



What is Handbags That Help?

Handbags That Help (HTH) is a women's giving circle committed to improving lives throughout the greater Hancock County community by collectively funding significant grants to charitable projects and programs and cultivating philanthropy in our community.



The Community Foundation

The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation serves as the sponsoring organization for Handbags That Help. The Community Foundation provides fiscal and program sponsorship for HTH including the provision of nonprofit status to the project; assistance with administrative tasks and publicity efforts; providing input and advice to the sub-circle committees; acknowledging and managing contributions; and authorization for payment of grants and expenses from the funds.

The Community Foundation's Board of Trustees has authorized the voting members of HTH to approve all distributions from the fund.



Schedule of Meetings

SEPTEMBER MEETING - MEMBERS & GUESTS

Elect officers and announce grant priorities for proposal requests. Program features a women-focused or philanthropy-focused topic.

DECEMBER MEETING - MEMBERS & GUESTS

Grant reports from previous year's grantees. Program features a women-focused or philanthropy-focused topic.

MARCH MEETING - MEMBERS ONLY

Grant finalists make presentations to the membership. Members vote to select final grantee(s).

APRIL MEETING - MEMBERS & GUESTS

A time to celebrate! Grant checks are awarded. New member recruitment begins.



For more information about the Handbags That Help women's giving circle, please contact The Community Foundation.



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Our Purpose

Handbags That Help builds strong families in Hancock County by cultivating women philanthropic leaders. We make change by pooling resources, identifying community needs and celebrating impact.



What is a Giving Circle?

A giving circle is made up of individuals, often with something in common demographically, who pool their dollars and decide together where to give the money. Together the group learns about their community and philanthropy. Research shows donors can accomplish more good, learn more, make more informed decisions and have more fun when they give together.



Our Members

Women are invited to participate in this giving circle. An annual contribution of \$500 for your membership entitles you to one vote. Shared Memberships of two women and Discovery Memberships for new members are also available.

The degree of your involvement is up to you. There are four member meetings held each year. You may also serve on one of the committees, called sub-circles, which support HTH.



Our Grantmaking

Every dollar generated through HTH membership goes directly to the community through grants voted on annually by the members. The Grants Sub-Circle reviews all grant proposals and selects finalists for consideration by the membership.



HTH Committees

GUIDING CIRCLE - The Guiding Circle serves as the executive board for HTH, including the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Member-At-Large, Communications Chair, Grants Sub-Circle Chair and Program Sub-Circle Chair. Members of the Guiding Circle must have an individual membership.

GRANTS SUB-CIRCLE - The Grants Sub-Circle determines grant priorities based on mission and community needs, evaluates grant proposals and selects grant finalists for consideration by the membership. Of the three sub-circles, the grants sub-circle requires the greatest time commitment and the most members to accomplish its goals.

PROGRAM SUB-CIRCLE - The Program Sub-Circle assists with planning meetings and meeting arrangements including location, menu, program topics, decorations, theme, etc.

HTH Funds

FRIENDS OF HANDBAGS THAT HELP - This fund supports the administrative costs such as meeting expenses, printing and postage. All members are required to give annually to this fund to support administrative costs.

HANDBAGS THAT HELP ENDOWMENT FUND - This fund was established by an anonymous donor as a show of support for Handbags That Help in its inaugural year. This fund is a permanent endowment fund for HTH grantmaking. Each year, funds will be available for HTH use, according to The Community Foundation's spending policy. Alternately, the membership can choose to defer using those funds and let the endowment continue to grow. Gifts to this fund are always welcome.