



2025 End of Year Summary

Hendricks County Democratic Party

Introduction

2025 began with challenges, but it quickly became a year of growth, engagement, and achievement for the Hendricks County Democratic Party. This summary highlights our key moments, community impact, and organizational progress, serving as a reminder of the positive strides we made together.

Highlights by Month

March

- **Reorganization Elections:** Held for county, district, and state officers.
- **Strategic Planning Day:** Led by Karen Whitney, with 31 members contributing ideas that shaped our “Inform, Engage, Include” message for all HC communities.
- **Community Engagement:** Members attended a People’s Town Hall at Broadway United Methodist Church in Indianapolis.

April

- **Advocacy:** Attended the ‘Hands Off’ Rally at the statehouse, despite rainy weather.
- **Protest:** Organized a ‘Where’s Baird’ demonstration in Danville.
- **Grant Success:** Awarded the Contest Every Race Grant.

May

- **Fundraising:** Concluded DDD Raffle and Garage Sale, raising over \$8,000 for our treasury.

- **Summit:** Several of us attended the County Party Summit on Indy's South side
- **Legislative Wrap-Up:** Large turnout at Green St. Pub in Brownsburg, featuring JD Ford.

June

- **Rallies:** Hosted the first NO KINGS rally in Plainfield with 103 attendees on short notice.
- **Democrats Work Project:** Launched with the rally and continued with staffed tables at Pride Festival and Ribfest.
- **Social Events:** Held a party picnic at Gibbs Park and participated in the Amo parade.

July

- **Governance:** Passed the first-ever By-Laws for HCDP.
- **Democrats Work Project:** Organized a 'Paper Necessities' drive, donating to Mill Creek Christian Support Center.
- **Communications:** Transitioned from a monthly newsletter to a weekly page.

August

- **Candidate Outreach:** Hosted interviews for CD4 candidate hopefuls for 2026.
- **Parades:** Participated in North Salem parade.
- **Democrats Work Project:** Ran a non-perishable food drive benefiting Sheltering Wings in Danville.

September

- **Parades:** Joined the Quaker Day parade in Plainfield.
- **Rallies:** Second NO KINGS rally in Plainfield drew 750 participants.
- **Annual Dinner:** HH Dinner featured Evan Bayh and Destiny Wells, and our first Emcee.

October

- **GOTV Efforts:** PCs led a push for the November Special Election.
- **Redistricting:** Raised awareness as redistricting discussions intensified.
- **Democrats Work Project:** Hosted the Versiti Bloodmobile for donations.

November

- **Special Election:** Supported the Avon Schools Education referendum, which passed for Washington Township voters.
- **Democrats Works Project:** Hosted a Civics Literacy Lab at Avon Library.

December

- **Redistricting Advocacy:** Karen Whitney testified at state hearings.
- **Candidate Recruitment:** Cindy Hohman hosted a candidate call-out meeting in Brownsburg.
- **Democrats Work Project:** Paid off lunch debt at Mill Creek Schools.

Communications & Outreach

- **Media Presence:** Increased coverage in The Republican Newspaper, with more weeks featuring HCDP news, articles, or advertisements than not.
- **Digital Expansion:** Launched a YouTube channel, Bluesky account, and expanded Facebook presence.
- **Website:** Migrated our domain from GoDaddy to Distinct.
- **Meetings:** All monthly meetings are now recorded and available on YouTube.
- **Cost Savings:** Changed trailer/float storage, saving \$600 per year.

Conclusion & Looking Ahead

2025 was a year of resilience, growth, and meaningful impact for the Hendricks County Democratic Party. Through strategic planning, community engagement, advocacy, and effective fundraising, we strengthened our organization and expanded our reach. As we move into 2026, we remain committed to informing, engaging, and including all our communities, building on the successes and lessons of this remarkable year.

These are only highlights. Most of our recurring monthly meetings and outreach gatherings are not on this list. And what does any of this have to do with electing Democrats? All the ways we are seen and heard by Hendricks County residents and voters, enhances our ability to find good candidates and run successful campaigns. We have been donating ourselves to the party where every contribution adds to achieving the change we seek. You all made the successes in 2025 possible.

