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Throughout the past 27 years the Rush County Community Foundation has seen and enabled change in our community. Amidst all of the change, one constant remains: our increasing ability to make an impact on the greatest community needs.

This year, we decided to take an abbreviated approach to our annual report to showcase how our donors' dollars are making Rush County a better place to live, work, and play. This "impact report" shares how we're making a difference and who has been instrumental in our impact in Rush County in 2018.



Letter From the President

Last year was a memorable one for the Rush County Community Foundation. We were saddened by the loss of one of our founders, Rick Levi, but we are still grateful to have Danny Earnest and Paul Barada as valued advisors.

We appreciate the gifts from our donors, who are stepping up to help meet the match requirements for Lilly Gift VII. Donations large and small can make a big difference.

Kristie Amos joined our staff this year as Program Officer. She, along with Alisa, our Executive Director, and Angie, Administrative and Accounts Coordinator, have added creativity, reliability, and good will to our office. We thank them for their dedication, strong effort, and extra care that they give every day.

This year we visited some of the programs that were funded by grants including the Shares music therapy class and the Princess Theater and city offices renovation. We participated in "March Matchness" to have good natured competition in fund raising.

We issued our first proactive grant after careful research, extensive interviews, and lively discussion of community needs. The Board of Directors voted to grant funds to the Huffer Child Care Resource and Referral Center to invest in development of an early learning coalition in Rush County. Our own Jeri McCorkle was selected to lead the effort.

The Foundation will be working hard on the "Five in 50" bike ride during Willkie Days. The event, originally started by David Willkie, will add funds to our Gift VII match.

Much progress has been made since our beginning 28 years ago, but much remains to be done as we endeavor to honor the past and look to the future of our community. We strive to be good stewards and wise investors.



Dr. Suellen Reed
Rush County Community Foundation
2018 Board President

**Watch your
impact grow!**

\$2 : \$1 match

\$ 1 DONATION + \$2 MATCH = \$3

GIFT VII

In October the Rush County Community Foundation announced that they are the recipient of a \$500,000 grant as part of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s seventh phase of its Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) initiative. With GIFT VII, the Endowment is making up to \$125 million available to help Indiana community foundations strengthen the towns, cities and counties they serve.

Rush County Community Foundation can use this matching fund grant to build our financial assets and support our charitable activities. The matching fund grant will be designated to support the growth of Rush County Community Foundation's unrestricted endowments, which over time will provide flexibility to help the foundation to meet community needs. The Endowment will provide \$2 for every \$1 contributed to Rush County Community Foundation's unrestricted endowments during the matching period, October 1, 2018, through December 31, 2020.

Every donation makes an impact no matter how big or small!

DONATE ONLINE: www.rushcountyfoundation.org

"We are thrilled that Lilly Endowment Inc. has made another GIFT opportunity available for community foundations throughout the state. GIFT funding was the impetus for the formation of the Rush County Community Foundation in 1991, and since then we have been fortunate to receive millions of dollars for Rush County through six grants from Lilly Endowment Inc.'s GIFT program. We are simply delighted to have the chance to raise additional unrestricted dollars while providing our donors with a \$2 for \$1 match," stated Alisa Winters, Executive Director. "Unrestricted dollars are powerful funds that allow our organization to assess the current and future needs of the community and allocate funds accordingly. Growing our unrestricted assets provides us with an opportunity to make a substantial impact on the changing needs of the community, forever."

The GIFT initiative is part of Lilly Endowment's grantmaking to strengthen Indiana communities and has been a priority of the Endowment since the first phase of GIFT in 1990. The initiative's primary aim is to help Indiana community foundations develop the philanthropic capacity to identify, prioritize and address local opportunities and challenges.

To encourage the engagement of Rush County Community Foundation's board of directors, the Endowment also will award an additional \$100,000 unrestricted grant if the foundation achieves 100 percent financial support from our board members during the period January 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

Starting in 2019, Rush County Community Foundation will have the opportunity to apply for more funds through GIFT VII's community leadership grants. This component includes both planning and implementation grants, which are available to help the foundation deepen its understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing its community; convene key local stakeholders and explore how it can effectively play a leadership role in implementing initiatives and strategies that enhance the quality of life in Rush County.



Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family – J.K. Lilly Sr. and sons J.K. Jr. and Eli – through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly & Company. The Endowment exists to support causes of community development, education and religion. Lilly Endowment's community development grantmaking is designed to support efforts that enhance the quality of life in Indianapolis and Indiana.

Five in 50

The Rush County Community Foundation is delighted to announce that the "Five in 50" Covered Bridge Ride will now be a fundraiser for the Foundation! In 2019, we look forward to expanding the ride to welcome more cyclists while raising community grant dollars for Rush County. Additionally, all monies raised from the event will be matched \$2 for \$1 by Lilly Endowment Inc. GIFT VII, increasing Rush County Community Foundation's ability to forever impact nonprofit organizations and residents.

Community Grant dollars are vital to Rush County nonprofit organizations. Since 1994, over \$1,000,000 in community grant funding has been injected in to our community, enriching the lives of the people in our community and providing transformational opportunities for the nonprofit organizations that serve Rush County.

The secret is out: Rush County is a great place to visit and an even greater place to live. With this opportunity, we look forward to sharing our community's best assets with residents and visitors – forever.



Visit www.rushcountyfoundation.org for additional information on the funds supported, GIFT VII, and the "Five in 50" ride.



David Willkie, ride founder, with supporters Dr. Bob Jackman, Sandy Fussner, and Larry Stout, presenting a check to the Rush County Community Foundation (Alisa Winters, Executive Director, and Marilyn Yager, RCCF Board Member).



In September, over 200 cyclists from seven states gathered to ride through Rush County's scenic countryside for the inaugural "Five in 50" Covered Bridge Ride. The ride, showcasing our county's beautiful five covered bridges in a 50 mile bicycle ride, provided support to four community organizations.



YOUR DONATION IMPACT

\$1,055,481

from 314
Rush ★
County
residents

91% from **Rush Co
RESIDENTS**

\$62,161.67 from
250 Indiana donors
(outside of Rush County)

\$43,799.84 from
67 donors outside of Indiana

THANK YOU
TO ALL OUR

568
Donors

23 GIFTS IN HONOR

Memorial
Gifts **632**

**\$1,162,207.11 Total
(\$)** Gifts Received



Shares, Inc. Participants enjoying Music Therapy and musical instruments provided by the Rush County Community Foundation.

First5

Know early. Grow early.

Rush County's Early Learning Coalition

Investment in Early Childhood Development has the potential to strengthen the economy through significant gains in health, education, social behaviors, and employment. Among the impressive statistics, the economic impact of investing in early learning has been the drive for a statewide trend of community coordination and the formation of local early learning coalitions. As the Rush County Community Foundation's Board of Directors examined data to determine how to best allocate a portion of unrestricted dollars for the Foundation's first proactive grant, it became evident that today's investment in early childhood development has the opportunity to impact Rush County, both today and in the future.



Jeri McCorkle, Coordinator

RCCF is excited to announce Jeri McCorkle, a Rush County native and experienced educator, is leading the local efforts to develop an Early Learning Coalition. The \$25,000 RCCF grant, awarded to Huffer Child Care Resource & Referral, has provided the funding for Jeri's position and the necessary costs to begin the coalition.

Jeri began in the position in mid-September and will work closely with Huffer CC&R and the By5 organization in the approaching months to develop a strategy for Rush County's Early Learning Coalition. Partnering with local organizations, resources, individuals, and businesses will be critical to the development and expansion of Early Learning as a priority in Rush County.

Jeri stated, "I am excited to become the Coordinator of Rush County's Early Learning Coalition. I grew up on a farm on the north end of Rush County and graduated from RCHS. I have my undergraduate and master's degree from Ball State in elementary education. I taught at Cowan Elementary for more than 20 years, as well as lived in the Cowan community. During that time, my husband Mark and I raised two boys (Andrew, 24, and Trevor, 21), sent them to IU, and out into the world of business. We recently moved to Milroy. We moved back to Rush County to be near family, to get involved in our hometown community, and to work with nonprofit organizations. I know that teachers directly impact the lives of their students. I want to continue making a difference by helping others reach their goals and then go on to achieve more than they ever thought they could."

