



E-NEWS

From your Rush County Community Foundation

Much to our dismay, Punxsutawney Phil's prediction forecasts another six weeks of winter ahead. With five long weeks of winter remaining, the Foundation has chosen to make the most of the cold, gray days by having some fun in the weeks ahead! Here's a recap of January's news and a preview of the way we're putting a spring into our step...even if we're wearing boots.

Sharing Our Love for the Community

In January, the Foundation was the recipient of \$37,914.37 in gifts: our best month of January to date! These gifts will be used to further our impact in the community through scholarship awards, grants to deserving community organizations and causes, and disbursements to nonprofit organizations that serve our Rush County. THANK YOU for all of the generous contributions that make our good work in the community possible.

This "Month of Love", we hope that you continue to help us "love" our community through gifts that we can turn in to grants. We hope you'll think of us when giving a memorial





gift, honoring a loved one, or when you're just looking for a positive way to make a difference in the community. Each dollar we receive is permanently invested, giving back to Rush County's charitable needs year after year - forever.

The Foundation's impact in the community has been wide-spread through \$11 million in grants through our 192 permanently endowed funds. When considering a charitable gift for any cause or purpose, we hope you'll consider the possibilities when you donate at the Rush County Community Foundation.

For more information on our impact and funds, visit our [website](#) or stop by our office!

March Matchness and Brackets for Good



The Rush County Community Foundation has been named the only community foundation in the state as a participant in the [Brackets for Good](#) fundraising tournament! Starting at 8PM on March 2, prepare for an exciting round of competition between the Rush County Community Foundation and a yet-to-be-named Indiana nonprofit organization as we vie to raise enough funds to proceed in the tournament. Beyond supporting our standing in the tournament, every dollar contributed in support of RCCF through the Brackets for Good challenge will benefit our community grant funds directly.

In addition to a fun competition, RCCF's Board of Directors hope to make March even more exciting by offering our donors the opportunity to have their donation to a community grant fund MATCHED \$1 for \$1! We hope you'll maximize the opportunity to get the most bang for your buck by donating to one of our existing unrestricted funds, or potentially using the match as a chance to establish a named

fund of your own!

To kick off the fun, JOIN US on Thursday, February 15th from 6-8PM at South 113 to attend the virtual Brackets for Good Pep Rally! We will find out who we'll be competing against in the first round of the tournament, as well as learning more about Brackets for Good. South 113, located at 113 S. Morgan St. (former American Legion) will donate a portion of food/beverage sales that evening to the Foundation.

More information will be released in the coming weeks through mail and electronic media. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and our [website](#) for real-time updates on our Brackets for Good challenge standings. We'll be keeping our subscribers updated daily through e-news blasts, too!

Upcoming Deadlines

What fun would a month be without making grant dollars available? Make sure your favorite nonprofit organization or student is positioned to receive funding by submitting applications for the following deadlines, approaching soon!

- **February 15:** [Scholarship applications](#) and College Costs Estimator due
- **March 1:**
 - [Boy Scouts of America Fund](#) application due
 - [Rush County Parks Fund](#) application due
 - [Youth in Philanthropy Fund](#) application due
 - [Shane Young Memorial Soccer Fund](#) application due
- A few of our funds have a "rolling deadline", where we'll accept and consider applications on a monthly basis until funds are depleted for the year. Please visit our website to learn and apply for:
 - [Rush County Cancer Fund](#)
 - [Laurie Saunders Marlatt Memorial Scholarship Fund](#)

Visit our website, or click directly on the hyperlink to access each application and additional information.

January Gifts Received in Memoriam and Honor

In January, gifts were made In Memory and In Honor of the following:

In Memory Gifts:

- Lowell Angle
- Noel Blevins
- Avis Brown
- JR Brown
- Wilna Chance
- Betty Eder
- Bob Eder
- Charlie Farthing
- Tammy Hankenhoff
- Dru Hunsinger
- Steve Lempke
- Phyllis Miller

In Honor Gifts:

- Cindy Moore
 - Dick Moster
 - Karen Nichols
 - Stephen Petry
 - Mary Kay Pitts
 - Frances Priddy
 - Gino Shepherd
 - Kathleen Solomon
 - Ashley Spurlin
 - Richard Washmuth
 - Greg Whitaker
 - Lee White
 - Robert L. Winters
- Ashley Spurlin (birthday)
 - Mike and Karen Spaeth

Thank you to the

generous contributors
who elected to give a gift
that lasts forever.

RCCF Open House

Stop by the Foundation office on March 7, 2018 from the hours of 9a - 5p to check out the newly-remodeled office space, visit with our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, and enjoy refreshments! We're excited to show off our new office and hope you'll join in the fun. While you're in the office, we can help you make the most of your dollars by assisting you with a DOUBLED donation, too!

We hope to see you on March 7th!

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