



# IMPACT UPDATE

Aug - Dec 2021



Executive Director, Alisa Winters, was selected as one of 24 participants in the inaugural class of the John Mutz Philanthropic Institute.

## READ MORE

For full stories and additional photos visit:

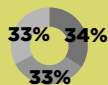
[rushcountyfoundation.org/postcard-2](https://rushcountyfoundation.org/postcard-2)

## GRANTS

**2021 CYCLE 2 COMMUNITY: \$60,738**

- \$3,728: Carthage Volunteer Fire Dept.
- \$29,010: Glenwood Volunteer Fire Dept.
- \$10,500: Milroy Economic Development Corporation
- \$7,500: Girls Inc.
- \$10,000: Rush County's year-long Bicentennial Celebration

**CYCLES 1 + 2 AWARDS TOTAL: \$96,003**



Public Safety: \$32,738  
 Arts & Culture: \$31,700  
 Education & Literacy: \$31,565

**2021 FIELD OF INTEREST: \$29,786**

- \$12,500: Gleaners Food Bank
- \$5,983: Heart of Rushville
- \$1,675: Milroy Elementary
- \$2,800: Rushville Elementary East
- \$3,088: Rushville Elementary West
- \$2,732: Rushville Consolidated High School
- \$708: Rushville Animal Shelter
- \$300: Rush County Farm Bureau

## ENHANCING LIFE

Your support impacts nearly every resident of our county in one way or another through grants to fund emergency services, health-care, early learning, amenities, education, heritage, culture and the arts - forever. Thank you! Find grantee stories on our blog.



## CIRCLE FUND

The CIRCLe Fund awarded \$10,500 to the Rushville Public Library (RPL) for its "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program. "Making sure all Rush County children have the same starting point entering kindergarten will pay dividends for years to come," said Nicki Kirchoff, RPL's director.

## **Community Based Action Planning (CBAP) is underway!**

Last fall, a group of folks from teens to seniors (referred to as Launchers), analyzed local data and community input for ideas. They embarked on the monumental task of prioritizing issues. They are, in no particular order:

- 1) Mental Health; Explore New & Existing Programs; Accessibility
- 2) Improve Local Gateways
- 3) Downtown Beautification
- 4) Tourism Promotion Behind Existing Assets
- 5) Post-secondary Skill Trade Education and Apprenticeships
- 6) Parks Programming: Add Value to Existing Parks
- 7) County-wide planning; Land Use Planning Update; Zoning
- 8) Local Pride Campaign (Blight Elimination/Clean up)
- 9) Improving internet access

By the time you read this, volunteers will have met to determine the next steps. This will be YOUR chance to help in the capacity that works best for you. **After all, you are the "community" in CBAP.**

**Thanks to Lilly Endowment Inc. and your generosity, the Rush to Action Fund has more than \$93,000 to support this work! Donations made by 3/1 will continue to be matched \$1 for \$1. Please support positive change in Rush County with your gifts of money and/or time.**

For more info on the process, to read the full report, donate, or get involved, visit: [rushcountyfoundation.org/postcard-2](https://rushcountyfoundation.org/postcard-2).



**117 N. Main Street  
Rushville, IN 46173**

 [rushcountyfoundation.org](https://rushcountyfoundation.org)

[info@rushcountyfoundation.org](mailto:info@rushcountyfoundation.org) | (765) 938-1177

