



## March-ing Ahead in 2019



Spring has officially arrived! Now that we're enjoying (slightly) warmer temperatures, sunshine, and longer days, it's easy to enjoy time outdoors. This year, the RCCF is

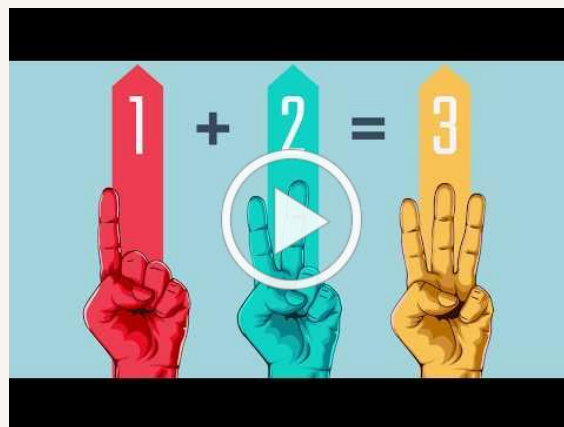
giving you one more reason to get outside: we are hosting the Five in 50 Covered Bridge (bicycle) Ride!!!

There's no better time than now to lace up your shoes, grease your chains, and get active. Join riders from near and far to ride one of the routes (12, 24 or 50 miles) through Rush County's historic covered bridges on September 21, 2019. The Five in 50 Covered Bridge Ride provides more than an opportunity to get in shape: your registration and any other funds raise directly support the RCCF - and **all tax-deductible contributions are matched \$2 for \$1!**

Not interested in cycling? You can still help! Volunteer at one of the bridges, help before, during, or after, sponsor, or simply raise money. Learn all of your options, register to ride or volunteer, and preview the Willkie Days weekend details at [www.willkiedays.com](http://www.willkiedays.com).

### **TRIPLE your Dollars!!**

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Where else can you give \$1 and get \$2 matched?

NOW is the time to make an impact in Rush County: for a limited time, your gift to unrestricted funds is tripled, thanks to a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.'s GIFT VII.

Make a gift to one of our existing unrestricted funds - for every \$1 given, \$2 will be added. Have you been interested in beginning your own named fund? Now is the best time we've ever had for such an opportunity! For \$1,666.67 you can have a named fund of your own.

Interested in maximizing your dollars or beginning your own named fund? Donate online or contact our office to learn more!

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### **March Gifts In Memoriam and Honor**

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Thank you for the donors who selected to give to Rush County Community Foundation in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend. This month, the following individuals were recognized through gifts to the Foundation:

## In Memory

- Tom Barnes
- Martha Blankman
- Connie Cameron
- Barbara Colestock
- Bob Fooksman
- Brad Gray
- Barbara Green
- Bob Hadler
- Gordon Hall
- Beverly Hankenhoff
- Sara (Meredith) Leach
- Dale Jones
- Ruby Mull
- Erik Nelson
- Douglas Newkirk
- Paul Personett
- Forrest and Louise Piles
- Charlie Seright
- Mary Martha Templeton
- Robert White
- Alice R. Wiley
- Patty Wright
- George Yazel

## In Honor

- Jeff and Rita Morgan

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## Grant Spotlight: RCCF Recognized by Shares, Inc.

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Last June the RCCF funded Shares, Inc.'s Music Therapy project with our community grant dollars. To our surprise, in March, we were recognized at their annual awards ceremony with the Community Impact Award for funding this wonderful program. We later enjoyed hearing 3 songs performed with the use of instruments purchased for the project.

What an honor for our organization to accept this award on behalf of our donors - the true recipients. Thank you, donors, for making this program possible and for allowing us to make a difference for our community every day. We have truly enjoyed having the opportunity to see the impact that our dollars and that this new program has made on the

participants.

Our community grant funds make community impact a reality. Now, more than ever, that impact can be felt- each \$1 you give to a community grant fund @ RCCF is matched by \$2, making your dollars go even further for wonderful community projects, programs, and needs. Contact us, or visit our [website](#), to maximize your dollars and to make a lasting impact.

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## RCCF Videos

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Did you know that RCCF has a **YouTube channel**? Keep up on the latest giving opportunities and learn more about RCCF in a fun, interactive fashion - check out our videos!

If you like what you see - share! You can select the "share" button to tell your friends and family about RCCF via email and/or social media.

## Scholarship Selections Conclude!

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By the time this email reaches your inbox our scholarship selection meetings will have concluded!! This wonderful time of the year is one of our favorites - and the busiest! Since March 15, the RCCF has hosted 63 meetings, welcomed 52 donors in to our office, and selected awards from 63 funds. This month of organized chaos wouldn't be possible without our amazing donors, the 64 volunteers that dedicate hours of time throughout the month to meet with other selection committee members and donors to review applications.

Another very special thank you is owed to the two gals that make this whole month seem like a breeze to those that come in to our office for meetings. Thank you to Angie and Kristie, who spend countless hours reviewing applications, prepping for meetings, entering information in to the computer system, working late, and doing anything and everything to ensure that our scholarship process is a seamless, rewarding experience for everyone involved. We're lucky to have the best team ever - they, and our volunteers, know how to make this hectic time fun!

