



## September E-News

Our last e-news letter, sent in July, provided a recap of the busy spring at the RCCF office. Aside from the unofficial farewell to summer that Labor Day signals, the recent rainy weather and cooler temperatures are serving as reminders that summer has nearly passed and a new season is just around the corner.

In this transitional time between summer and fall the Foundation office is busy with behind-the-scenes preparation for upcoming grant awards, encouraging gifts of grain, scholarship review and updates, and making plans for end-of-year giving. While it's a quieter time than the busy spring months, it's critical for our operation. Read below for an update on the happenings in our office as of late and a preview of what's to come in the months ahead.

### **WELCOME, KRISTIE!**

The Rush County Community Foundation is thrilled to formally welcome Kristie Amos as our new Program Officer.

Kristie joined the Foundation team on August 14th, though she has been involved with RCCF throughout the past 15+ years as a committee volunteer and scholarship reviewer. Prior to joining RCCF, Kristie worked as a Purdue Extension 4-H Youth Educator for 10 years and taught at Rushville Elementary and Mays Elementary Schools for a combined 11 years. Her tremendous work experience and educational background will undoubtedly be an asset to our organization!



Kristie and her husband Alan have three children: Elizabeth (15), Kaleb (10.5), and Zach (7.5). When not in the office, it's likely you'll find her cheering on her cheerleader or two youth football players.



## CIRCLE FUND MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE APPROACHING!

Now is your time to make a positive impact on Rush County!

In 2013, six women passionate about making a difference in Rush County put their heads and pocketbooks together to establish "Chicks Improving Rush County Life", better known as the "CIRCLE Fund". Since that time, women from near and far have contributed to make a large annual grant to a worthy community organization or project possible. In 5 years' time these amazing "chicks" have awarded \$57,900 in grants!

If you would like to take part in making a difference in our community in 2019, consider joining the CIRCLE Fund. Your \$300 gift to the Fund at RCCF has the power to transform our community's future! Make a gift by the end of February (2/28/19) in order to be involved in the 2019 grant award.

**Read more** about the Fund. Make a donation **here**.



Did you know that it's possible to support your favorite fund at RCCF on a regular basis, with no extra time, work, or thought? When you elect to donate on our website, you have the option to donate as often as weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. Opt in to a recurring contribution to make a difference!

Make your impact today - and as often as you'd like - by setting up your donation **online!**

## HARVESTING FOR THE FUTURE OF RUSH COUNTY

The Rush County Community Foundation provides a number of opportunities for you to make a difference in our community, including the opportunity for you to contribute grain.

Gifts of grain support the **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.

Gifting grain provides tax benefits – and it's easy! If you are interested in giving grain, the Foundation has an account established at all local elevators. When you deliver the grain, you simply determine how many bushels or a dollar amount you'd like to give, and fill out an **elevator donation form** that transfers the sale of the crop to the Foundation.



Supporting progress in Rush County through the RCCF is as easy as shopping at Kroger! Maximize your Kroger Rewards by enrolling to support RCCF in the Community Rewards Program.

**Step 1:** Go to

**[www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)**

**Step 2:** Sign In –or– Create an Account

**Step 3:** On the "My Account" page select "Community Rewards". Select "enroll".

**Step 4:** Enter the organization number: **JR641**

**Step 5:** Select RUSH COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, and click "Enroll"

That's it! From now on, when you shop, a

## PLANNED GIVING



As a supporter of the RCCF, you have likely been included to receive our new complementary e-newsletter regarding Planned Giving opportunities. Since the initial release in April we have received positive feedback from our readers! We'll continue to share information about Planned Giving through those newsletters, but watch for additional and more specific information in your mailboxes and social media feeds.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can leave a lasting legacy in Rush County through planned gift options, visit our [website](#) or contact us directly.

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