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Rush County Community Foundation **Annual Report**

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Mission

The Rush County Community Foundation is a nonprofit public charity established in 1991 to serve donors, award grants and scholarships, and provide leadership to enrich and enhance the quality of life in Rush County, Indiana, not only today, but for generations to come.

The Rush County Community Foundation helps people of all means improve their community now and in the future. We help donors provide grant-making dollars for not-for-profit organizations that serve Rush County citizens.

Letter From the President

2017 has been an exciting year for the Rush County Community Foundation. Our staff and board have been working together to make your Foundation an even more efficient and friendly atmosphere to fulfill your charitable goals.

2017 has been a year full of administrative improvements. The year began with the Foundation completing our first financial audit in the spring. Alisa, Angie and Kendra spent numerous hours preparing for the audit, which provided great feedback and confirmation on our accounting and management practices. The audit, coupled with developing new policies and updating existing policies, kept the staff and Board of Directors busy throughout the remainder of the year as we completed requirements to submit our application for accreditation in the fall through National Standards for Community Foundations.

In addition to the administrative process improvements, the Board of Directors made a decision to renovate the office to assist the overall efficiency and functionality. The renovation took place at the end of the year and the completion has made the Foundation more welcoming to visitors and to you, our donors. The Board of Directors felt that investing in office improvements was an important step to take for our donors to meet with our staff and discuss financial and gift planning options and for the future growth of the organization.

As part of the execution of our new strategic plan, the Board of Directors began the process of further evaluating how our discretionary dollars are utilized for our community grants program. We decided to allocate more money to larger community projects that would do the most good for the largest number of people. In 2017 the Rush County Community Foundation awarded community grants totaling **\$69,439.66** to benefit nine excellent community projects and organizations. As the Board continues to evaluate our community's needs and aligns the needs with our philanthropic priorities we anticipate more dollars and impact to come!

As president I would like to express my thanks to Alisa, Angie and Kendra for providing the tools that I needed throughout the year. I know their time was consumed with the challenging tasks that are listed above, but they were always there to provide whatever help I needed to serve as President of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

I would also like to thank our board and our many committees. This is one of the finest groups of men and women that I have been

privileged to be associated with. We have added new faces and with those faces have come new ideas: ideas that will serve you, our donors, well in the future.

Most importantly, I want to thank you, our donors, for all of your generous gifts. The gifts that are given with the true principles our foundation was predicated. **Your continued support will assure the Rush County Community Foundation will have the ability to fulfill the philanthropic endeavors of our community - forever.**

Bob Bridges
2017 Rush County
Community
Foundation
Board President



Meet the Board Members and Staff



Board members

Front Row: Cindy Powers, Kristen Barada, Dr. Suellen Reed (Vice President), Dr. Amy Meyer-Ploeger, Diana White
 Back Row: Robert Bridges (President), Greg Krodel, Phillip Morgan (Past-President), Charlie Smith (Treasurer), Tom Mahan, Larry Mull, D. Larrie Rose, Keith Perin

Staff

Alisa Winters, Executive Director, Angie Bane, Administrative & Accounts Coordinator,
 Kendra Steible, Program Coordinator

Alumni Board Members

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| • Dr. Edith Gene Abbott | • Jean Ann Harcourt | • Heather Meckes | • Kevin Snyder |
| • Paul Barada | • Judge Barbara Arnold Harcourt | • Phil Mitchell | • Cindy Taff |
| • Ercell Bever, Jr. | • Deb Hassler | • Gerald Mohr | • David VanOsdol |
| • J.R. Billman | • Bill Herdrich | • Roy Mohr | • Bob Waggener |
| • Kenneth Brashaber | • Mary Hill | • Muriel Moore | • Bob Waits |
| • Darwin Brewer | • Al Hodge | • Scott Morgan | • Ken Waits |
| • David Burkhardt | • Pam Hoeing | • Douglas Morrell, M.D. | • Ron Westerfeld |
| • Garry Cooley | • Beverly Howell | • Richard Moster | • Barbara White |
| • Don Dawson | • Wilma Jo Kile | • Dahl Petry | • Mary Lib White |
| • Danny Earnest | • Michele King | • Anna Jo Richards | • Mike Wicker |
| • Jim Evans | • Tony Laird | • Marcia Schwering | • Betsy Williams |
| • Jim Foster | • Rick Levi | • Brian Sheehan | • John Wilson |
| • J.B. Gardner | | • Terry Smith | • Rob Winters |



Dream BIGGER

When the Rush County Community Foundation founders contacted Lilly Endowment in 1990 in regards to the GIFT (Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow) challenge opportunity to start a local foundation, their initial thought was to establish a foundation devoted to education in Rush County. Fortunately, Lilly Endowment encouraged Dan Earnest, Paul Barada, and Rick Levi to “dream bigger”, and that dream created the Rush County Community Foundation.

In the earliest days of the Foundation, our founders, Board of Directors, and community could not have dreamed that a little idea could lead to what has become in 26 years. The Foundation's growth from its first dollar to its \$17 millionth dollar has occurred because thousands of generous donors believe in our mission to enrich and enhance the quality of life in Rush County. Amidst the growth, the Foundation's permanent endowment funds have awarded grants exceeding \$11 million dollars, supporting charitable programs, projects, and organizations that serve Rush County.

The Foundation's grant awards throughout 26 years have enabled the dreams of a multitude of philanthropic interests: youth activities, services for elderly and disabled, fire and safety protection, park enhancements, cemetery preservation, and the list goes on. One constant, since the earliest days of the Foundation, has been a local interest in funding educational opportunities. In this year's annual report, we are specifically highlighting the Rush County Community Foundation's involvement in local education through grant and scholarship awards.

Funding the dreams of local nonprofit organizations and opportunities for our future generations is the core of our mission. As we continue to “dream big”, we are looking at ways the Foundation can increase its impact and make a lasting difference for our community, which you'll learn more about in this year's report as well. The future of Rush County, and the Rush County Community Foundation, will be largely shaped by our work today. We hope that you, our donors, will join us in dreaming big to make Rush County's future bright.

