



Rush County Community Foundation

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March 2024

So many people have no idea what it's like to live in a small community. Too bad for them! Of course, we have our challenges and disagreements. But the ties that bind us together are so much stronger.

There is an unmatched generosity of spirit in Rush County. Even Governor Holcomb has noticed. To think that a party started by three friends to celebrate their Irish heritage has gifted nearly \$250,000 to local charities is amazing. Part of this year's proceeds from the St. Patrick's Day celebration will benefit the Ebert H. and Bessie M. Schroeder Fund for the REC Center's sustainability.

We've suffered too many heartbreaking losses this year. Of course, we've stepped up to support one another. In just over three months, you've donated more than \$10,000 to RCCF funds in memory of loved ones. **Never underestimate the power of kindness. It's what makes this such a special place, along with people like you, Lisa.**

FREE Nonprofit Coaching Series



We are excited to offer a FREE 4-session series of trainings to help nonprofits succeed! Renowned speaker and author, David Fry of Effective Advancement Strategies Consulting will be your guide.

RSVP to info@rushcountyfoundation.org or (765) 938-1177 to join. Whether you are staff, a board member or volunteer of a local nonprofit, these trainings are for you to build skills and better serve your community.

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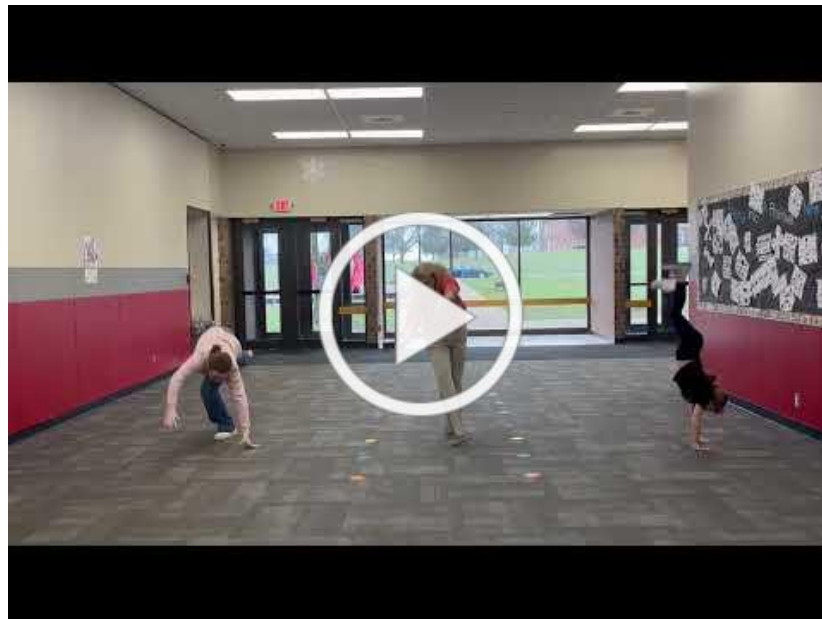
Legacy Gift to Benefit RES



On a recent morning, RCCF staff made a visit to Rushville Elementary School. Each year, checks are distributed to local organizations that are beneficiaries of an RCCF fund set up for them by a donor. **This stop included a check but also some incredible news.**

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Just how excited was RES Principal, Julie Innis?



Welcome, Devon!



MEET THE BOARD
Devon Niehoff

Devon Niehoff, new RCCF board member, is a financial advisor at Edward Jones by trade, but he could also give advice on how to be a good person.

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GIFT VIII 2:1 Community Grants Match Update

The thermometer keeps rising thanks to YOU! **TRIPLE** your impact 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 or a QCD from your IRA that may make better financial sense for you. Need more info? Contact Chris at cmay@rushcountyfoundation.org or (765) 938-1177, ext 1.



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Grantee Update: Posey Township VFD



Picture this. You love your community and feel called to serve it by volunteering. That's probably not a stretch for you. But now imagine that your work is potentially fatal. And the equipment you have to keep you safe is more than 20 years old and in need of replacement.

The Posey Township Volunteer Fire Department was facing this situation.

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IMPORTANT DATES

[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.

[Nonprofit Coaching Session 1: 7 Habits of Sustainability/Writing Higher Scoring Grant Applications](#) | Wed, 3/20/2024, 10am-1pm | City Center, 330 N. Main Street, Rushville

[Community Events Calendar](#): Find and submit local events.

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



[GIFT VIII Planning Grants](#)



[Meet the RCCF Board: Kelly Morgan](#)



[Grantee Update: Glenwood VFD](#)

What Will Your Legacy Be?



A bequest, or gift in your will, is the simplest way to make a legacy gift. You can leave a percentage or remainder of your estate or a specified amount to RCCF in your will or trust. **Bequests allow you to care for your loved ones and support your community forever.**

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February 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
Barbara Kendall
Bernadette "Nettie" Harpring
Doug Morgan
Forrest and Louise Piles
Holly Schultz Bess
Jessie Williams
Kenny Yager

Lora Hatfield
Loren Cull
Mike Bowling
Norman Bowles
Rebecca (Becky) Fancher
Robert & Betty Cain
Sharlene Wagner
Sue Weintraut



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