

HCCF

'The Great Give' supports local charities

Residents were able to help 8 non-profits organizations at the event

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HILLSDALE — Hillsdale County donors made the Hillsdale County Community Foundation's Great Give a success.

The power of philanthropy was shown, as Hillsdale County residents were financial champions for eight local non-profit organizations.

The HCCF sponsored a Giving Day event aimed at encouraging all of Hillsdale County to give to local non-profits on Dec. 1, which was also recognized as Giving Tuesday, a global day dedicated to giving back. Families, individuals and businesses came

together for one common purpose — to celebrate generosity and to give.

The spirit of philanthropy was widely demonstrated and celebrated in Hillsdale County.

During the Great Give many people made donations to eight local nonprofits, many of them providing critical assistance with local needs.

More than \$88,000 was leveraged, including public donations of over \$67,000 and bonus pool funds from the HCCF totaling \$21,000.

There were opportunities for agencies to receive both random and assigned prizes and funds from the bonus

pool.

Online gifts were welcomed using the HCCF website, www.abouthccf.org, and walk-in gifts were accepted at the HCCF office throughout the day.

In total, 585 contributions were received during the Great Give.

The area non-profits that were directly involved in the Great Give included: CAPA (Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness), Community Action Agency, Domestic Harmony, the Greater Hillsdale Humane Society, Hillsdale CASA Inc., Hillsdale County Senior Services Center, Hospice of Hillsdale County and the Salvation Army.

"The Foundation sincerely thanks the community supporters who aided in

furthering the mission of these organizations while maximizing the impact of their contributions, and also a number of local businesses who donated goods and services for the Great Give event," Amber Yoder, communication officer, said.

The Hillsdale County Community Foundation was established in 1991 "For good. For ever."

As a community grant-making foundation, it provides seed money to organizations and institutions that have identified problems and have designed constructive action programs aimed at solutions.

A majority of the HCCF's grant making is focused on the areas of youth, leadership, philanthropy and volunteerism.