



Rush County Community Foundation

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April 2024

If April showers bring May flowers, then we're in for a bumper crop with this rain that just won't stop!

But seriously, blossoms need more than water to thrive. They also need caretakers. Rush County is blessed with an abundance of those. Read on to learn about the gardeners and farmers tending to our community with their generosity.

We've all heard the saying, "it's better to give than to receive," right? Research backs that up. [A recent Forbes Magazine article](#) claims, "The social connection tied to giving--whether to a person in need in your community or an organization close to your heart--gives the giver the greatest psychological benefit and boost of happiness. **Want to be happier, Lisa? Consider giving to others. Whether it's your kindness, time, or money, you'll nurture their growth and watch your own happiness bloom.**

So Much Love for Rush County



The news of Jay and Christie (Kile) Love's seven-figure donation has been widely shared. Their generosity will mostly support the operation and sustainability of the [Love Community Center Presented by Jay and Christie \(Kile\) Love](#) through RCCF's [Schroeder Fund](#).

However, a significant portion will also endow [Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#) in Rush County. This gift serves as a fitting tribute to [Wilma Jo Kile](#), Christie's late mother and Rush County educational and civic leader.



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GIFT VIII 2:1 Community Grants Match Update

There's never been a better time to make a bigger difference, thanks to Lilly Endowment! **TRIPLE** your impact when you take advantage of a \$2 match for each \$1 you donate to our unrestricted Community Grants Funds.

The community's generosity so far totals \$74,959 - THANK YOU! We're at 29% of our

goal, so your support is still needed! [Please give to grow our grantmaking impact.](#)

How does the "Benjamin Family Fund" sound? This match allows your contribution of \$3,334 - *normally \$10,000* - to start your own Community Grants Fund. We even 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. Whatever name you choose, you will make a BIG impact for Rush County!



Your Donation, **TRIPLED**

Thanks to Lilly Endowment Inc., every donation will be matched, \$2 for every \$1 given. Take advantage of this limited-time opportunity by tripling your impact today.

\$250 = \$750

\$100 = \$300

\$50 = \$150

Please note, only gifts made to unrestricted Community Grants Funds are eligible for the match.

Welcome, Ginny!



MEET THE BOARD
Ginny Foster

When it comes to both life and work, family is what's most important to Ginny Foster, new RCCF board member.

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FREE 4-Part Nonprofit Coaching Series



"Informative two hours. Thanks RCCF. I am really looking forward to the next session on connecting with volunteers," said participant Carole Yeend after the first session.

"Strike it Rich with Volunteers," will be 4/24/2024 at 10am at City Center in downtown Rushville. Renowned speaker and author, [David Fry of Effective Advancement Strategies Consulting](#) will again 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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Grantee Update: Boys & Girls Club



The Boys & Girls Club of Rush County received a \$24,995 Community Grant to purchase an iWall to upgrade their game room. Through its unique body motion activation and multitude of game options, the iWall simultaneously promote healthy living, academic success, and good citizenship.

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IMPORTANT DATES

[Strike it Rich with Volunteers](#) | Wed, 4/24/2024, 10am-1pm | City Center, 330 N. Main Street, Rushville

[Letters of Intent to apply for Community Grants](#) due 5/1/2024. | This [online process](#) is required before you can submit an application.

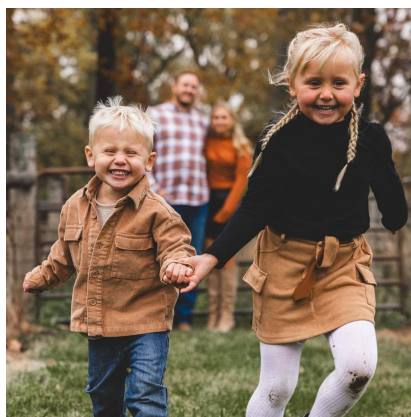
[Community Events Calendar](#): Find and submit local events.

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



[Legacy Gift to Benefit RES](#)



[Meet the RCCF Board: Devon Niehoff](#)



[RES Principal, Julie Innis Reacts to the News](#)

What Will Your Legacy Be?



Retirement assets like an IRA, 401(k) or pension are a powerful way you can care for your loved ones and support Rush County forever. By designating RCCF as a beneficiary, you can leave a percentage or specified amount of your retirement plan to carry on your values.

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March 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
Doug Morgan
Grant Brower
Helen Holder
Holly Bess
Jamie Pavey
Janice Burkett
Joan Banks
Loren Cull
Marilyn Dishong
Martha Harris

Molly Spaeth
Nettie Harpring
Nick Singleton
Ralph Niehoff
Roger Kramer
Scott Brooks
Sharlene Wagner
Sue Weintraut
Tom Grant

In Honor of:

Ashley Daubenspeck
Norris Family Clearview Tree Farm



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