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A community foundation is a lot like a garden. Many components work together to produce a harvest. Some parts like seeds, plants, and water are obvious. RCCF requires people – donors, volunteers, board, and staff – and dollars to create grants and scholarships. **But just as high-quality soil is necessary for a garden's success, so are sound policies and procedures within an organization.**



We recently received our re-accreditation from the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations®. This is a rigorous, voluntary process of documenting our policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking, administration, and more. **This seal represents our commitment to best practices that exceed federal and state law requirements and demonstrates accountability and excellence to our community, policymakers, the public, and you.**

Lisa, you can be assured that we tend carefully to your gifts to ensure growth and a bounty for our community. Organizations and projects that provide for Rush County, like **Rush County Soil & Water/Rushville Parks Department's "Grow with Us" program and the community garden**, will be well-cared for. Together we thrive.



Scholarship Celebration Recap and Photo Gallery



Our Scholarship Celebration is always such a feel-good event! It's touching to witness the meetings between donors and the recipients of their scholarships. The smiles tell the story – pride, joy, gratitude, and excitement. **Congratulations to the recipients and thank you to the donors!** Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#) to see spotlights on each student.

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CBAP Update: Youth Mental Health Initiatives

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PROJECTS UPDATE



A week before school was dismissed, **all Benjamin Rush Middle School (BRMS) and Rushville Consolidated High School (RCHS) students took part in a live, interactive mental health event.** The “Get Schooled Tour” by RemedyLIVE was made possible by your gifts to the Rush to Action Fund and the work of the CBAP Mental Health Committee.

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Grantee Update: Milroy Elementary School

Milroy
Elementary
School



The end of the school year always calls for celebration. But Milroy Elementary students had a unique reason to do so - **their project the Milroy Community Walking Path was officially dedicated!**

With a drone flying overhead, red-shirted kids and adults lined the paved path in anticipation. On cue, everyone waved and cheered. **Be sure to check out the awesome footage, courtesy of Eric Wagner, for a bird’s eye view! Your gifts to Community Grants Funds made this a lesson these students will always remember.**

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From the Bottom Up, It Takes a Village



Milroy Elementary has graciously housed **First5's From the Bottom Up Diaper Pantry** from its beginning. But with increased enrollment at MES, the space is needed by the school.

So, **MES 6th grade students** helped RCCF staff and volunteers, **Mindy Vogel** and **Arika Marlatt**, pack up and load a trailer loaned by the **Marlatt Family's 1st Choice Seeds**. RCCF board member, **Laura Ash** and her husband, **Rob**, donated short-term storage space.

But now where to go? Enter **St. Paul's United Methodist Church**. The staff and board generously offered two rooms. Add the muscle power of a few players from **Coach Slinger's RCHS football team** plus staff and volunteers and everything was moved within a couple of hours. **We are grateful to our village for making this move go so smoothly!**

2019 LECS Recipient: Kyle Bacon



It's an RCCF tradition to hear from the graduating Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. 2019 recipient and recent Purdue grad, **Kyle Bacon**, shares how this opportunity changed his life and what advice he has for those about to begin their college experience. Be sure to watch all the way through, you won't want to miss Kyle's photo with his bff.

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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.



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[Scholarship Season By the Numbers](#)



[Grantee Update: Psi Iota Chi](#)

Become a member of the 1822 Society



Once you've decided to include the Rush County Community Foundation in your will or trust, you become a member of the 1822 Society. **You join a special group of donors whose impact and love will last forever.**

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May 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:

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Barbara Green
Betty Lyskowsinski
Bob Eder
Charles "Charlie" Niccum
Clemadine "Clem" A Davis
Georgeanna Rose Amos
Joe Colter
John McDaniel
K9 Axel

Marland Ratekin & Bert and Louella Ratekin
Michael "Mike" Eakins
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Rick Levi
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In Honor of:

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