

Quality of Life

Quality of life is important to the well-being of our community and helps bring new folks to the area. New amenities, businesses, jobs, and economic opportunities come with population growth. Your support provided \$49,452 in grants for parks programming, recreation, internet access, and arts & culture. Additionally, more than 70 local organizations received \$290,727 in annual and pass-through payments.

GAME-CHANGER

The **REC Center** is poised to become one of the most impactful projects in Rush County's history. RCCF reignited the decades-long dream of building a community center when we received a \$5M grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. in late 2020. RCCF board member, Phil King, and interim executive director, Gerald Mohr, both sit on the committee. With construction funds in place, groundbreaking will happen in 2023 and completion is expected in the second half of 2024.



GRANTS

City of Rushville Parks Department: \$11,000 • Rush County Soil & Water: \$1,400 • Milroy Elementary School, in cooperation with MEDC: \$12,620 • Rush County 4-H Horse & Pony Club: \$10,000 • Rush County Broadband Task Force: \$10,000 • imagine:nation, the arts & cultural council of Rush County: \$1,500 • Rushville Animal Shelter: \$500 • Rushville Regional Theatre: \$2,432

2021 GRANTEE WIN

The Milroy Economic Development Corporation's (MEDC) mural project was completed in the spring. Artist Lance Woskobojnik worked with community members and students to transform a run-down wall into an awesome work of art.



in Pursuit

of the best Rush Co. in '22

Answering our community's most pressing questions, like **Quality of Life**, **Safety**, **Health + Wellness**, **Early Learning**, **Education**, and **Local Pride**, is our game. But we couldn't do it without YOU. Equipped with the time and talents of many people and organizations, along with more than \$700,000 in grants and scholarships, we make an unbeatable team.

Whether you made a gift in 1992 or 2022, your generosity is still in the game! This is the power of permanent funds and what sets your donations

Safety

None of us expects to need emergency services. Knowing they are well-equipped and staffed is a comfort. You have a long history of supporting our county's first responders, including 2022 grants totaling \$17,280.

GAME-CHANGER

The City of Rushville Fire & Rescue received a \$10,280 grant to purchase the Ambu Man Advanced Training Manikin. They extended training to departments throughout the County.

ADDITIONAL GRANT

Manilla Volunteer Fire Department: \$7,000
2024 GRANTEE WIN
The Carriage Volunteer Fire Department purchased grain bin rescue equipment and provided training to its crew. With their new facility up and running, they have offered training to surrounding mutual aid departments.



Education

You continue to make a difference for students and educators with nearly 80 scholarship and education funds. Your generosity provided \$227,474 in scholarships and \$10,824 in grants. Two new scholarship funds were established – the John Foster Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Marron & Lois Liggett and Family Educational Scholarship Fund.

GAME-CHANGERS

66 students received an average of \$3,395 in scholarships. Kelby Roberts received the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship for 2023.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Benjamin Rush Middle School: \$5,576 (2 grants)
Rushville Consolidated High Elementary School West: \$1,980 • Rushville Elementary School East: \$2,268



2021 GRANTEE WIN

The Open Resource received a grant to start its Digital Navigator program. They have given away more than 110 free devices and provided workshops and technical assistance to more than 188 people.



to RCCF apart. Your gifts support the causes you choose. They are pooled with gifts from other donors like you and carefully invested. The earnings create grants and scholarships. Your original gift remains invested to keep earning and to keep doing good work. Not just today or tomorrow, but FOREVER.

We are so excited to keep pursuing our mission of enriching and enhancing the quality of life for our community and all of you in 2023. From all of us at RCCF, THANK YOU! When Rush County wins, we all win!

Early Learning

Having identified early learning as a community priority in 2019, RCCF is committed to addressing this issue. Your support made a big difference with \$49,452 in grants. The Robert and Greta Baldwin Fund for Early Learning was established to provide scholarships for preschool students attending accredited programs.

GAME-CHANGER

Consolidated High School's (CHS) Family and Consumer Science Department (FACSD): \$19,519



2021 GRANTEE WIN

The Circle Fund awarded a grant to the Rushville Public Library (RPL) and First5 teamed up to engage and caregivers to read together. More than 22,000 books have been logged!



GAME-CHANGER

With so much growth and change in recent years, local pride is on the rise. CBAP (Community Based Action Planning) volunteers accentuated the positive. Thank you for supporting them through the Rush to Action Fund!

ADDITIONAL GRANTS

CBAP's Tourism Committee created a new website – visitrushcounty.com to level! They set up visitor info and merch at Mocha Moose in downtown Rushville.

2021 GRANTEE WIN

Carriage Lions Club used a grant to update their town gateway signage. It had been 24 years!



Local Pride

Health & Wellness

Health and wellness are some of the biggest challenges many communities face. We're proud of the work the CBAP committee is doing to address youth mental health. No one should ever go hungry. Help is widely available in Rush County, thanks to the legacy of Helen and Jim Ewing and your support. In 2022, \$52,904 in grants were awarded for mental health, wellness, and nutrition.

GAME-CHANGER

Rushville Memorial Hospital's Drew Hahn committee worked with 7th and 8th grade students. They learned new tools to cope with depression, anxiety, and overwhelming emotions. Children & Family School West: \$13,974 • Rush County Community Food Bank of Indiana: \$12,500 • Rush County Alliance: \$3,000 • Psi Iota Xi: \$10,000 • Milroy Community Food Bank of Indiana: \$1,430 • Firefly

ADDITIONAL GRANTS

Milroy Elementary School received a grant to purchase stencils to create a sensory path inside the school. This space helps students regulate their emotions and enhances their success.

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want to be an MVP?

Make a gift to RCCF in your will to leave a legacy and support causes important to you. Here are some simple ways to do so:

- Give a percentage of your estate or a dollar amount.
- Give a percentage or specified amount of your retirement plan.
- Name RCCF as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy that has outlived its original purpose.

To look at the whole 2022 gameboard, complete with stories; lists of board members, volunteers, donors, honor and memorial gifts; and forthcoming financials, scan the QR code at right or visit rushcountyfoundation.org/2022-impact.



thank you, Alisa!

From scholarship recipient to donor to executive director, Alisa Winters' RCCF journey came full circle. Under her nine years of leadership, **assets grew from \$11M to more than \$20M**, adding **50 new funds**. Staff grew from two to four positions. RCCF's first proactive grant was made to start **First5, Rush County's Early Learning Coalition**. Alisa played an instrumental role in obtaining the **\$5 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.** to jumpstart the **REC Center** project. We are so grateful and wish her all the best in her new position at the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance!



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