



**Rush
County
Community
Foundation**

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JOIN US IN COMMEMORATING 28 YEARS OF GIVING

The Rush County Community Foundation was founded on May 21, 1991. In honor of our 28th birthday we're throwing a party - and everyone is invited!

In 28 years we've grown to an \$18 million organization and granted \$11 million to Rush County nonprofit organizations, projects, and students. We need YOUR support to grow and further this effort: and there is no time like now to make the most of your dollar. Make a gift and it will be TRIPLED! For instance, if you give \$28 it will become \$84 for Rush County!

Join us the week of May 20-24th for "Friends Week." Stop by the RCCF office during business hours (9am-4pm), bring a friend, enjoy some birthday goodies, and you'll each be entered to win \$250 for the local nonprofit agency of your choice. Unable to join? You can still learn about the Foundation's impact, share our event, and even

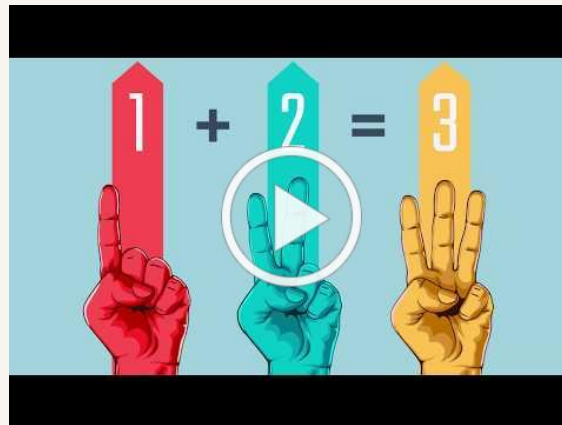
donate to commemorate the big day by visiting our special birthday [website](#).



Kick off RCCF's [birthday week celebration](#) by attending our joint event with [First5!](#) Join us at the Princess Theater on **Monday, May 20** at 11:45 for a light lunch, discussion and airing of the documentary "No Small Matter."

[No Small Matter](#) is the first feature documentary to explore the most overlooked, underestimated, and powerful force for good in America today: early childhood education. Through poignant stories and surprising humor, the film lays out the overwhelming evidence for the importance of the first five years, and reveals how our failure to act on that evidence has resulted in an everyday crisis for American families, and a slow-motion catastrophe for the country.

TRIPLE your Dollars!!



Where else can you give \$1 and get \$2 matched?

NOW is the time to make an impact in Rush County: for a limited time, your gift to unrestricted funds is tripled, thanks to a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.'s GIFT VII.

Make a gift to one of our existing unrestricted funds - for every \$1 given, \$2 will be added. Have you been interested in beginning your own named fund? Now is the best time we've ever had for such an opportunity! For \$1,666.67 you can have a named fund of your own.

Interested in maximizing your dollars or beginning your own named fund? Donate online or contact our office to learn more!

Five in 50 Bike Ride Approaching

The RCCF is thrilled to share that we are hosting the **Five in 50 Covered Bridge (bicycle) Ride!!!**

There's no better time than now to lace up your shoes, grease your chains, and get active. Join riders from near and far to ride one of the routes (12, 24 or 50 miles) through Rush County's historic covered bridges on September 21, 2019. The Five in 50 Covered Bridge Ride provides more than an opportunity to get in shape: your registration and any other funds raise directly support the RCCF - and **all tax-deductible contributions are matched \$2 for \$1!**



Not interested in cycling? You can still help! Volunteer at one of the bridges, help before, during, or after, sponsor, or simply raise money. Learn all of your options, register to ride or volunteer, and preview the Willkie Days weekend details at www.willkiedays.com.