This annual report is dedicated to Rick Levi, one of our founders and greatest advocates. While the report was in the development stages, Rick passed away. His memory will live on forever through his contributions to Rush County via the Rush County Community Foundation.

“We're often asked if we realized what we started 26 years ago would be as successful as it has become. The answer is 'yes.' After we started working with Lilly Endowment, and with the guidance they supplied, we realized dreams really could come true. It was not, however, until so many great Rush County people came on our first board of directors – who shared the same dream – that it started to become a reality. We also realized our dream could continue to grow – as long as current and former Rush County people wanted to share the dream and serve others.

It has been said that every worthwhile achievement, every successful activity, and everything that endures starts out as a dream. Twenty-six years ago, the three of us had a dream that we knew could make Rush County an even better place. **By dreaming bigger the Rush County Community Foundation has become a reality that will continue to make Rush County a better place – forever.”**

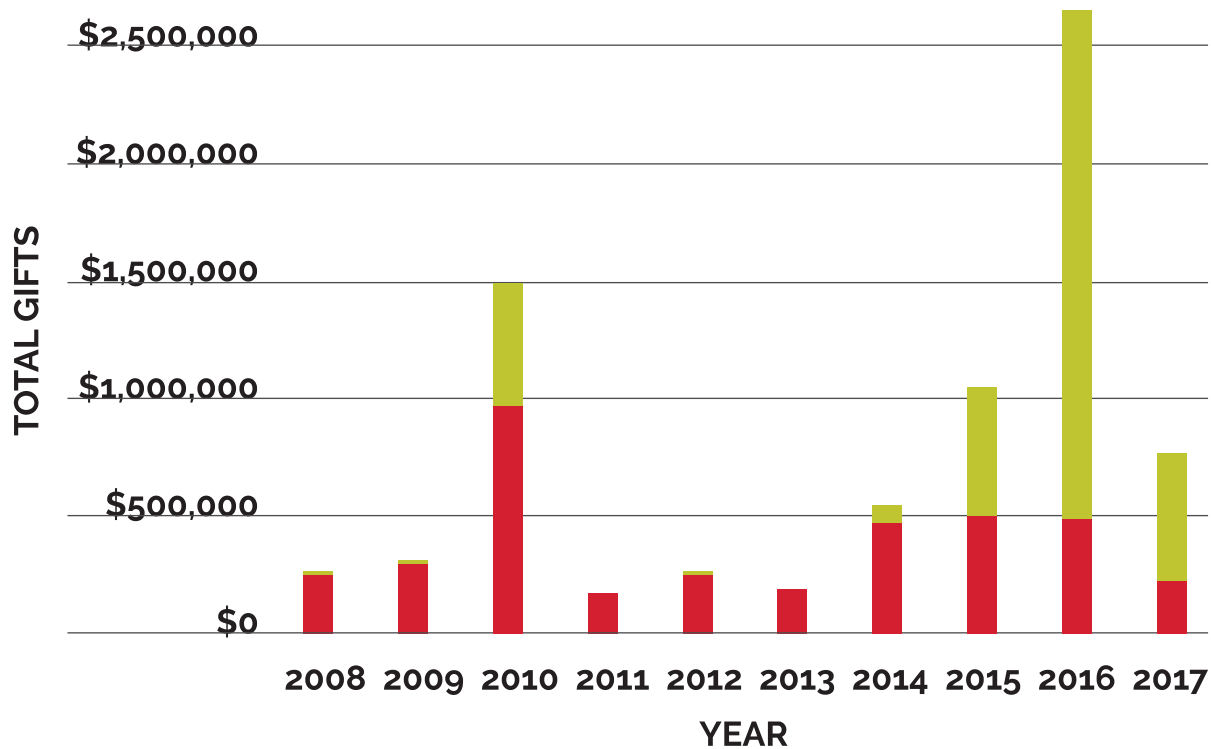
..... Danny Earnest & Paul Barada



ANNUAL GIFTS

■ ESTATE GIFTS

■ INDIVIDUAL GIFTS



Fulfilling the *Dreams* of the Community

The Rush County Community Foundation's unrestricted endowment funds support the changing needs of the community. Through a focused effort by the Foundation's Grants Committee and Board of Directors, the Rush County Community Foundation carefully considers all applications and community needs to ensure that the dollars are best utilized to enrich and enhance the quality of life in Rush County. Grant funding supports nonprofit agencies' projects, programs, and needs, ultimately, increasing the number of resources and amenities available for Rush County residents.

In 2017, the following grants were awarded:

- **SAWs (Servants at Work, Inc.), wheelchair ramp materials:** To assist the purchase of necessary materials to build wheelchair ramps for housebound residents of Rush County
- **RCHS Broadcasting, public channel broadcasting equipment:** Funding to purchase Comcast broadcasting equipment to create a public access television station in Rushville
- **Rush County Genealogical Society (RCGS), filming Rush County cemeteries:** Funding to hire a videographer to film six Rush County cemeteries/sites for historical preservation
- **Rushville Township Volunteer Fire Department, emergency generator:** To assist the purchase and installation of an emergency back-up generator for the Rushville Township Volunteer Fire Station to maintain the electrical bay-door openers for dispatch during a power outage and to make the station an emergency shelter in times of disaster or crisis.
- **Connect 2 Help 2-1-1, Operations, Community Needs Assessment:** Funding to continue 2-1-1 services for Rush County
- **Hoosier Burn Camp, scholarships:** Scholarships for two Rush County youth burn victims to attend the week-long summer camp program, providing experiences, friendships, confidence, and a sense of community that the youth may otherwise lack
- **Rushville Police Department, body cameras:** Funding to purchase body cameras for the police department
- **Centerstone Indiana, Mobile Play Therapy Kits:** Development of mobile play therapy kits and a therapeutic resource library for Centerstone's social workers to support clients in their homes and in the office
- **Posey Township Volunteer Fire Department, turn out gear:** Funding to purchase and distribute 5 new sets of turn out gear for volunteer firefighters, matched by the Posey Township Trustee



Unrestricted Endowment Funds

Of all of the funding given by the Foundation, grants provided from the twelve unrestricted endowment funds fulfill the widest range of dreams for our community. Because of the range of possibilities enabled by the funding, the Foundation's new strategic plan focuses on raising funds to further opportunities for Rush County nonprofit organizations and people.

