



# Rush County Community Foundation

*Love, live, local.*

February 2024

Can you feel it, Lisa? Love is in the air! The signs are everywhere. We're not just talking about Valentine's Day. Love of all kinds is flowing around Rush County. You can see it in the investments being made in downtown businesses. In the care that nonprofits give our community. In a new business selling out their goods early on opening day. In the transformation of a blighted building into a decades-old dream. **And in your support creating grants to improve lives.** We ♥ you, Rush County!



Another important way to show your love is to take surveys that apply to you. If you haven't yet, **please take a few minutes to complete this survey from the County by 2/11.** It will help inform their **new comprehensive plan**. If

you have young children or are an employer, check the links below to give your feedback on childcare. **Love is having your voice matter.**

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## Feedback Needed by Feb 15th for Important Childcare Surveys



We know availability of affordable childcare is a major issue for families and employers. **Please take these surveys by Feb 15th to share your thoughts and experiences. Scan or click the images below to get started today!**



FAMILY SURVEY



EMPLOYER SURVEY

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## GIFT VIII Community Leadership Planning Grants



Lilly Endowment Inc. has awarded us two planning grants through the GIFT VIII Initiative. **Both will give YOU the opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas, and feedback.**

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## GIFT VIII 2:1 Community Grants Match Update

The thermometer keeps rising thanks to YOU! **TRIPLE your impact and your love when you take advantage of a \$2 match for each \$1 you donate to our unrestricted Community Grants Funds.**

If you've ever considered starting your own Community Grants Fund, the time is perfect! It takes a \$10,000 donation, but when you factor in the match, your contribution is just \$3,334. We have **non-cash gift options** like the sale of stock, a QCD from your IRA, or a gift of grain that may make better financial sense for you. Need more info? Contact Chris at [cmay@rushcountyfoundation.org](mailto:cmay@rushcountyfoundation.org) or (765) 938-1177, ext 1.



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## 2024 Board of Directors





Seated: **Phil King, Treasurer; Denise Hoeing, Secretary; Phil Kuhn, President; Laura Ash, Vice President** | Standing: **Toni Schultz, Ginny Foster, Ben Wicker, Devon Niehoff, Keith Perin, David Burkhardt, Kelly Morgan** | Not pictured: **Dave Malson**

Our 2024 Board of Directors has an exciting year ahead! The REC Center is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year and Lilly Endowment Inc.'s GIFT VIII initiative ramps up with a 2:1 Community Grants Funds match and two planning grants. We're grateful for all they do!

## Welcome, Kelly!



MEET THE BOARD  
*Kelly Morgan*

**Kelly Morgan** might be new to our board of directors, but her connection to RCCF goes back more than two decades.

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## Grantee Update: Glenwood Volunteer Fire Dept.



The Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department's extrication equipment was more than 30 years old. **Thanks to your gifts to Community Grants Funds, they were able to replace them.** The new tools are more efficient and safer, cause less trauma to victims, and are necessary to save lives.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Scholarship applications are due 2/15/2024.** Open to graduating high school seniors, current college/trade school students, and returning adults. We encourage everyone to apply every year. You never know how close you might have been.

**Family and Employer childcare surveys are due 2/15/2024.**

**CIRCLe (Chicks Impacting Rush County Life) Fund Applications are due 3/15/2024.** The CIRCLe is interested in innovative programs or projects that are responsive to community needs, partnerships, and collaborative efforts. Preference may be given to projects serving women and/or children.

**Community Events Calendar:** Find and submit local events.

## ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



[2023: What a Year!](#)



[Our Gratitude to Karen Brashaber](#)



[REC Center Update: Take a Tour](#)

## 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 and your love lasts forever.**

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## January 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,  
Lauren Alice Wiley  
Barbara Kendall

Mary Findley  
Norman Bowles  
Norman Winkler  
Rick Levi & Susie Northam Hazelett

Bernadette "Bernie" Harpring  
Bill Patterson  
Deby Priddy  
Jane Fry  
Jaret Wicker  
Jessy McClure  
Ken Brashaber  
Kenny Dean  
Kyle Henderson  
Leo and Mary Durbin

Constant Contact

Sylvia Hook

**In Honor of:**

Joe Bane  
Mike and Karen Spaeth  
my parents Jane & Mauzy  
McManus  
Sande Land  
Sharon Roberts Wilson



**KEEP IN TOUCH**



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