



Halstead COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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LOCAL HOLIDAY TRADITION SHINES BRIGHTER THAN EVER



HCF helped ring in the holiday season with plenty of hometown cheer during the annual Christmas Jingle on Dec. 6. Families enjoyed a cocoa crawl along Main Street, a Christmas light scavenger hunt, kids crafts, community caroling and visits with Santa. This year also featured the debut of the Riverside Park Christmas light display, where brightly lit trees created a magical setting for horse-drawn carriage rides and evening celebrations. Thanks to our sponsors, local businesses, the City of Halstead and the Halstead Chamber of Commerce for helping make this festive tradition shine a little brighter each year.

HCF CELEBRATES A YEAR OF IMPACT FUELED BY GENEROSITY

HCF is proud to highlight another year of making a local difference. With the generosity of our donors, we supported area nonprofits, community initiatives and scholarships that directly benefit Halstead residents. A successful 2025 Patterson Family Foundation matching opportunity further expanded this effort as we continue working *For the Good of Halstead, Forever* and building momentum for the future.

February: Hosted a successful I ♥ Halstead community spirit campaign

May: Awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to HHS seniors

June: Announced \$9,200 in local competitive grants

July/August: Hosted a fun-filled 12 Days of Christmas in July and exceeded \$100,000 Patterson Family Foundation matching opportunity

December: Lit up the holidays with the Riverside Park Christmas light display and partnered with Halstead Chamber of Commerce to host the community Christmas Jingle

December: Celebrated HCF's 15th anniversary and ended the year with more than \$2.2 million in total charitable assets

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COMMUNITY SPIRIT SHINES AGAIN WITH I ♥ HALSTEAD CAMPAIGN



The return of our I ♥ Halstead community spirit campaign once again brought tremendous energy and pride to town! From welcoming banners and numerous yard signs, community spirit was on full display. We loved handing out rally towels and seeing so many proudly wearing their spirit shirts during the Feb. 17 home basketball games, along with sharing meaningful time together during the community church service at Halstead Life Church on Feb. 22. Thank you to everyone who joined our Facebook contests, displayed a sign or offered an encouraging word - your support continues to strengthen connection and hometown pride!

IMPORTANT DATES

2026 HCF Scholarship Cycle

Opens: Sunday, Feb. 22

Closes: Monday, Mar. 30

2026 HCF Grant Cycle

Opens: Monday, Apr. 6

Closes: Wednesday, May 6

Visit givehalstead.org for more info and links to applications.



BRICK STREET LOVE STORY ADAMS FAMILY

During our recent I ♥ Halstead campaign, we hosted a Facebook contest encouraging community members to share their “Brick Street Love Story” during the week of Valentine’s Day. Below is the crowd favorite submitted by lifelong Halstead resident Barbara Adams:

“My heart is full of love for Halstead! As a teenager my dad, Phil Adams, had visited Halstead several times and fell in love with the city and its trees and he knew he always wanted to raise his family here. Growing up we all fell in love with Halstead as well and eventually raised our own children here. Although life has taken our kids on new adventures, Halstead will always be our home and the place where love and memories reside for us.”