- Laura May and Howard H. Brown Memorial Fund
- Kenneth and Kathleen Dean Fund
- Richard S. Earnest Diabetes Community Fund
- **New Fund in 2017:** Phyllis and Charles Kingery Memorial Fund

A discretionary fund established by request of the Last Will and Testament of Phyllis J. Kingery, this fund provides support to the Rush County community through the Foundation's community grants program.

- H.N. "Doc" and Thelma P. Jagers Fund
- Wayne L. and Evelyn J. Miller Community Fund
- Gerald W. and Anita J. Mohr Community Fund
- Charles E. and Jane Power Niccum Fund
- Pioneer Hi-Bred Fund
- Martha Perin Community Fund
- Rush County Community Fund
- Pat and Martha Todd Charitable Fund



12 unrestricted
endowment funds

\$2,176,924.75

Net assets (of the 12 unrestricted
endowment funds)

2017 gifts to unrestricted endowment funds = \$53,925.70



Grants Committee

To ensure fair and effective methods of granting Foundation funds, the Rush County Community Foundation Grants Committee has outlined a judicious and comprehensive set of guidelines for directing unrestricted endowment funds where they can be of most value to nonprofit organizations. The Grants Committee also serves as a review board for initial evaluation of grant requests and then makes recommendations to the Board of Directors.

- Shelly Bostic
- Bob Bridges
- Barbara Harcourt
- Denise Hoeing
- Tom Mahan
- Ken Masters
- Phillip Morgan
- Larry Mull
- Keith Perin
- Mark Spurlin
- Cindy Taff
- Mindy Vogel

*Over \$1 million in community grants
awarded since 1994.*



Education Grants

Impacting Education through Grants

Aside from the scholarship funds established at the Rush County Community Foundation, donors have established permanent endowment funds to support education in Rush County. The fifteen funds listed serve a variety of purposes within the field, impacting teachers, students, classroom projects, and special resources and activities. Grants from the funds that support education enrich learning for our students, opening doors and creating opportunities.

Over \$220,000 in funding has been provided to Rush County Schools via these fifteen funds at the Rush County Community Foundation. In fact, several of these funds are among the very first permanent endowment funds at the Foundation! Funding has provided necessary supplies for children in need, classroom tools to enhance the learning process for students, resources to expand extracurricular activities and unique learning opportunities, and specialized training for teachers desiring to further their knowledge within their field.

Funds that Support Education

- **New Fund in 2017:** Kenneth and Charlotte Brashaber Teacher Enhancement Award

Ken and Charlotte Brashaber established the Kenneth and Charlotte Brashaber Teacher Enhancement Award Fund at the Rush County Community Foundation. This Fund will serve as a field of interest fund to benefit curriculum development for Rushville Consolidated High School teachers.

The Kenneth and Charlotte Brashaber Teacher Enhancement Award Fund will provide high school teachers the opportunity to share experiences both outside and inside their classroom to enhance the learning process for students, specifically funding:

- A proposed activity or project outside of the classroom
- An activity or project within the classroom
- David and Barbara Malson Kindergarten Book Pass-Through Fund

- Phillip Kent Mull/Beth Swaim Kabalka Education Fund
- The Nature Center Fund
- The Rush County Education Fund (established 1994)
- RCHS Swimming Fund (established 1994)
- Rushville Elementary Parent-Teacher Group Fund
- Dr. Robert D. Stewart Memorial Fund (established 1995)
- Varsity Scholar Fund (established 1994)
- Robert N. Veatch and Mary Lou Veatch and Family Fund
- Roy Waggener Family Fund (established 1994)
- Rush County Schools Legacy Fund
- St. Mary Catholic School Foundation Fund
- Wall Family Memorial Fund
- Laughlin Family Trust Fund

As a future-focused organization, supporting education and our Rush County students will remain one of the Foundation's priorities. In 2018, the Foundation will allocate \$25,000 from the discretionary pool of funding to support learning at its earliest stages: for children ages 0-5 years. Funding early childhood education is proven to have individual, family, community, health, and economic return, and the Rush County Community Foundation is eager for the opportunity to make such a vast impact locally.

WHY FUNDING EDUCATION IS A PRIORITY:

90% of brain development occurs **by age 5**

Preparing youth for Kindergarten:

4X more likely to graduate from college

20% MORE LIKELY TO EARN A STRONG SALARY BY AGE 40

19% less likely to be arrested

Less likely to use drugs

Significantly less likely to need public housing assistance

46% more likely to have a **FULL TIME JOB**

17% more likely to graduate from high school



Grants Total = \$227,842.02

15 education specific endowment funds

\$852,915.30

Net assets (of the 15 education specific endowment funds)



David and Barbara Malson Impact Rush County Youth Through Two Funds at the Rush County Community Foundation

When David and Barbara Malson first approached the Rush County Community Foundation about beginning a fund in the fall of 2016, it was with passion and excitement for the potential of making an impact on Rush County's youth. Their enthusiasm was met with an equally enthusiastic solution when they proposed their idea to Alisa Winters, the Executive Director of the Rush County Community Foundation, and in 2016, the David and Barbara Malson Kindergarten Book Pass-Through Fund began.

