

## **Chapter History of Threshold Singers of Hendricks County**

2025

The Threshold Singers of Hendricks County chapter was started by Julie Keller. She initially sang with the Indianapolis Threshold Chapter, then formed the Hendricks County Chapter in 2016. Sadly, Julie passed away in 2022. The chapter initially grew its membership by a local newspaper article and word-of-mouth.

The chapter's current membership is nine. There are four original members still active. The chapter has an average number of six bedside sings per month, and also one sing at a memory care unit once a month. The choir practices two times per month. The choir's clients include a hospice company, a hospice facility, and a rehabilitation/nursing home facility.

New members are brought in at any time. The chapter's current leadership model consists of a Director and two Song Leaders. COVID affected the chapter somewhat. However, the membership didn't change, but a lot of relearning of music took place after members got back together. During COVID, the chapter members maintained contact with regular teleconferences.

The chapter enjoys an annual lake retreat in southern Indiana every year. During that weekend the members go to an arch abbey and another monastery to sing in their sanctuaries and chapel. It's not a planned sing - they just let the members sing during our visit mostly for their own enjoyment!