



NEWSLETTER



June 2020

As we resume our daily routines, it's clear that "normal" life doesn't mean what it used to. Now is the perfect time to reassess and let go of what no longer works for us. We hope you're discovering new ways to enjoy and engage during these changing times. We truly appreciate how you've stepped up to care for our community in so many ways. Thank you for your commitment to continue to live life local {First Name}!

Rush to Help is Filling Needs



\$38,115 *& counting...*
THANK YOU!

"You are doing exactly what I had hoped, spreading it around to businesses, food banks, and creative projects. We wanted to give to a group that knew or could find out what was needed and we knew we were not in position to make that determination productively."

- Grant Reeves, Rush to Help donor

Your donations to the **Rush to Help: COVID-19 Rapid Relief Fund** continue to care for the local people, organizations and businesses that you love.

It's not too late to show your support! As a bonus, if you do not itemize your taxes, you can take a **\$300 above-the-line deduction for charitable gifts totaling \$300 or more in 2020.** (Of course, you can still itemize, if you like.)

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\$4,798 Grant Made to Boys & Girls Club

"We are not limited on the AMOUNT of children we could serve. We were just limited on storage."

- Quinn Leisure, Boys & Girls Club of Rush County



It has been so heartening to see the different ways our community has taken care of each other during the COVID-19 pandemic. **The Boys & Girls Club of Rush County** has certainly done their part. **Now, thanks to you, their impact will grow.**

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\$5,000 Grant Made to RUSH Back to Local Program

"We are extraordinarily excited to have the support of the Rush County Community Foundation with the RUSH Back to Local Businesses gift card program. Through their financial support, we can push \$19,300 of direct financial support to our locally-owned businesses during these difficult times."

- John McCane, Rush County Economic and Community Development Corporation

The **RUSH Back to Local Businesses gift card program** was developed to create immediate revenue and aid the recovery process for local businesses that suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic. Customers purchased \$30 gift cards for just \$20. Sponsors like RCCF made up the \$10 difference so that the participating businesses would receive the full amount. **The gift cards sold out in three hours, and together we pumped almost \$60,000 into local businesses!**

\$5,000 Grant Made to RCS

"I am thankful for the funding which assisted us in placing 50 additional Internet hotspots to support our families with eLearning. We are extremely appreciative of this assistance and community support."

- Matt Vance, Superintendent of Rush County Schools.

Our lives changed in an instant once the pandemic reached Indiana, including daily routines for students.

A serious challenge Rush County Schools faced was that not all students had Internet access at home. **Donations to the Rush to Help: COVID-19 Rapid Relief Fund** provided a \$5,000 grant to fill this gap. RCS purchased WiFi hotspots with three months of connectivity to make certain all students could continue learning.

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Congratulations to Our 2020 Scholarship Recipients!

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\$192,588.18



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We missed celebrating with our 2020 scholarship recipients in person, but we hope you'll check out [this gallery of their photos and awards](#) Many thanks to our donors and congratulations to the students! You've made Rush County so very proud!

[VIEW THE GALLERY](#)

There's No Community Without Unity

Our mission is to enhance and enrich the quality of life for ALL. Take a look at the word “community”. See those last five letters? There’s no community without unity. There can be no unity unless all of us join together for the good of

COMMUNITY

each and every one of us.

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Let Your Voice Be Heard

The **City of Rushville** needs YOUR help! **Please take and share this 10 minute survey to add your voice to the development of the new strategic plan.** Your participation matters.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

Save the Date: Five in 50 Bike Ride



The **Five in 50 Bicycle Ride** is currently scheduled for Saturday, September 19. Just like most events, this could change. We'll let you know as soon as possible if it does.

May 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:

- Barbara Blacklidge Green
- Beverly Brown
- Bill Gulde
- Bob and Emmy Waggener
- Bob Eder
- Charles Holder
- Delbert King
- George and Marcella McAhren
- Georgeanna Amos
- Glen and Alice R. Wiley

- John and Betty Meiser
- Judy Leisure
- Malu Pinecrone
- Patricia "Pat" Carrigan
- Rick Woods
- Robert and Beulah Shouse
- Ruth Ann Gruell
- Ruth Shouse

In Honor of:

- Grant Reeves' 40th birthday

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 encourage you to follow us on your preferred social media outlet(s), too. The more you "like", "share" and "retweet" helps get out our message and inspire future content.

