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Community Foundations are pretty complex. With endowments, investments, legal requirements, and more, it can be a lot to understand.

But what's not complicated is our mission – **Cultivating resources to enhance life in Rush County.** It's our new mission statement born from our soon-to-be-released strategic plan. We connect donors to causes that matter most to them, award grants & scholarships, and take a leadership role in community initiatives.

Since **Community Foundation Week** starts November 12, what better time to roll out the **ABCs of RCCCF**? Look for these new, snack-size facts next week on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter/X](#). If you're ready to dig into the main course, [here's a short piece you can think of as Community Foundations 101](#).

Our goal is always to have as many people to the table as possible. **We're so grateful to you, Lisa, for pulling up a seat!**

\$39,989 Awarded in Cycle II Community Grants



Community Grants provide support to our local nonprofits, where it's needed most. Applicants make the case for their project or program. Our grants committee weighs the applications against the needs and interests of the community. They make the tough decisions – stewarding our donors' gifts with integrity and offering their recommendations. The board has final approval. Once this process is complete, your gifts get to work empowering our nonprofits to lift up our community!

Which organizations shared nearly \$40,000 this cycle?

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2nd Round of Field of Interest Fund Grants Total \$8,375



Donors establish Field of Interest Funds to support a particular cause or area of life. It's a way to create permanent funding for what matters most to them.

Awards totaling \$8,375.49 for round 2 have been approved by our board of directors, bringing the grand total to \$24,650.

Find out which schools and organizations received awards.

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Grantee Update: Clean Green Rush



"Thank you to RCCF for providing a grant for Dumpster Days! Also, thank you to the Volunteer Fire Departments for helping unload many cars, trucks, and trailers! **We collected 141.74 tons of trash from Rush County households.** What a great way to clean up our community," said **Lisa Carpenter**, director of **Clean Green Rush**.

Our many thanks to the **volunteer fire departments from, Carthage, Manilla, Posey Township, Anderson Township, Glenwood, and Rushville Township** for their assistance. Each department received a \$750 CBAP grant.

And thank YOU for your participation and enthusiasm!

GIFT VIII 2:1 Community Grants Match Update: New Fund + \$113,009, 43% of Our Goal

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.

Or start your own fund. Did you know you can use the match to create your family's legacy? A gift of \$3,334 (normally \$10,000) will start the Benjamin Family Fund.

You can split the that gift as many ways as you like. Or even use the sale of appreciated stock or a QCD from your IRA.

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!



TRIPLE YOUR IMPACT

Once the goal above is met - the match will be gone but \$787,500 will benefit our community forever!

Join the CIRCLe, Our Women's Giving Group



MEMBERSHIPS DUE 12/31

Are you a Rush County female looking to make a meaningful impact locally? Then the CIRCLe (Chicks Impacting Rush County Life), our women's giving group, is looking for you!

RCCF's **CIRCLe Fund** offers women the chance to combine their financial resources to make a large grant each year to a transformative project. Voting takes place at their annual event each spring.

New memberships and renewals of \$300 are due by 12/31/2024 to participate in 2025. Mail or drop off payment: RCCF, 117 N Main St, Rushville, IN 46173.

JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



[RCHS Class of '74 Tops \\$10k in Gifts to LCC](#)

[Which orgs received awards in the 1st round?](#)

[Grantee Update: Rushville Parks Dept](#)

Ways to Give: Gifts of Grain



If you're a farmer looking to reduce your tax burden, consider making a gift of grain to RCCF. At the time of sale, decide on a dollar or bushel amount to donate to RCCF and let any local elevator know. Tax benefits for you and ag programming dollars for your community.

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October 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
Bess Heller
Bill Griffis
Charles Niccum

Laurie Norris
Linda Richards
Lynn Bertolacci
Marilyn Vogel
Nellena Rummel

Charlie McAdams
Dave Schrage
Diana Pavey Voiles
Dick Moster
Don Dawson
Doris Cohee
Jane Ann Smith
John Blankman
John Worth

Nick White
Pat Small
Richard Dunn
Scott Southerland
Sylvia Hook

In Honor of:
Scott Spaeth



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