



**Rush  
County  
Community  
Foundation**

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## December News

### **Rush County Receives Lilly Endowment Inc. GIFT VII Opportunity!**



Rush County Community Foundation has received a grant of \$500,000.00 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.** [Read more details here.](#)

### **Kyle Bacon named Rush County's 2019 Lilly Scholar!**





Kyle Bacon will receive full tuition to an Indiana college of his choice and a \$900 yearly stipend for required books and equipment. Kyle is one of 143 Indiana students awarded the prestigious scholarship for 2019.

Kyle is a resident of Orange Township and a senior at Rushville Consolidated High School. He is the son of Doug and Cheryl Bacon. Kyle plans to attend Purdue University and enroll in their first year engineering program and advance toward a major in civil engineering. [Read more](#)

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## THANK-A-TEACHER



Save a shopping trip, and spare your child's favorite school staff member another apple. Making a donation to the Rush County Education Fund through the "Thank-A-Teacher" initiative is a great way to honor school system employees during the holiday by giving a gift that will give back to the school system forever. [Learn more here.](#)

## GIVE - AND RECEIVE - THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

*(and throughout the year!)*

Maximize your dollars while shopping this holiday season. Whether you like to shop online or in a store, Amazon and Kroger make it easy for you to support RCCF without actually donating a penny!!

Shopping via [Amazon Smile](#) can give 0.5%





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## GIVE A GIFT THAT PROVIDES TAX BENEFITS



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FOUNDATION  
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The clock is ticking for year-end gifts! Experience the joy of giving by making a gift to the Rush County community that will impact generations of our residents. Your gift to the RCCF is a permanent investment in our community that gives back year after year, forever.

Donors over 70.5 have the opportunity to lower their income and taxes from IRA withdrawals. An **IRA Charitable Rollover** can provide a win/win opportunity for you to support our good work while reducing your taxable income.

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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