David and Barbara's desire to make a difference in the lives of the youth in Rush County can be attributed to several factors, including their evening walks. Nearly every weather-permitting evening, David and Barbara enjoy a stroll through the community's parks and can't help but to observe the children and teens along the way. Throughout the years they've noticed a variety of our community's youth in the park and wondered how they could help those who seemingly lacked parental guidance or a loving household. One Sunday their minister challenged the congregation to do something outside of their comfort zone, and as Barbara considered the kids they see in the park, she had an idea. She and Dave decided to occasionally give kids in the park cookies, milk, or water, and they were delighted to see the response. Over time, kids began sharing the walking trail with them, smiling, and saying "hello" when they passed. A simple gesture and a friendly smile had brightened the day of numerous Rushville youth, while also encouraging a newfound courtesy.

As Dave and Barb continued to consider ways to make a positive influence among our youth, Indianapolis Star journalist Matthew Tully published an article that shared the positive outcomes of an Indianapolis Public Schools mentored reading program. Inspired to make reading a priority among Rush County children and recognizing that such a program could be done here, Barb made a phone call to share the idea with Mrs. Cathy Schneider, a third grade teacher at Rushville Elementary School East. Since

that phone call in 2010, Barb has been a volunteer reader at Rushville Elementary School East. Each week she spends 45 minutes reading with a designated third grader, often a student who is shy, lacks confidence, or is in need of a little extra encouragement. Dave began reading to a student in the class in 2012, and through changes in teachers and classes, both continue to read to third grade students today.

The time shared with their students has improved reading ability and vocabulary, and arguably of greater importance, fostered a relationship that has allowed students to develop social, communication, and interpersonal skills. Dave and Barb's weekly interaction with their students has opened the door for youth to explore qualities and potential within themselves they otherwise may not have recognized. With tears in his eyes, Dave shared that on a recent walk he and Barb saw his student in the park. After weeks of reading together this school year, Dave saw the little boy smile for the very first time that evening after exchanging friendly "hellos".

In addition to reading to third grade children, Dave and Barb work with the Rushville Elementary Schools' Kindergarten teachers at the end of each school year to provide \$10 worth of books to each Kindergarten student. The excitement in the classrooms and the smiles on the children's faces when presented an individually selected and gift wrapped book of their own to forever keep has rewarded the Malsons enough to continue their gifts for nearly 10 years. Due to the Malsons' generosity, generations of our community's Kindergarten students will be recognized with their very own book at the end of each school year because of the establishment of the David and Barbara Malson Kindergarten Book Pass-Through Fund.

Dave and Barb's simple extensions of kindness have inspired our community to interact with our children. Dave and Barb motivated the community to greet our students on special mornings with high five's. In two years' time, dozens of community members have met at the schools to share a

high-five and smile with our students. David and Barbara have allowed us to recognize that the simple power of a high-five and smile in the morning can change the day for students, particularly those who may have not received such encouragement at home.

The Malsons' interest in helping our youth spans from those in Kindergarten to those preparing for their final year in college, and the Rush County Community Foundation is honored to be selected to carry out their philanthropic vision. In 2017, Alisa was delighted for a second opportunity to work with David and Barbara as they considered opportunities to impact students seeking a college degree.

David and Barbara's interest in assisting college students piqued after assisting with the Foundation's scholarship selection process. Through their involvement, they recognized the need, and often missed opportunities, for our students with financial need. Despite hard work, strong academics, and impressive community involvement, many Rush County students are limited in postsecondary education options due to the prohibitive cost of attaining a degree. Desiring to assist these students, the Malsons decided to establish a fund that would make attending college a reality for Rush County students with financial need. In the future, this fund will enable awarded students to obtain two of their four years' education without any tuition expense.

As devout Indiana University fans, Dave and Barb specifically hoped to both support Indiana University and encourage Rush County students to pursue their postsecondary education at their favorite university, despite any financial limitations. Dave completed his Bachelor's Degree at Indiana University Bloomington and later graduated from Law School at Indiana University in Indianapolis. They continue to enjoy weekends in Bloomington, where they attend football and basketball games as season ticket holders. The David and Barbara Malson Indiana University Scholarship Fund will provide \$1,000 to offset tuition expenses of a graduating Rush County senior and a Rush County student returning to their senior year at IU who displays the most financial need. Dave and Barb have elected to recognize the Foundation and fund in their Last Will and Testament,

which will increase the scholarship to \$10,000 per year, per student, in the future. While they could have established the exact same fund with Indiana University, they recognized a greater potential to keep their fund in the community.



Donors Barbara and David Malson

In a conversation after the scholarship fund was established, Barb shared that morning's conversation with the third grader she reads with each week. The book her student is reading mentioned several universities and she asked him where he is planning to attend; without missing a beat, he said "IU." Barb knows from other conversations that he has been in foster care, and she was delighted to hear that he aspires to attend college. It goes without saying that Dave and Barb will continue to impact his life, and could, potentially, enable him to further his education with an IU scholarship in 2027. Dave and Barb Malson have been such a positive force in the lives of our young Rush County students, so it's exciting to contemplate how many students in the future will benefit immeasurably from their generous contributions.

Scholarships

Impacting Education through Scholarships

Scholarship funds provide donors with the opportunity to make a lasting impact on a student's life by providing financial assistance to support higher education attainment. Of all of the funds at the Rush County Community Foundation, scholarship funds are the most prevalent! The Foundation is home to 72 unique scholarship funds, offering funding opportunities for an array of institutions, fields of study, and careers.

In 2017, the Rush County Community Foundation distributed **125 scholarship awards to 84 students**. From the 72 endowed scholarship funds at the Foundation, \$166,000 was awarded to Rush County students.

As the cost of higher education continues to rise, the Foundation is seeking opportunities to respond to the change by providing larger, more substantial scholarships to qualified applicants. In 2017, the first full tuition scholarships were awarded from local funds to two students pursuing teaching degrees. Through the preservation of donor intent and continued investment, the Rush County Community Foundation will make an impactful difference on the lives of Rush County students in perpetuity.