Of all community needs and opportunities, the Foundation views early childhood as a critical investment in Rush County. Building on a strong foundation of early learning not only leads to greater success in school, it is an essential factor in growing the success of individuals and businesses throughout the community. The goal of investing in Early Childhood Education through the formation of a coalition is to support and guide families in the importance of early learning and literacy of children from birth to age 5. The period between a baby's first breath and the moment they first set foot in their Kindergarten classroom is a miraculous time. Every day provides opportunities for growth, learning and development.

“The goal of investing in Early Childhood Education through the formation of a coalition is to support and guide families in the importance of early learning and literacy of children from birth to age 5.”

In fact, up to 90% of brain development is completed by age five. Jeri will be working to make sure families and children--regardless of location and income--have access to high-quality early learning environments (including child care and pre-school) to ensure safe, healthy, and developmentally-appropriate learning experiences.

Huffer Child Care Resource and Referral promotes quality child care by providing support services for families, providers and the community. Based out of Muncie, Indiana, the organization has a team of experts that work to increase the quality of early childhood education within a 10 county radius. Through this funded partnership and Jeri's expertise, we look forward to coordinated efforts and free and affordable resources becoming more readily available to ALL local families.



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Scholarships Awarded:

\$193,000

Students awarded: **65**

Applicants:



108



65
 Scholarship
 funds
 awarded:

Scholarships
 awarded
 (from 65
 funds): **112**

Largest scholarship:

\$10,834

Average scholarship:

\$1,733.74 



GRANTS AWARDED

Community grant disbursements: **\$90,000**

- o City of Rushville, Stellar support
- o East Hill Cemetery, repair and restoration of monuments
- o Shares, Inc., music therapy program
- o Suicide Prevention Across Rush County (SPARC), Project STOP
- o Rush Co Victims Assistance, entry renovation to make it accessible
- o Rush Co Youth Group Workcamp, building supplies/materials for owner-occupied home repairs

Designated Fund disbursements:

\$315,000

First Proactive Grant: \$25,000

Huffer Childcare Resource and Referral - Early Learning initiative funding (see pg.9)

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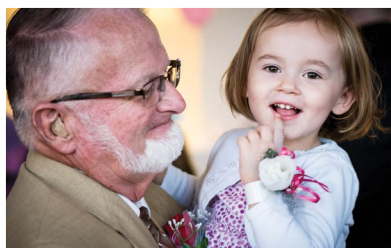
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Donors who wish to recognize the Rush County Community Foundation through a planned gift may become members of the Foundation's Legacy Society. Joining the Legacy Society

provides donors a way to make a lasting impact on the charitable cause important to them. 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 the 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.

\$558,216.81 received from estate gifts in 2018

In the past 10 years, RCCF has received **\$4.4 MILLION** from estate gifts

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RCCF community grant dollars funded "History in your own Backyard" documentary features for local cemeteries. Pictured is Satoli Glassmeyer, filmmaker, and Kelby, Sarah, and Marilyn Gray Roberts filming at Center Church Cemetery.



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Statement of Financial Position and Activities

	2018	2017
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 852,112	\$ 408,119
Investments	15,828,077	16,690,843
Unconditional promises to give	-	553,185
Property and equipment, net	334,470	283,376
	<u>\$ 17,014,659</u>	<u>\$ 17,935,523</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accrued expenses	\$ 3,225	\$ 2,460
Grant payable	50,000	75,000
Deferred revenue	-	-
Funds held for others	2,412,014	2,458,151
	<u>2,465,239</u>	<u>2,535,611</u>
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions		
Donor advised endowment funds	\$ 40,887	\$ 48,507
Undesignated	3,853,597	4,132,342
Board designated	580,289	570,069
Plant fund	334,470	283,376
	<u>4,809,243</u>	<u>5,034,294</u>
Without donor restrictions		
Purpose restrictions	\$ 8,300,217	\$ 8,819,223
Time-restricted for future periods	446,750	553,185
Board designated	993,210	993,210
Plant fund	9,740,177	10,365,618
	<u>14,549,420</u>	<u>15,399,912</u>
	<u>\$ 17,014,659</u>	<u>\$ 17,935,523</u>

