response to priority community needs.

Since 2005 HCCEF has reinvested over \$272,000 in grants to 97 innovative partnerships, bolstering services and improving the quality of life in Hardin County. Grants have been awarded to cities, schools, and social-profit in the areas of art and culture, community betterment, recreation and environment, youth development, health and human services, and education. For more information about HCCEF, visit www.donateiowa.org/hardin.