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"Be the change you want to see in the world," is a quote most of us are familiar with. (It's often attributed to Mahatma Gandhi, but that's not quite what he said. [More on that here.](#)) At any rate, it's wise advice to anyone looking to make their community better. That's exactly what happened during the Community Based Action Planning (CBAP) sessions a week ago. A group of folks from teens to seniors, representing diverse roles and geographies within Rush County, identified opportunities related to tourism (for both residents and visitors), mental health and blight removal as some of the top priorities. We are grateful to everyone who took the time to share their input and look forward to sharing details and progress along the way. These plans won't sit idle on a shelf; they will help write new chapters in our story.

Grantee Spotlight: The Open Resource



[The Open Resource](#) just might be the best kept secret in Rush County.

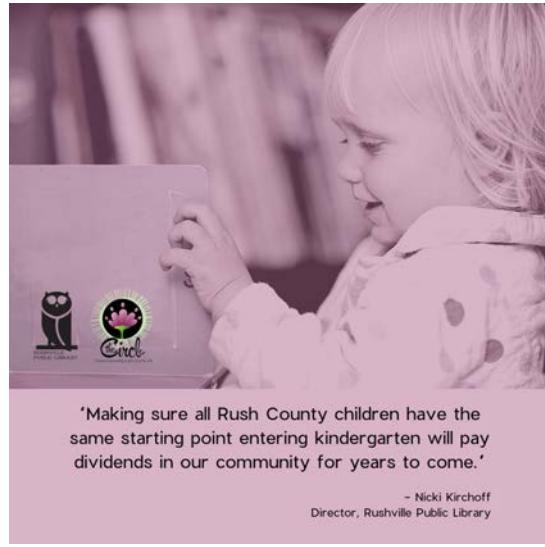
That's unfortunate because they have so much to offer our community with the FREE services provided by their new Digital Navigator program.

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CIRCLe Grant Funds RPL's "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten"

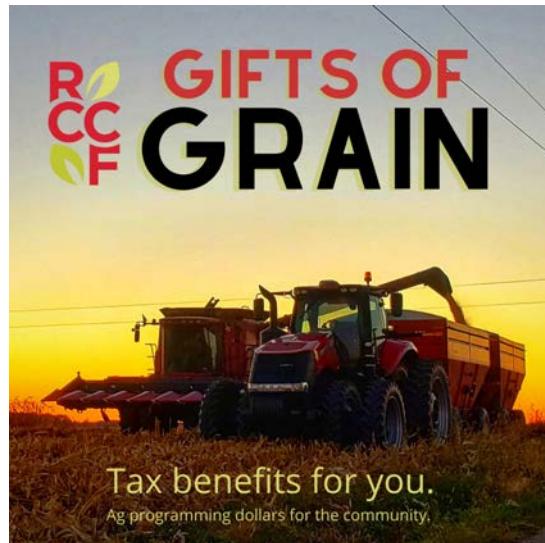
The first five years are the most formative and significant in every child's life. Did you know that 90% of the brain develops during this time?

[The CIRCLe Fund](#), a donor-advised fund of RCCF, not only realizes this fact but is pleased to support Rush County's youngest residents with their 2021 grant.

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Gifts of Grain: Tax Benefits for You. Ag \$ for the Community

Harvest season is upon us. Farmers, did you know you could support the Rush County Community Foundation (RCCF) with a gift of grain? It's true! RCCF has an account with all local elevators. At delivery, just decide the dollar amount or number of bushels you'd like to donate and complete [a simple form](#).

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What Will Your Legacy Be?

“Estate Planning Awareness Week” begins 10/18. It might seem like an arbitrary date, but it’s never too early to think about your will. Even if you do have a plan, think about any life changes that have happened since. Have you acquired property? Has your family grown? It’s recommended to update your will at least every five years.

Protect your loved ones and support the causes that are close to your heart. Please consider adding RCCF to your plans.

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ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



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September Tribute Gifts

Each gift you make in memory or in honor of a loved one supports Rush County forever. We are grateful for your kindness and generosity!

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Kyle Henderson

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