Hubert & Grace Alexander Scholarship Fund

John Riddell

John Sam Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Karyn Banks

William F. and Lelande Anise Hunt Beher
Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kristina Spaeth

Marcia and Les Blair Community
Scholarship Fund

Brooklyn Herbert

Ken Brashaber FFA Scholarship Fund

Macey Orme

Ken Brashaber Purdue FarmHouse
Scholarship Fund

Austin Hubbell, Devin Lux

Scott Brooks Memorial Scholarship Fund

Megyn Kirchoff

Grant Brower Memorial Scholarship Fund

Isaac Sheehan

Jack & Cinda Brown Basketball Mental Attitude
Scholarship Fund

Brandi Adkins, Jarrett Adkins

Richard and Loretta Busald Family Nursing
Scholarship Fund

Casey Yager



Hubert E. & Anna
Louise Chance
Scholarship Fund
Madison Sutter

Harold Clifton and
Frances Mitchell
Clifton Memorial
Scholarship Fund
Kayla Fogg

Christopher Lee Davis
Scholarship Fund
Walker Meckes

Mental Health
Association
Bobby Dean
Scholarship Fund
Austin Dwenger

The Richard S.
Earnest Diabetes
Scholarship Fund
Satchel Kuhn

Morris F. and Jane
Marshall Fisher
Scholarship Fund
Brandi Spaeth

Danny E. and
Barbara J. Gettinger
and Family
Scholarship Fund
Jessica Miller

David L. Green, M.D.
Creativity Award
**Jarrett Adkins,
Jeremiah Newhouse**

Elizabeth "Betty"
Ann Green and
Barbara Blacklidge
Green Scholarship
Trenten Herbert

Dr. Frank H. Green
and Jean C. Green
Memorial Fund
Emma Beavers

Norma R. Harcourt
School of Nursing
Memorial
Scholarship Fund
Maria Geise

Carol Niehoff
Hardwick Memorial
Scholarship Fund
Bree Huskins

Lora Brook Hatfield
Memorial
Scholarship Fund
**Georgeanna
Lawhorne, Kinsey
Palmer**

Kyle Henderson
Memorial
Scholarship Fund
**Brett Leisure
Brayton Schultz
Brett VanNatta**

Frank L. and
Frances L. Hilburt
Scholarship Fund
**Kelsi Ash, Hannah
Augsburger, Meghan
Barnes, Kari Carter,
Kaitlin Chandler,
Victoria Colestock,
Carissa Comstock,
Monica Dougherty,
Patrick Duffy, Jr.,
Austin Dwenger,
Kylee Elleman,
Samantha Fowler,
Mason Gordon, Karli
Hall, Sarah Harpring,
Makayla Herbert,**

**Thomas Holloman,
Fayella Horn,
Austin Hubbell,
Taylor Jones,
Piedad Leon,
McKenzie Mohler,
Amy Neuman, Katy
Newbold, Keragan
Niehoff, Nathan
Niehoff, Haley
Riddell, Rebecca
Riggs, Abigail
Roszell, Brevin
Runnebohm, Ellie
Sammons, Heidi
Schultz, Laura Smith,
Kristina Spaeth,
Keely Springman,
Michael Tague,
Casey Yager, Justin
Yager, Taylor Yager**

Ruth and Bill Houk
Scholarship Fund
Payton Brower

Jeff Hufford Memorial
Scholarship Fund
Zinnia Leon

Courtney Anne
Huskins Memorial
Scholarship Fund
**Karyn Banks, Emma
Beavers, Mekyna
Hall, Lauryn Payne**

Jinks Family
Scholarship Fund
**Karli Hall
Keragan Niehoff**

Rush County Junior
Leaders 4-H
Scholarship Fund
Scarlett Wehr

Michael J. Keith
Memorial
Scholarship Fund
**Mason Gordon,
Austin Hubbell,
Walker Meckes,
Brett VanNatta**

George E. King,
D.V.M. Veterinary
Scholarship
Fayella Horn

Kiwanis
Scholarship Fund
Michaela Stout

Madeline Guillon
Knight Memorial
Scholarship Fund
Jacqueline Fritz

Victor and Dorothy
Koontz Memorial
Scholarship Fund
Thomas Holloman

Lilly Endowment
Community
Scholarship
Nominee Fund
Brayton Schultz

Lilly Endowment
Community
Scholarship Fund
Keith Yager

Grayson J. Mahin
Scholarship Fund
Gracey Owens

Thomas F. Marshall
Scholarship Fund
Haley Riddell

Margaret E., M. Ralph
and William R. Matney
Scholarship Fund
**Jenna Dodd,
Brooke Taylor**