We'll be announcing our scholarship awards next month!

## Recurring Donations

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Did you know that you can support the cause of your choice, or the Rush County community at-large, on a recurring basis? When you donate **online**, select the amount, frequency, and fund in which you'd like to give. A recurring gift is an easy way to ensure you support your favorite cause, organization, or the greatest need in Rush County without requiring an extra thought.

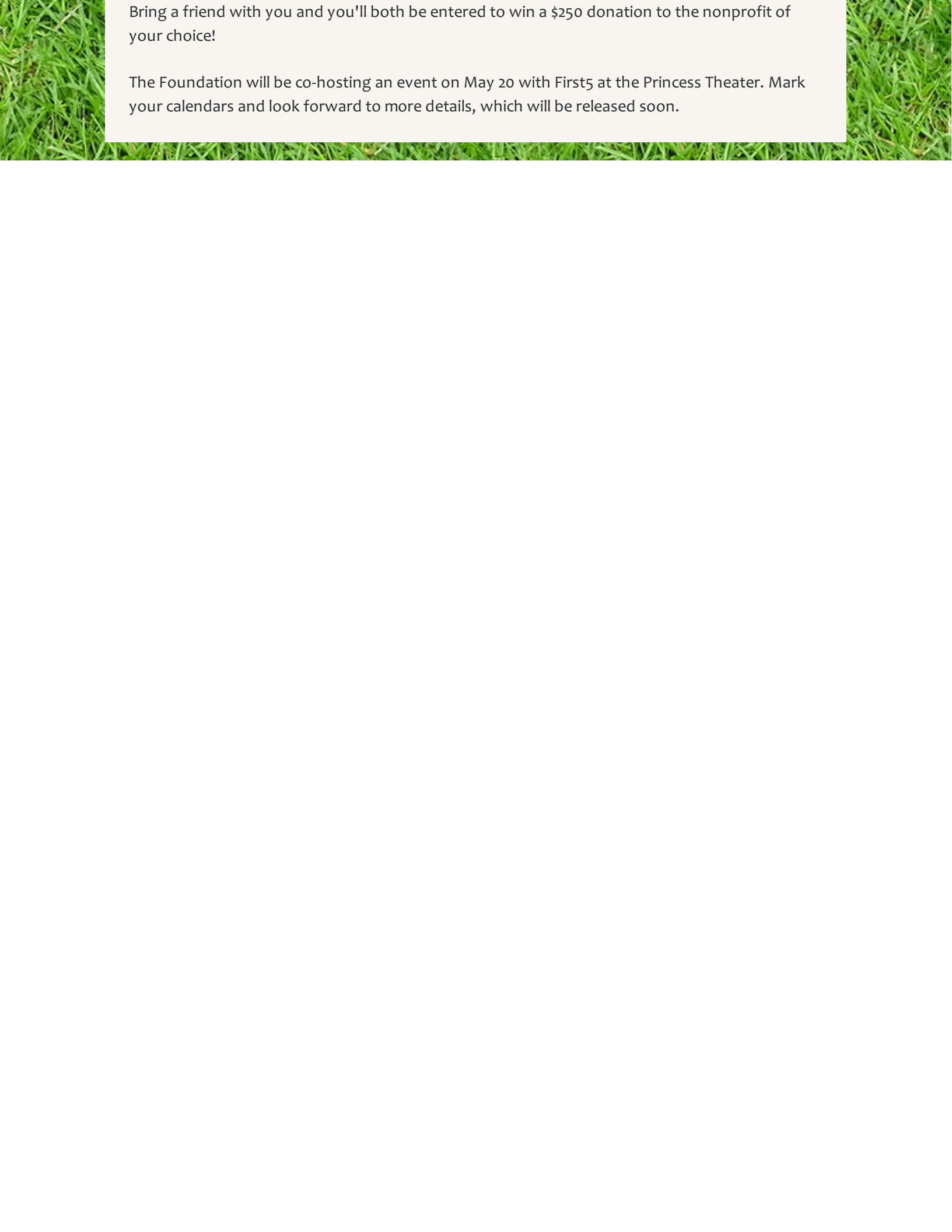
You can choose the frequency in which you donate: weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. Any frequency can make a big impact on your community, without a big impact on your wallet! If you consider giving \$5 a week for a year, you will have given \$260. If you choose to give to one of our community grant funds, that **\$260 becomes \$780** for Rush County!! It's a great time to make a difference.

Visit our **website** and give it a try!

## Mark your Calendars

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The Rush County Community Foundation turns 28 years old on May 21st. In honor of our birthday, we're hosting a week-long celebration! Stop by our office May 20 - 25 for goodies.

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Bring a friend with you and you'll both be entered to win a \$250 donation to the nonprofit of your choice!

The Foundation will be co-hosting an event on May 20 with First5 at the Princess Theater. Mark your calendars and look forward to more details, which will be released soon.