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## IMPACT UPDATE



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## **GIFT VIII UPDATE**

Your amazing generosity has completed the GIFT VIII match opportunity and added **\$1,237,500** to RCCF's assets!



#### **NEW FUNDS**

Doug & Lonnie May Family Community Fund Grow Kindness Community Fund Harcourt Family Scholarship Fund Holly Bess Community Fund J.B. & Shelly Gardner Family Community Fund

Jim Payne Family Community Fund Manilla Community Volunteer Fire Department Fund

RCHS Class of 1975 Community Fund RCHS Class of 1976 Community Fund RHS Class of 1964 Community Fund Winkler - Smith Family Community Fund

### **GRANTS**

#### CYCLE 2 COMMUNITY GRANTS: \$39,989

Firefly Children and Family Alliance Gleaners Food Bank The Giving Krue Rush County 4-H Horse & Pony Club

#### FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS: \$24,650

Milroy Elementary | Rush County Chorale | Rush County Community Assistance Food Pantry | Rush County Farm Bureau | Rush County Victims Assistance: Phoenix House | Rushville Consolidated High School | Rushville Elementary



Congratulations to Jenna Lawler, the 2025 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar! She receives full tuition and \$900/year for required books and supplies.

Mission Statement Cultivating resources to enhance life in Rush County.

# We are thrilled to share with you that we've received a new \$5M grant from Lilly Endowment through their GIFT VIII initiative!

By the time you're reading this, work will have already begun on the **Rush County Rural Revitalization plan**. What does this mean? We're glad you asked.

#### <u>It will enhance life and improve opportunities in our small</u> towns and unincorporated areas by:

- **Expanding broadband access into the County** by laying 45 miles of fiber infrastructure in tandem with other projects
- Purchasing and demolishing blighted properties to allow for new infill housing and offering owner-occupied rehabilitation grants
- Enhancing recreational opportunities through parks, playgrounds, and river access points



This funding has the potential to change the trajectory of Rush County. Please join us in thanking Lilly Endowment for their continued investment in our future!





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