Mays Elementary
1929-2015

Scholarship Fund

Alisha Markley

Jessy L. McClure
Memorial

Scholarship Fund

Gracey Owens

Joan L. McLaughlin
Memorial

Scholarship Fund

**Lauryn Payne,
Isaac Sheehan**

Robert Meyer and
Family 4-H

Scholarship Fund

Laura Smith

Phillip E. Mitchell
Scholarship Fund

Laura Smith

Frances Duncan
Murphy Scholarship
Fund

Yessica Leon

Dick Neeb Memorial
Scholarship Fund

**Ethan Duncan,
Trenten Herbert, Brett
VanNatta**

Stephen M. Petry
Memorial

Scholarship Fund

Heidi Schultz

Bob and Avie
Pike Family
Memorial R. N.
Scholarship Fund

Haley Riddell

R.N. Club
Scholarship Fund

Haley Riddell

Rex A. and
Lucille G. Readle
Scholarship Fund
Monica Dougherty

Duward G.
Reddick Kiwanis
Scholarship Fund
Ethan Duncan

Charlotte Frame
Sleeth Fund

Mekyna Hall

Holli Spaeth Memorial
Scholarship Fund

**Kelly Brown, Kayla
Fogg, Zinnia Leon,
Brayton Schultz,
Michaela Stout**

Ashley Spurlin
Memorial
Scholarship Fund
**Andrew Rice,
William Thoman**

Maurice W. "Porky"
Wainwright
Scholarship Fund
Bryan Newby

Wilma B. Wainwright
Memorial
Scholarship Fund
Nathaniel Hoeing

Rush County Friends
of Purdue University
Scholarship Fund
Kayla Fogg

Jean H. Walker and
Ivan G. Alexander Fund

Kayla Aldridge

Ward, Richardson
and Corn Families
Scholarship Fund

Madison Sutter

Marian G. White
Purdue Scholarship
Fund

Mekyna Hall

Alice R. Wiley
Scholarship Fund

Payton Brower

Gordon D. and
Mary S. Wilson
Scholarship Fund
Hannah Augsburg

John and Susan
Wilson Unsung
Hero Award
Jarrett Adkins

Robert L. Winters
Scholarship Fund
**Georgeanna
Lawhorne**



Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is awarded to one Rush County student annually, on the basis of academic performance, school and extracurricular involvement, written essays, letters of recommendation, and financial need. The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides full tuition to an Indiana college of the student's choice and a \$900 yearly stipend for required books and equipment.

Keith Yager is the son of Gary and April Yager. Keith maintained a 4.0 GPA and was active in a variety of extracurricular activities throughout his four years at Rushville Consolidated High School. Keith is studying Mechanical Engineering at Rose-Hulman University.



The Foundation's first scholarship awards were presented in 1995. In the photograph, Mrs. Frances Hilburt is surrounded by: Becky Gruell, Robin Sowder, Christin Odum, Barbara Masters and Regina Leising. These five women were the first Hilburt Scholars, each receiving \$1,750 to apply to college expenses during the 1995-'96 school year. The scholarships were awarded at the RHS/RCHS Alumni Banquet.

Scholarship Committee Members

The Rush County Community Foundation receives hundreds of scholarship applications each year. The volunteers on the Foundation's scholarship committee assist the scholarship selection process. Each recipient is chosen based upon guidelines established within each scholarship fund.

Theresa Alexander	Ruth Houk Koelmel	Linda Naylor	Matt Vance
Bob Bridges	Tony Laird	Keith Perin	Mindy Vogel
Jennifer Buchanan	Barbara Malson	Kim Perin	Becky Webb
Debbie Burkhardt	David Malson	Lauren Perin	Diana White
Beth Buzzard	Heather Meckes	Amy Meyer Ploeger	Quinn Wicker
Ashley Daubenspeck	Brittany Meek	Cindy Powers	Betsy Williams
Meredith Federle	Gerald Mohr	Suellen Reed	John Wilson
J.B. Gardner	Roy Mohr	Anna Jo Richards	Hannah Winters
Dan Green	Kelly Morgan	Nina Schilling	Ross Winters
Marsha Haley	Phillip Morgan	Greg Steible	Carol Yager
Natalie Hornsby	Scott Morgan	Cindy Taff	

Why Give through the Community Foundation?

We make your giving easy, flexible and meaningful. We take all of the administrative details, investment issues, reporting and regulatory requirements out of your hands. You simply decide the charitable purpose of your fund and we do the rest. A single gift can create a fund that will further your personal giving goals in perpetuity.

If you are interested in supporting a fund or establishing your own, consider which fund may best suit your needs:

Unrestricted "Community Grant" Funds.

If you wish to provide resources for your community to meet future needs, assist an existing program, or even start a new one, the unrestricted fund will be your choice. Your resources will be granted by local volunteers in your county for purposes that are meaningful and timely.

Field of Interest Funds. Perhaps you have a particular interest in a specific area or need. It might be the arts, education, or improved services such as health, recreation or fire protection. The Foundation board will award grants from your fund within the area you have set forth in your fund agreement.

Advised Funds. You may wish to have more involvement in the annual distributions from your fund. By choosing an advised fund, you may serve on or specify who will serve on your fund's selection committee. Each year you can recommend a different charitable grantee.

Designated Funds. If you are devoted to one or more charitable organizations, you may wish to establish a designated fund, thereby assuring your favorite charity or charities will receive annual grants from your endowed resources.

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 Rick McDaniel
 Rita Axsom
 Robert and Kathryn Earnest
 Robert D. Wainwright
 Robert J. Eder
 Robert L. Priddy
 Robert Miller
 Robert O'Dell
 Robert Wainwright
 Ronald L. Wilson
 Ruth Sweet
 Ruthanna Riebsomer
 Sara Sitton
 Sharalie Harcourt
 Sharon Gosnell
 Sherry McIntire
 Stanton Davis
 Steve Lempke

Suzanne Northam Hazelett
 Tammy Hankenhoff
 Tom Hadley
 Vada Lord
 Violet Parker
 Virginia (Ginny) Northam
 Virginia Willkie
 Virginia Young
 Wanda Sowder
 William "Bill" Smith
 William R. Merrell
 Willis "Frog" Kilgore
 Wilma Sarver
 Wilna Chance
 Zella Owen

2017 In Honor

Ann Heilman
 Ann Moster
 Annie Winters' First Birthday
 Bill and Judy Muir
 Bob and Barbara White
 Carl and Marge Henderson
 Crysten Butler and Jett
 Williams fund
 Daniel Smith
 Dave and Barb Malson
 Dr. Clarence and Esther Atkins
 Glen Wiley
 Grant Reeves
 Greg Krodel
 Keith Perin
 Pat Springman
 Rob Hadley
 Robert and Mary Lou Veatch
 Robert Brown's 90th Birthday
 Shelly King
 Thelma Jaggars' 100th Birthday
 Tony Laird's Retirement
 Wayman and Marjorie Mahan
 64th Wedding Anniversary
 Wilma Jo Kile
 Wilna Chance

Harvesting for the Future of Rush County

Agriculture is the largest business and largest employer in Rush County: it has provided work, not only for our farming families, but also for many other residents in our county. "Harvesting for the Future of Rush County" is a campaign of the Rush County Community Foundation to specifically raise money for our agricultural community, from our local agricultural community. All contributions of grain are directed to the new *Rush County Ag Fund*, a field of interest fund that provides grants to support nonprofit agricultural programming for educational training, youth farm programs and preserving the history of agriculture in Rush County.

