

Hancock County Community Foundation

Press Release

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Hancock County Community Foundation Announces PathLight Partners

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Four Hancock County organizations have been named the Hancock County Community Foundation's PathLight Partners. As a result, they will receive \$1 for every \$2 raised to grow their Agency Endowment Funds. Agency Endowment Funds are powerful tools that can ensure the future of nonprofit organizations. This type of permanent fund generates annual income that can help build a perpetual source of unrestricted funding for organizations, while increasing the number of people supporting their mission and the depth of supporters' commitment to their cause.

Four agencies serving Hancock County have been selected as 2008 PathLight Partners:

- **FUSE (Families United for Support and Encouragement)** provides information, resources and support to Indiana families raising children with special needs and guides these families to information and resources that make the challenge of parenting a child with special needs a little easier.
- **Hancock County Public Library** delivers quality information service, multiple resources and technology tools, and a variety of programs for life long learning and enjoyment to all residents of Hancock County in a caring and innovative setting.
- **Mt. Vernon Education Foundation** supports the students and teachers of Mt. Vernon Schools in grades K-12 through raising funds to award teacher grants for classroom or grade-level projects as well as school corporation-wide initiatives. They support all areas of academics, the arts, citizenship, cultural awareness, athletics, healthy lifestyles, technology and more.
- **Nameless Creek Youth Camp** creates outdoor recreational and camping opportunities for all and provides a profound appreciation of nature and the enjoyment of outdoor activities for Hancock County and East Central Indiana.

Each agency has committed to raising \$10,000 over the period of the grant, and HCCF will match \$5,000 for every agency that reaches this goal. This matching grant program is made possible through a grant from the *Ambassador Community Development Fund*, a component fund of the Hancock County Community Foundation. Organizations will have two years, or

until December 31, 2009, to reach this goal or no matching dollars will be received.

Parties interested in contributing to any of these agencies' endowment funds can either contact the agency directly or contact the Hancock County Community Foundation at (317) 462-8870. Additional information is available on the Foundation's website, www.hccf.cc under the 'Grants' tab.
