



**Rush
County
Community
Foundation**

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The (beginning of the month) monthly newsletter is nearly three weeks delayed, which illustrates the busyness of the RCCF office as of late! July and more than half of August have already quickly passed and so many good things have occurred in that time. Join us for the highlights of the past month + and the exciting things to come, shared below.

RCCF's Community Development Course a Success



Thirty community-minded individuals elected to dedicate August 12th, 13th, and 14th to improving Rush County. Through a \$50,000 grant provided by Lilly Endowment Inc., the Foundation was able to bring Ball State University to Rushville for an intensive course to provide the foundation for building a stronger, more sustainable community. We are quite lucky to live in a county where our citizens and leaders will contribute their time to ensuring our community is an even better place for the future.

Thanks to the Rushville Republican for featuring a nice article on the event. To read more, visit the [link](#).

The participants are excited to keep the momentum. We will convene again in the approaching weeks, then open up our future meetings to the community as a whole. We look forward to sharing our knowledge and love for Rush County through inclusive meetings and projects. Together, we will continue to make Rush County a thriving community.

We're Coming Your Way!



In March 2020, RCCF will submit a grant application for \$100,000 and a separate grant application for \$5 million to Lilly Endowment Inc. to improve Rush County.

In order to apply, the RCCF needs your input!!! The Rush County Community Insights are intended as an early touchpoint with the individual communities within Rush County to raise awareness, build capacity, ready for change, establish a vision, outline goals, and/or pursue action.

Through our partnership with Ball State, we will be visiting communities as listed below and we need to hear what you identify as the greatest opportunities for Rush County! Please plan to attend the meeting in your neighborhood or that works best for your schedule.

- September 3rd at 7:15p.m.
 - New Salem Lions Club
- September 4th at 6:30p.m.
 - Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department
- September 11th at 6:30p.m.
 - Manilla Volunteer Fire Department
- Week of September 16th
 - Mays/Raleigh area (location, date and time TBD)
- September 23rd at 6:30p.m.
 - Carthage Ercell Beaver Community Center

- September 26th at 6:30p.m.
 - Milroy United Methodist Church

The goal of these Community Insight sessions is to see what we like, love, and want to love about our community. The focus is on initial considerations related to where the county is now and where it might want to go in the future. It is not intended as a prioritization effort nor is it prescriptive for change.

Contact our office if you have any questions! We're looking forward to seeing you!

Less than \$80,000 Remains for Match!

More than 200 donors have taken advantage of the RCCF's \$2 : \$1 matching opportunity. **NOW** is your chance 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!

Since the announcement of GIFT VII in October, the RCCF has raised \$173,000 in unrestricted funds. We have welcomed 8 new named funds and received a multitude of generous contributions to existing funds. These incredible dollars will give back to the changing needs of the community forever.

\$1 = \$3 OF COMMUNITY IMPACT

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!

\$100,000 in matching funds remains! The dollars are available until exhausted, or until December 31, 2020.

If you are interested in maximizing your dollars or beginning your own named fund you can **donate online** or contact our office to learn more!

RCCF's Five in 50 Cycling Event is Rapidly Approaching

The **Five in 50 Covered Bridge (bicycle) Ride** is rapidly approaching - and there's no time like NOW to sign up to join a day of fun!

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.

July Gifts In Memoriam and In Honor

Thank you to 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:

- Alice R. Wiley
- Anna Wilkinson
- Barbie Meyer Lower
- Bob Battreall
- Curtis Howard
- David Rea
- Fred Earnest
- Gordon Beck
- Hazel Eakins
- Jane McNeelan
- Jeff Knecht
- Jerry Petty
- Jim Shanahan
- John Gridley
- John Meek
- Larry Gober
- Larry Gordon
- Louise Piles
- Marcelle McDaniel
- Marilyn Bills
- Neal Kuhn
- Norm Snyder
- Patty Norris
- Richard Cameron
- Ron Kegel
- Ronald Copple
- Shirley Singleton
- Sylvia Hook
- Thelma Jaggars
- Vicky Wainwright
- Wayman Mahan
- In Honor of Arika Marlatt's Birthday

\$2 : \$1 Match Inspires More New Funds

In the past month, RCCF has welcomed several new named unrestricted funds. We are honored that donors continue to recognize RCCF unrestricted funds as the perfect vehicle for their philanthropic goals. The following donors have decided to leave a lasting legacy by making a permanent difference in Rush County:



**Harcourt Counseling Mental Health
Community Fund**

Began by Greg, Cindy, Anthony and
Brittany Harcourt



**Darrell and Marilyn Bills
Community Fund**

Began by Ron and Darilyn Bedel



**Russell and Betty Bane Family
Community Fund**

Began by Rick Bane, Rusty Bane, Sande
(Bane) Land, and David Bane



**RGHS Class of 1978 Community
Fund**

Began by the Class of 1978 represented
by Keith and Kim Perin and Karen Macy

Grant Deadlines Approaching!

Several grant deadlines are approaching! Be sure to submit your application for the following grants (linked below) by the listed dates:

Due September 3rd

- **Ken and Charlotte Brashaber Teacher Enhancement Award**
- **Music for Rush County**
- **Rush County Youth Athletic Fund**
- **Rush County Education Fund**
- **Alex Workman Memorial Fund**

- Rita Yager Memorial Ag Grant Fund
- Community Grant letters of intent

Due September 13th

- Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship application

Due September 16th

- Community Grant application

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Stay up-to-date on the latest RCCF happenings by visiting our [website](#) and following us on social media. Our website serves as a comprehensive informational source for all things related to our work, as well as offering fun features such as donor stories, board member bios, and scholar updates. We often share news and features on our [Facebook page](#), which we encourage you to follow if you use social media! The more you "like" and "share" helps share our message and inspire future content.