April Gifts In Memoriam and Honor

Thank you for the donors who selected to give to Rush County Community Foundation in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend. This month, the following individuals were recognized through gifts to the Foundation:

In Memory

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Georgeanna Rose Amos• Dorothy Bess• Janet Van Bibber• Marcia Blair• Grant Brower• Bill Conway• Hazel Eakins• Les Fenimore• Betty Green• Beverly Hankenhoff• Evelyn Hill• Sylvia Hook | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeff Hufford• Linda Irons• Thelma Jagers• Jennings Bryan Knight• Jessy McClure• Patty Norris• Dorothy Phillips• Debra Jean Solomon• Paul Stagg• Bill Whipple• Patty Wright• George Yazel |
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New Funds

We are so grateful to Greg and Jennifer Krodel (**All is Well Community Fund**), Carol Stagg and Marsha Haley (**Paul and Avanel Stagg Community Fund**), and Jennifer Harcourt Buchanan, Steve and Lynda Solomine, and Mike and Susan Howard (**RCHS Class of 1969 Fund**) for establishing new community funds at the Rush County Community Foundation. While each fund was established for very different reasons, each of the donors had the same goal in mind: to

make a difference in Rush County forever. All of the funds were eligible for the \$2 for \$1 match, providing donors the ultimate bang for their buck! We are incredibly honored that the Rush County Community Foundation was entrusted by these thoughtful donors to carry out their charitable goals.

To learn more about the funds, please click on the red text above to visit each press release. To donate, please visit our website, select donate - and "community grants" from the fund category - and then the fund in which you'd like to contribute. Your gift will be matched \$2 for \$1!

Education Grant Impacts RCHS Students and Teachers

In September of 2018, the Rush County Community Foundation awarded a Rush County Education Grant to Rushville Consolidated High School to provide funding for TI83-Plus Graphing Calculators in the amount of \$2865.00. This money was used by the RCHS Math Department to purchase 30 TI83-Plus Graphing Calculators to be kept in the math classrooms for use by students during their math classes and resource times.



Since these calculators are available in math classes at RCHS throughout the day, students are able to have access to the technology without having to purchase their own calculator. Students use the calculators to analyze graphs, solve equations, and perform other calculations during class notes, assessments, and work time. The TI 83-Plus graphing calculators allow students to visualize a graph while using algebraic techniques to manipulate and solve the associated equation.

The calculators are tools which allow students to explore and deepen their understanding of concepts and support the development of learning mathematics. The technology contributes to concept development, simulation, representation, reasoning, communication, and problem solving, which helps increase mathematically proficient students as stated in the Indiana College and Career Ready Process Standards. Access to the calculators also allows students to become familiar with keystrokes and steps used by the TI 83-Plus graphing calculator which is used exclusively on the ISTEP+ Math 10 test.

Field of Interest Grants Awarded

Shane Young Memorial Soccer Fund Awarded

Congratulations to the Mays Community Academy, this year's recipient of the Shane Young Memorial Soccer Fund award! The funds awarded will be used to assist with the purchase of soccer goals, balls, and equipment. The Shane Young Memorial Fund was established in 2004 in memory of Shane Young. The fund awards grants annually, with proceeds to be utilized to promote soccer in Rush County. Since inception, the Shane Young Memorial Soccer Fund has awarded 13 grants.

Boy Scouts of America Fund Awarded

The Boy Scouts of America Fund was established in 2000 at the Rush County Community Foundation by William "Bill" Herdrich to provide financial support to the Rush County Boy Scouts and troops. Since that time, the fund has provided more than \$4,500 to local boys interested in becoming more involved in Boy Scouts. Grants have been made each year since inception to make camp affordable, often even free, for Rush County boys desiring to become more actively involved. This year four Rush County Boy Scouts will be attending Camp Krietenstein and Camp Kikthawenund after being awarded grants from this fund.

Recurring Donations

Did you know that you can support the cause of your choice, or the Rush County community at-large, on a recurring basis? When you donate **online**, select the amount, frequency, and fund in which you'd like to give. A recurring gift is an easy way to ensure you support your favorite cause, organization, or the greatest need in Rush County without requiring an extra thought.

You can choose the frequency in which you donate: weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. Any frequency can make a big impact on your community, without a big impact on your wallet! If you consider giving \$5 a week for a year, you will have given \$260. If you choose to give to one of our community grant funds, that **\$260 becomes \$780** for Rush County!! It's a great time to make a difference.

Visit our **website** and give it a try!

Don't Forget to Mark your Calendars!

May 16: RCHS Awards Ceremony (for scholarship fund donors who would like to present to their high school recipients)

May 20 - 24th: RCCF Open House

May 20: "No Small Matter" screening, hosted in conjunction with First5 at the Princess Theater.

May 22: RCCF Scholarship Awards presentation (due to seating capacity, by invitation only)