"Harvesting for the Future of Rush County" is a way that our local farm community can easily donate to the Foundation without writing a check and while

maximizing tax benefits. Grain contributions reduce taxable income, providing an opportunity to reduce self-employment, federal, and state income tax.

Participation forms are available at all Rush County elevators and the Foundation office.

If you would like more information on how you can participate in the Harvesting for the Future of Rush County program, please stop by the Foundation office or contact us at 765-938-1177 or via email at info@rushcountyfoundation.org.

Thank you to our 2017 Donors toward Harvesting for the Future of Rush County

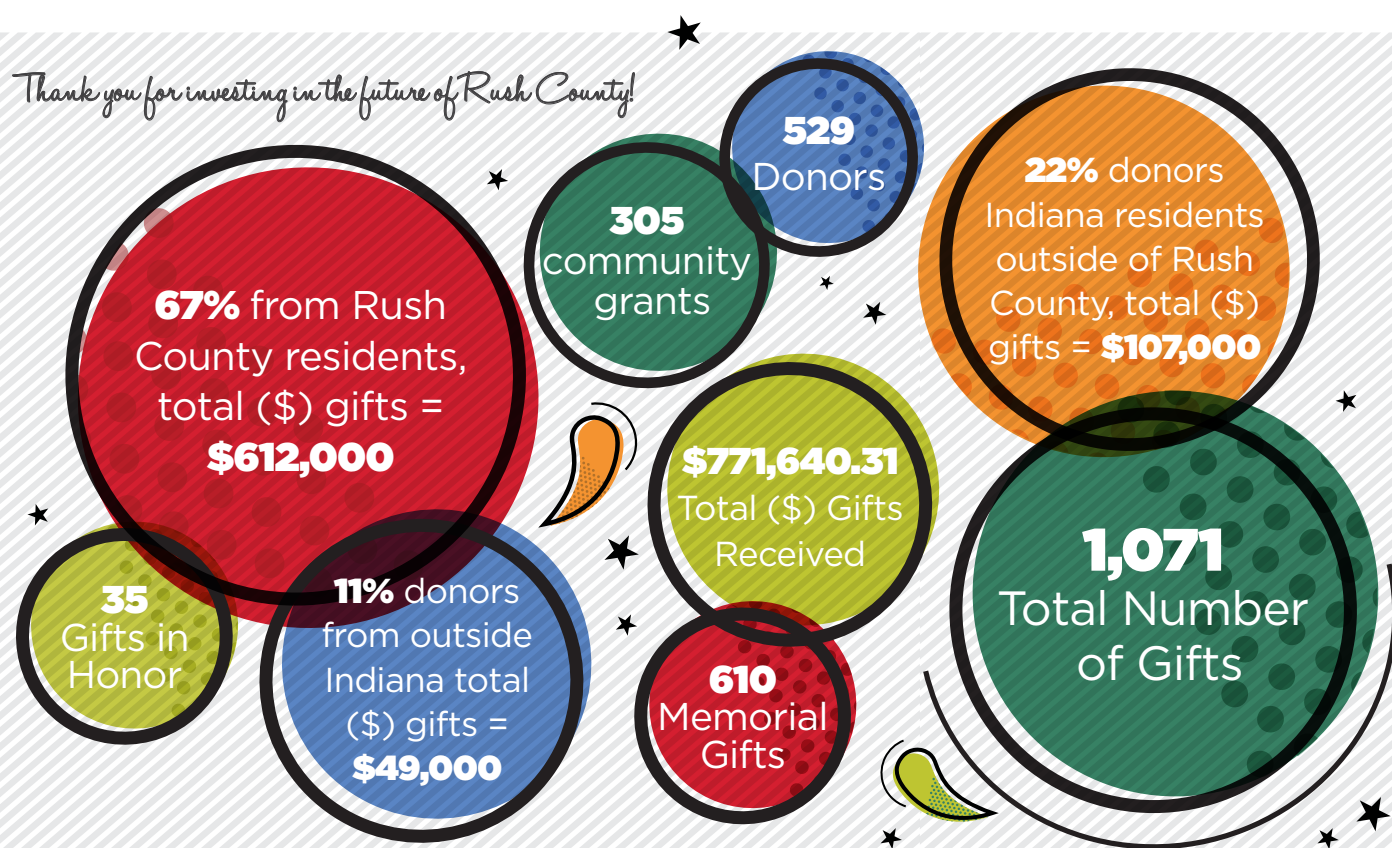
John "JB" and Shelly Gardner
Douglas Miller



New Fund in 2017: Rush County Ag Fund

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Gifts of grain contributed through the "Harvesting for the Future of Rush County" program are directed to this fund.



Dreaming Today, for Tomorrow

Every gift to the Community Foundation, whether large or small, is an expression of the donor's giving nature. Ways to give to the Foundation are as varied as the donors and the needs for which they are intended. Your financial, tax or estate planner, assisted by the staff at the Community Foundation, can help you select the type of gift that best suits your needs.

