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LEAD GIFT & NAMING OF NEW CENTER

Jay and Christie (Kile) Love have made a seven-figure donation, which serves as the lead gift for the operation and sustainability of the community center.

“We have great pride in my family’s roots in Rush County and this project. The benefit it can provide makes it a worthy cause for us to support,” said Christie.

Their gift will go into the **Ebert H. and Bessie M. Schroeder Fund**, created in 2020 by Christie’s mother, **Wilma Jo Kile**, in memory of her parents.

The Love Community Center is slated for completion in late 2024.

A significant portion of their gift also endows Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library in Rush County.

GRANTS

CYCLE 1 COMMUNITY GRANTS: \$57,548

- City of Rushville Fire and Rescue
- Rushville American Legion Post 150
- Rushville Regional Theatre
- Rushville Township Volunteer Fire Dept
- SAWs (Servants at Work)

CBAP (Community Based Action Planning): \$90,000

- CBAP Tourism Group | Clean Green Rush | East Hill Cemetery | Rushville Parks & Recreation | Rushville Street Department

CIRCLE Fund: \$12,000

- Rush County Senior Center

SCHOLARSHIPS

Your generosity provided \$266,535 in scholarships to 63 local students - thank you!





We are excited to share that a centerpiece of the new Love Community Center will be named the "Herdrich Family Aquatic Center," following a major gift from the Herdrich Family Gift Alliance Fund. Please join us in thanking them!

"We have had a longtime interest in getting an indoor pool in Rush County," said **Bill Herdrich**. "After decades of community effort, our family is thrilled it is becoming a reality and we are proud to support this long overdue project."

The Herdrich Family Aquatic Center pool will be 100,336 gallons, competition-length at 75'6" and include four lanes with starter block platforms and lane ropes. A separate section, divided by a bulkhead, will include an ADA access ramp and be suitable for water therapy and aerobics, as well as recreational swimming. It will likely open to the public in early 2025.

"We've been fortunate to be able to give to Rush County projects throughout the years," noted **Heather Herdrich Meckes**. "But this project is pretty special to us as our family loves spending time around water."

We invite you to join the Herdrichs and many others in supporting the Love Community Center with a gift to the Ebert H. and Bessie M. Schroeder Fund at RCCF.



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