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Contributions and grants	\$ 180,036	\$ 621,030	\$ 801,066
Net investment return	202,712	473,190	675,902
Net realized loss on investments	30,095	17,906	48,001
Net unrealized gain on investments	(521,246)	(1,179,788)	(1,701,034)
Administrative fee revenue	39,537	-	39,537
Other income	1,394	-	1,394
Total Public Support and Revenue	(67,472)	(67,662)	(135,134)
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS			
	557,779	(557,779)	-
	490,307	(625,441)	(135,134)
EXPENSES			
Program services	546,527	-	546,527
Management and administrative	127,674	-	127,674
Fund development	41,157	-	41,157
Total Expenses	\$ 715,358	-	\$ 715,358
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ (225,051)	(625,441)	(850,492)
NET ASSETS			
Beginning of year	5,034,294	10,365,618	15,399,912
End of year	\$4,809,243	\$ 9,740,177	\$14,549,420

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.



Board of Directors

We are grateful to the community members who elect to volunteer their time to support the mission of our organization. In 2018, the following Rush County residents will serve on our Board of Directors:

Front Row, L-R: Cindy Powers (Vice-President), Dr. Amy Meyer-Ploeger, Dr. Suellen Reed (President), Marilyn Yager

Back Row, L-R: Karen Brashaber, Bob Bridges (Past-President), Phillip Morgan, Greg Harcourt, Larry Mull, Diana White

Not Pictured: Mindy Vogel (Secretary), Larrie Rose (Treasurer)

The RCCF Board of Directors are responsible for the management of the organization, oversight of financials, and support of fund development efforts. Board members contribute hours of time monthly to the Foundation, leading committees, assisting with events, and preparing for and attending board meetings. Our success and impact on the community can be attributed to the care and vision of our past and present board members. Thank you for sharing your time, talents and treasure to ensure our organization not only fulfills, but exceeds our mission.

2018 Volunteers

Finance and Investment Committee

- David Burkhardt
- Chris Burkhardt
- Tony Fudge
- J.B. Gardner
- Bill Griffiths
- Pam Hoeing
- Phil King
- Greg Krodel
- Gerald Mohr
- Phillip Morgan
- Keith Perin
- Suellen Reed
- Larrie Rose
- Charles Smith

Development Committee

- Theresa Alexander
- Karen Brashaber
- Cindy Harcourt
- Rob Jackman
- Michele King
- Ruth Koelmel
- Phillip Morgan
- Linda Naylor
- Michelle G. Orme
- Larrie Rose
- Diana White

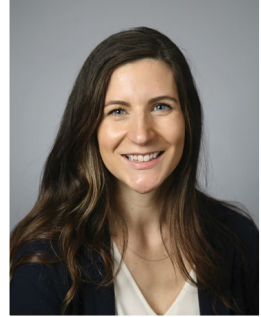
Grants Committee

- Shelly Bostic
- Bob Bridges
- John Corn
- Barbara Harcourt
- Denise Hoeing
- Phillip Morgan
- Larry Mull
- Cindy Powers
- Mark Spurlin
- Jessica Vogel
- Mindy Vogel
- Marilyn Yager

Scholarship Committee

- Theresa Alexander
- Karen Brashaber
- Bob Bridges
- Jennifer Buchanan
- Beth Buzzard
- Ashley Daubenspeck
- Ryan Fox
- J.B. Gardner
- Marsha Haley
- Greg Harcourt
- Natalie Hornsby
- Ruth Koelmel
- Phil Kuhn
- Barbara Malson
- Dave Malson
- Gerald Mohr
- Roy Mohr
- Scott Morgan
- Leigh Morning
- Tai Morrell
- Linda Naylor
- Keith Perin
- Kim Perin
- Lauren Perin
- Amy Meyer Ploeger
- Cindy Powers
- Suellen Reed
- Anna Jo Richards
- Cindy Taff
- Matt Vance
- Jessica Vogel
- Mindy Vogel
- Becky Webb
- Diana White
- Ben Wicker
- Betsy Williams
- Carol Yager
- Greg Steible
- Debbie Burkhardt
- Quinn Wilds

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Executive Director



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Program Officer



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