- **Cash** is the easiest way to donate, whether it is actual cash or a check.
- **Real estate or personal property** may be given to the Foundation. Of course, all gifts qualify for a charitable tax deduction in the year the gift was made.
- **Appreciated securities**, when donated, allow you to avoid paying the capital gains tax while providing an accompanying income tax deduction for the current fair-market value.
- **A testamentary gift**, such as a bequest in your will, is one way you can create your charitable legacy.
- **Transferring life insurance**, with the Foundation named as the beneficiary and owner of an existing or new policy, allows you an immediate tax deduction, which usually approximates the cash surrender value of the policy. Insurance premiums paid after the transfer of the policy may be deductible as a charitable contribution.
- **A charitable remainder trust** allows you or someone you choose to receive an income for life from assets transferred to a trust. The transfer also qualifies as a charitable deduction, the amount of which is determined by the age of the income recipient and the payout rate. When the trust ends, the trust remainder is placed in a permanent fund in your name with the charitable distributions made in accordance with your wishes.
- **A charitable gift annuity** is a simple way to make a substantial gift while retaining the right to a lifetime income. The amount of income is fixed, based on your life expectancy. When the income is no longer needed, the remainder supports the charitable cause you have selected.
- **A charitable lead trust** allows the Foundation to receive an annual payment during your lifetime or for a specified number of years. When the trust terminates, the principal is returned to you or others that you have designated.
- **Private foundations or trusts** often require significant time and money to manage. By transferring your private foundation or charitable trust to the Community Foundation, all responsibilities for reports and administrative duties will be carried out by the staff of the Foundation. Since the Foundation is a public charity and does not pay excise tax, more income is available for charitable purposes.
- **A deferred fund** can be created, which will not receive any gift from you until sometime in the future, perhaps as a part of your estate plan. The Foundation will work cooperatively with you and your financial planner, attorney, or accountant to create an endowment that will ensure that your wishes are properly followed when the deferred gift is received.

The Rush County Community Foundation does not provide tax, legal or financial advice. With any of these giving plans, there may be gift, estate, or income tax implications, depending upon your personal financial situation. You should first consult with your tax, legal or financial advisor before making this or any other charitable gift.

Sample bequest language

I give and bequeath _____ (describe gift) to the Rush County Community Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation located in Rushville, Indiana 46173, tax identification number 35-1835950, to be held as a component fund known as the "_____ Fund." This fund was separately created for the charitable purposes agreed to by me and the Rush County Community Foundation.

Leaving a Lasting Legacy

Donors who wish to recognize the Rush County Community Foundation through a planned gift may become members of the Foundation's Legacy Society. The Foundation is privileged to honor those generous people who give back to our community in their own individual ways by making a gift in their estate plan. In many cases, they have then worked with Foundation staff to establish a fund agreement to govern the use of their gift when the fund receives assets from their estate. As a result, Legacy Society members are assured their wishes will be carried out by the Foundation in perpetuity.

The Rush County Community Foundation is diligently working to promote the Legacy Society in the approaching year. Continue to watch for exclusive information and opportunities!

The Rush County Community Foundation is honored to be your partner in philanthropy. If you or your professional advisor would like to learn more about the Foundation's Legacy Society or our giving options, please contact Alisa Winters, Executive Director, at awinters@rushcountyfoundation.org or (765) 938-1177. You may also visit our website at www.rushcountyfoundation.org.



Estate Gifts provided
\$550,000
to RCCF in 2017.

In the past 10 years, RCCF has received

\$3.9 million
in estate gifts

Estate Gifts were received from the following:

- **The Estate of Dorothy Crawley**
- **The Estate of Therese Duffy**
- **The Estate of James Ewing**
- **The Estate of Sara Jinks**
- **The Estate of Phyllis J. Kingery**

Finance & Investment Committee

Prudent investment of funds and efficient use of operational dollars are critical to the performance of the Foundation's philanthropic activities. The Finance and Investment Committee monitors and reviews budget and financial operations within the Foundation, meeting annually with our accountants (BradyWare) to review the Foundation's 990 and audit report, and quarterly with our investment advisors (Capital Cities, LLC) to review investment performance and address any necessary portfolio changes.

- David Burkhardt
- Chris Burkhardt
- Tony Fudge
- JB Gardner
- Greg Harcourt
- Bill Herdrich
- Brian Hill
- Pam Hoeing
- Bill Griffis
- Greg Krodel
- Tom Mahan
- Gerald Mohr
- Phillip Morgan
- Keith Perin
- Suellen Reed
- Larrie Rose
- Charles Smith
- Bob Waits
- Mike Wicker

Statement of Financial Position and Activities

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 408,119	\$ 1,262,414
Investments	16,690,843	14,256,616
Unconditional promises to give	553,185	500,000
Property and equipment, net	283,376	252,353
	<u>\$ 17,935,523</u>	<u>\$ 16,271,383</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accrued expenses	\$ 2,460	\$ 2,381
Grant payable	75,000	100,000
Deferred revenue	-	-
Funds held for others	2,458,151	2,426,319
	<u>2,535,611</u>	<u>2,528,700</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	5,034,294	4,438,643
Temporarily restricted	9,372,408	8,310,830
Permanently restricted	993,210	993,210
	<u>15,399,912</u>	<u>13,742,683</u>
	<u>\$ 17,935,523</u>	<u>\$ 16,271,383</u>

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
Contributions and grants	\$ 309,593	\$ 511,394	\$ -	\$ 820,987
Investment income, net \$46,776 in fees	107,256	264,153	-	371,409
Net realized loss on investments	419,781	1,036,064	-	1,455,845
Net unrealized gain on investments	(98,139)	(263,967)	-	(362,106)
Administrative fee revenue	<u>35,253</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,253</u>
Total Public Support and Revenue	\$ 773,744	\$ 1,547,644	-	2,321,388
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS				
	<u>\$ 486,066</u>	<u>(486,066)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 1,259,810</u>	<u>\$ 1,061,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,321,388</u>
EXPENSES				
Program services	\$ 505,373	-	-	505,373
Management and administrative	130,270	-	-	130,270
Fund development	<u>28,516</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,516</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 664,159</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>664,159</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 595,651	1,061,578	-	1,657,229
NET ASSETS				
Beginning of year	<u>4,438,643</u>	<u>8,310,830</u>	<u>993,210</u>	<u>13,742,683</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 5,034,294</u>	<u>\$ 9,372,408</u>	<u>\$ 993,210</u>	<u>\$ 15,399,912</u>

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