

Media Release - Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation

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### **County Endowment Foundation To Award Grants**

The Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation (HCCEF) will celebrate local philanthropy at their fifth annual Community Grant Awards Night on Thursday evening, April 15th. The evening's celebration will be held at the South Hardin Recreation Center in Union at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

"An estimated 17,400 Hardin County residents benefit from the annual grants made by HCCEF," says Kristi Harris, HCCEF Grant Chair "The 32 grants being announced, total over \$98,800, support the areas of art and culture, community betterment, economic development and entrepreneurship, education, health and human services, recreation and environment, and youth development,".

Social profit groups in 11 county-wide organizations and 20 county community organizations will be recipients of funding. A total of 44 grant applications were reviewed by the HCCEF board requesting over \$212,450 in grants.

HCCEF was organized in 2005. The mission of HCCEF is to foster private giving, strengthen service providers and enhance the quality of life in Hardin County. To these ends, it promotes endowment building, community, grantmaking, organizational collaboration, and public leadership for the benefit of Hardin County citizens.

As an affiliate of the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, HCCEF assists donors who wish to support those charitable organizations that are important to them. As an additional incentive to encourage donors and help grow community philanthropy, donors making gifts to a permanent endowment with HCCEF may receive a 25% state income tax credit (up to \$100,000 per taxpayer) on qualifying gifts made each year.

For further information on giving back to your community through HCCEF, contact Carol Gilbert at 515-855-4170.