



May 2025

If I ask you what you love about Rush County, there's a very good chance I already know what you'll say - the people. And I'd have to agree. We know how to take care of each other, and we do.

Earlier this week we had a visit from a group of 5th and 6th graders from Rushville Elementary. They dropped by to spread kindness, leaving us with some candy and the sweetest feeling. **The spirit of giving is alive and well in our youngest generation - Rush County proud!**

According to the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, in 2023 Rush County was #4 in the state in donations per capita for community foundations. Out of 94!

Case in point. In just over a week, we'll be awarding \$254,107 in scholarships to 66 local students, all made possible by your generosity. **If you've EVER made a donation to an RCCF scholarship fund, you've helped make this possible. Lisa, you should be proud.** Your kindness and the power of endowment are an unstoppable force for local good!

CIRCLE Fund Awards \$13,000 Grant



The members of the [CIRCLE Fund](#) held their annual meeting recently to award their \$13,000 grant for 2025. Their support will help transform part of the [Love Community Center](#) (LCC) into an exciting new indoor space for families and caregivers of children ages 0-5.

The Rush County Recreation Center (RCRC) includes a room that was designed as a child watch area for its members while they utilize fitness services.

Zuzana Smith, LCC Director, envisioned more for the community.

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Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Housing Program

****The meetings have ended, but applications are still available at the RCCF office, 117 N Main St in Rushville. Please note the updated 2025 HIGHER income limits and help us spread the word! **** [DOWNLOAD FLYER](#)

The Rush County Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Housing Program is part of [RCCF's Rural Revitalization Plan](#) funded by Lilly Endowment's GIFT VIII Large Scale Community Leadership Implementation grant.



RUSH COUNTY

OWNER OCCUPIED REHABILITATION HOUSING PROGRAM



QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must live in the limits of Rush County, excluding Rushville residents
- Must be a single-family, owner occupied home
- Home must be insured.
- Home cannot be in floodplain
- Manufactured homes must be on permanent foundations

ELIGIBLE REPAIRS:

- Roofing
- HVAC Replacement
- Lighting and Electrical Upgrades
- Water Heater Replacement
- ADA accessibility up to the threshold of the home.

*Repairs offered at **no cost** to homeowners

How to Apply:

Applications are available for interested homeowners for pick up at the meetings below.

Unfortunately, all homes within the Rushville city limits are not eligible for the program, as the application deadlines have already passed. We encourage you to stay informed about future opportunities.

Must meet program income guidelines below:

INCOME LIMITS:

Rush County

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Limits</u>
1-Person	at or below \$48,100
2-Person	at or below \$55,000
3-Person	at or below \$61,850
4-Person	at or below \$68,700
5-Person	at or below \$74,200
6-Person	at or below \$79,700
7-Person	at or below \$85,200
8-Person	at or below \$90,700

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE MEETINGS BELOW:

Public Engagement #1:

April 16th at 11:30 AM
@Carthage Community
Center 1 N Main St, Carthage,
IN

Public Engagement #2:

April 16th at 2:30 PM
@Love Community Center
1850 N Main St Rushville, IN

Public Engagement #3:

April 16th at 5:30 PM
@Milroy United Methodist
Church
114 N Pleasant St, Milroy, IN

Public Hearing:

May 5th at 9am
@Rush County Courthouse
101 E 2nd St Rushville, IN

CONTACT US:

VICTORIA BECHERT OR KILEY SPARKS
812.689.5505



****The County is applying for additional funds for this program. If you or someone you know qualifies, [please take/share this survey to help show the need](#).****



Your Support in Action: Grantee Updates



Rushville FFA: Top 25 Trip to Louisville, KY \$4,000: [We Believe in FFA Fund](#)

"The Rushville FFA took on Louisville, Kentucky for our Top 25 Trip! While it was a rainy one, that didn't dull the spirits of these students and we had a fun, jam packed day! We kicked off the trip learning about greenhouse production at Yew Dell Botanical Gardens. We then took on a tour of the Louisville Slugger Museum where we were able to see the vital role agriculture plays in the production of bats that MLB players use. We then visited Churchill Downs where the famous Kentucky Derby takes place. We got to tour the track and spend some time exploring the museum. We then got dinner at Brazeiros Brazilian Steakhouse, which was a treat!"

"Thank you to our generous donors through the Rush County Community Foundation that provide opportunities like this for our students. We are so proud of these students for the active role they play in the Rushville FFA Chapter and loved celebrating them during this trip!"

*** The We Believe in FFA Fund is unique among RCCF funds. It was started by an anonymous donor with a passion for supporting our local chapter. It's a pass through fund, meaning that when FFA needs money, they submit a request to us. Once approved, Angie sends a check to them. You can think of it like a checking account. Its balance can go down to \$0, if it's spent and no money is added. Our donor is very generous and hasn't let that happen. ***

If there's an area of local life you're passionate about and want make sure it's supported, we can help you do just that.



RCHS Band Boosters: Updated Color Guard Equipment

RCHS Holcad: New cameras and a portable printer

\$820: Rush County Education Fund grant

The Guard was able to update poles, flags, and costume pieces. In addition, they purchased 5 spinning arcs that will be incorporated into tperformances next fall.

The new poles allowed them to make a complete set of practice flags, which will extend the longevity of their performance equipment.

The Guard received many community compliments on the new equipment and that the colorful performance was enjoyed.

\$1447.50: Rush County Education Fund grant

Students in the yearbook classes received practical, hands-on experience in photography, editing, and printing, while improving the overall quality and creativity of their yearbook production.

With the new cameras they were able to take pictures of more community events. The overall quality of the photos improved immensely. The students' ability to collaborate on time management of the cameras helped them build another set of skills.



RUSH COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



Diamond Pet Foods &

Meet the RCCF Board:

LCC Grand Opening

What Will Your Legacy Be?



You don't have to depend on someone else to keep your charitable dreams alive. There are many ways to make provisions now for a legacy gift to benefit RCCF after your lifetime. You can create your own fund. But it's not even necessary to leave a gift that large. You may contribute any amount to an already established fund, too. Anyone can be a philanthropist if they care about a cause and want to give.

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April 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
Angie Hill
Betty Green
Bill Pike
Carrie Jo Miller
Dave Hauk
Ed Kendall
Janice Osborne
Jose Luis Leon
Mary Lou Veatch

Ned Foster
Patricia Violet Ashman
Penny Busald
Stephanie Ward
Sylvia Hook
Tony Laird

In Honor of:

David Doyle
McClure McBunny Family Easter

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