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Have you read the article, **“From Doom and Gloom to Boom: Rushville is Beating the Odds and Showing Growth on Several Fronts”** in *The Greensburg Daily News*? It was written by Kelby Roberts, the 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. It’s an excellent recap of the investment and growth seen locally in the last decade.

I can’t help but draw parallels between Kelby, her piece, and **your newly released 2023 RCCF Annual Impact Report**. No doubt the author is celebrating her accomplishments as she prepares to graduate from RCHS. She did the same for the City, and we’ve done that for your support.

But she is also focused on her future, heading to Purdue in the fall. **She advises her community to keep investing in its people and embracing change to**

make a better life for all. Your support of RCCF does that year in and year out. Not just today, but forever. Aren't we all "In Pursuit" of the best Rush County, friends? Together, we make a winning team!

Your Annual Impact Report is Out



Answering our community's most pressing questions, like **Quality of Life**, **Safety**, Health + Wellness, **Local Pride**, **Early Learning**, and **Education**, is our game. And we couldn't do it without YOU.

2022 saw a lot of moving pieces. But equipped with the time and talents of many people and organizations, along with **more than \$700,000 in grants and scholarships**, together we make an unbeatable team. **When Rush County wins, we all win!**



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RFP Announced for Child Care Provider of Rush County's REC Center



RCCF is seeking an experienced, high-quality provider to operate the new childcare center at the forthcoming REC Center. It is scheduled to open in the second half of 2024 and will be able to serve up to 76 children, ages infant through five years. Those interested are invited to submit a proposal by June 16, 2023.

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Scholarship Season By the Numbers



The month of May might mean racecars and checkered flags for some. But it means scholarship season for us! As always, our volunteer committee has been busy making tough decisions. (Wondering how that process works? [Check out this piece on the lifecycle of a scholarship.](#))

110 awards from 68 funds totaling \$237,734.76 will be presented next week to 65 local students. That's an average of \$3,599.23 per recipient. Thank you to all our donors and fund founders for making this support possible!

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and/or [Twitter](#) to learn more about the recipients and see their smiling faces in the coming weeks. **In the meantime we've put together some interesting stats about them for you.**

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Grantee Update: Psi Iota Xi



Psi Iota Xi



Hearing is vital to daily living. It helps us communicate basic needs and reduces social isolation. Studies have shown that a hearing difficulty can even lead to dementia in senior citizens. Since Medicare and Medicaid do not normally cover hearing aids (or only pay for one per person) hearing impairments affect low-income seniors greatly.

Psi Iota Xi is a philanthropic sisterhood that supports the arts, hearing, speech, and literacy projects in the Rush County community. In the fall of 2022 **they received a \$13,973.53 grant from the Helen and Jim Ewing Fund to assist eight low-income seniors with fitting them and purchasing hearing aids through Audiology Associates in Rushville.** This is the kind impact we love hearing about!

IMPORTANT DATES

****Nonprofits, volunteers, and educators - We know you're busy doing the good work! Sign up for grantee and nonprofit updates on upcoming grants, deadlines, and other opportunities.****

Community Events Calendar: Find and submit local events

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



**Reflections from Chris
2 Months In**



**We ♥ Our
Volunteers!**



**Grantee Update:
Rushville FFA**

What Will Your Legacy Be?



Is there an area of local life that you feel passionate about? Arts and culture, health, education or something else? Do you have a favorite local organization? Or maybe you want your support to go where it's needed most.

When you make a legacy gift to RCCF, we will make sure your wishes are fulfilled.

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April 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!

In Memory of:

Alice Ruth Wiley, Glen Wiley, Lauren Alice Wiley
Ann Taff Heilman
Barbara Herbert
Betty Green
Betty Lyskowski
Charles E. "Charlie" "Chuck" Niccum
JoEllen McLaughlin

Sylvia Hook
Virgil Herbert

In Honor of:

Arika Marlatt
Ben Wicker
Dave Malson
David Burkhardt
Denise Hoeing

Lee Bosse
Marland Ratekin
Mona Jean Watson Hunter
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