



NEWSLETTER



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Are you ready for change? It truly is the only constant. How we respond affects our future. Fortunately, together we can face it all with open hearts and open minds.

Community Insights Report Released

Faced with a big grant opportunity that could transform our community, we weren't quite sure where to even start. So we asked you. Last fall we took our questions on the road and visited seven Rush County communities along with **Ball State University's Indiana Communities Institute**.



The resulting report is in, and we're going to take a look at the data, findings and suggestions for moving forward through a series of posts. **How we decide to deal with change as a community will determine our future.**

RUSH COUNTY

Readiness for Change: A Community Conversation

Indiana Communities Institute
Rush County Community Foundation
Fall 2019

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New Year, New Board



Front row (l to r) **Arika Marlatt Yager, Karen Brashaber, Mindy Vogel, Cindy Powers, Dr. Suellen Reed, Marilyn Yager**
Back row (l to r) **David Malson, Bob Gulde, Greg Harcourt, Keith Perin, Billy Ray Goins, Phil Kuhn, not pictured: Ben Wicker**

It takes more than just showing up at meetings to be an effective board member. It requires a passion for the organization and the community it serves. It takes the ability both to understand financial statements and to tell a compelling story. It takes a willingness to make big decisions with great intention. It takes a special person. All of the new 2020 RCCF board members fit this bill. We're grateful to all for their service.

Introducing 2020 Board Member: Keith Perin



We're excited to welcome **Keith Perin** back to the RCCF board! We value his insights and passion for our mission and our community.

What idea made Keith "slightly irritated that he hadn't thought of it first"? Find out in this spotlight.

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Upcoming Deadlines

- **Friday, 2/14/2020: Scholarship applications are due**

- Friday, 2/28/2020: **Membership contributions due to become a part of the CIRCLe Fund**
- Friday, 5/1/2020: **Letter of Intent due for nonprofits seeking grants**

INseparable Event



The evening of our **INseparable** event reminded us that it was still winter. It was a cold and icy night, but we quickly warmed up with a soup supper and a warm conversation. A key takeaway from our speaker, **Kevin McKelvey**, is to face the challenges and meet the needs of our community in more creative and joyful ways through arts and cultural events. We're grateful to **Indiana Humanities** and **imagine:nation, the Arts & Cultural Council of Rush County** for their support and to everyone who joined in the conversation!

Save the Date: Five in 50 Bike Ride



The best event on two wheels makes its return to Rush County - **The Five in 50 Covered Bridge Bike Ride on Saturday, September 19**. RCCF will once again host and benefit from the event.

January 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:

- Albert Weber
- Alice R. Wiley
- Ashley Spurlin
- Betsy Brown
- Billy Ray Goins
- Bob and Emmy Waggener
- Carole Richardson
- Courtney Huskins
- Dewey Powers
- Dick Moster
- Don Saville
- Elizabeth Fallis
- Fred Marshall
- Freda Solomon
- Glen Wiley
- Hazel Stiers
- Joe Esparza

- Larrie Rose
- Margo Mull
- Melvin Bradburn
- Patricia Norris
- Ray Anderson
- Robert Dragoo
- Sylvia Hook
- Virginia Stiers
- Wayne Miller
- Wilbur Hoeing
- William (Bill) Gulde

In Honor of:

- Baby Sides
- Ken Brashaber's 90th Birthday
- Mr. and Mrs. Philip Goddard
- Teresa Ward

Get Social with Us

Stay up-to-date on the latest RCCF happenings by visiting our [website](#) and following us on social media. Our website is a comprehensive 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.

