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Remember dot to dot puzzles? You know, those pages from childhood with lots of tiny black spots. Each had a number next to it, and you followed along drawing a line between them. At the end, a picture was revealed. It felt like magic.

That's a simple way to think about what community foundations do. **We connect people like you who care to the causes that need your help and matter most, through grants, scholarships, and leadership. Here's where the magic happens - with your gifts of money, time, and endorsements you add another line to the drawing, helping complete the full picture of our community.** If you'd like to know more, [here's a piece](#) we shared to kick off Community Foundation Week this past Sunday.

When we work together, we see the big picture and can make sure that everyone in Rush County has what they need to thrive. **This Thanksgiving, and every day, this is what we are most grateful for – our connection to you, Lisa.** If you'd like to see it drawn out, [here's a puzzle](#). You might enjoy bringing it to your holiday celebration to share with your loved ones. Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Cycle II Community Grants Total \$94,293



We're thrilled to share that your generosity created the largest Community Grants cycle yet with \$94,292.84 in awards this fall! These grants connect your generosity to projects and programs supporting those struggling with basic needs, ensuring public safety, and encouraging fitness and social skills development in youth.

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GIFT VIII Matching Fund Grant Opportunity

There are two reasons why the the current cycle of Community Grants awards is record-setting - your gifts and the 2:1 match from Lilly Endowment Inc.'s GIFT VII (Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow) initiative in 2018-19. **The newly released GIFT VIII will offer a similar opportunity.**

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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is Here!

We've prioritized high-quality early learning opportunities for our youngest residents through **First5** and **grantmaking**. Now our donors have ensured that all Rush County children ages 0-5 can receive a FREE book each month through **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**. Get the little ones in your life enrolled today!



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Non-Cash Gift Options

Did you know there are ways to support RCCF without dipping into your bank account? Here are four options to consider:



QCD (QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION)

If you're 70½ or older with an IRA, you can make a big difference for your community – and your taxes – with a QCD. **When you ask your financial advisor to make a gift directly to RCCF, it is not counted as taxable income.** Plus, if you are 72 or older, it can satisfy your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution).

[**Learn more.**](#)



GIFT OF GRAIN

If you're a farmer looking to reduce your tax burden, consider making a gift of grain to RCCF. **At the time of sale, decide on a dollar or bushel amount to donate and let any local elevator know.** It's simple and it's beneficial to you and your community.

[**Learn more.**](#)



Need a personal or business checking account? Want to support the REC Center? Head to [**Citizens State Bank**](#) and do both! **Now**



With the holidays here, you'll probably be spending more at the grocery. **This is the perfect time to connect your Kroger Plus Card to**

through December 31, when you open an account, Citizens will make a \$25 donation in your name to RCCF's [Schroeder Fund](#). [Download the form.](#)

their community rewards program. Donations are made quarterly to the organization of your choice based on your purchases. [Link your card and get started today!](#)

It's Time... CIRCLe Memberships Are Due 12/31

The CIRCLe (Chicks Impacting Rush County Life) Fund is a women's giving group at RCCF. Local chicks combine their resources to make [a large grant each year to a transformative project.](#)

It's time to renew, reactivate, or join and make a difference for your community! Make a \$300 gift before 12/31/2023 to have a say in next year's grant.



[RENEW OR JOIN NOW](#)

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



[Jean Matlock Scholarship Fosters Gender Equity](#)



[The Working Hungry: a Look into a Growing Problem in Indiana](#)



[\\$9,763 Awarded in Fall Grants with More to Come](#)

Join the 1822 Society and Leave a Lasting Legacy



Join a special group of donors whose impact and love will last forever by including RCCF in your estate planning. Leaving a bequest is an easy way to do so. Find sample language and learn more.

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October 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:

Alfred Yager
 Alice Ruth Wiley, Glen Wiley, and
 Lauren Alice Wiley
 Anita Jackson
 Danny Mathews
 Ellen Kwiatkowski
 Jameson Johnson
 Jonna L. McIntire-Johnson
 JR Neal
 Ken Brashaber

Lois Ann Booth
 Mark Heimsoth
 Mike Grocox
 Steve Foley
 Sylvia Hook
 Tanner Harrison

In Honor of:

Susan Barnett



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