



October 2019

Happy Fall, Friend! We hope you're finding plenty of ways to live life local and celebrate the new season. Enjoy these stories of how your support is making a difference for our community, right here at home.

Restoring More Than Monuments: Grantee Story

What comes to mind when you think of the most beautiful and peaceful spaces in Rush County? East Hill Cemetery surely tops your list.

Your gifts to unrestricted funds cleaned and restored 28 monuments. The transformation was stunning.

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Five in 50 Cycling Event A Team Effort

In 2018, 208 cyclists rolled through Rush County to enjoy the inaugural Five in 50 Covered Bridge Ride. This year's event attracted 367 riders from ten states. In addition to admiring the beautiful countryside and the majestic covered bridges, **the riders raised \$27,200 to support RCCF!** They



couldn't have done it without you and an amazing team.

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Chicks Help Futsal Score A Major Goal

RCCF's **CIRCLe Fund** (Chicks Impacting Rush County Life) awarded a \$15,000 grant to take an unused space and create a new futsal court located in South Veterans Memorial Park. What a win for our youth! What exactly is futsal? It's an exciting, fast-paced small sided soccer game. It helps players develop skills like passing and quick decision making. With just five members on a team, it's also like basketball and easy to start up pick up game. Way to kick your support into high gear, ladies!

Photo credits: [Rushville Futsal Facebook page](#)



BEFORE



AFTER!!

Read All About It



GRANTS AWARDED

Community grant disbursements: **\$90,000**

- o City of Rushville, Stellar support
- o East Hill Cemetery, repair and restoration of monuments
- o Shares, Inc., music therapy program
- o Suicide Prevention Across Rush County (SPARC), Project STOP
- o Rush Co Victims Assistance, entry renovation to make it accessible
- o Rush Co Youth Group Workcamp, building supplies/materials for owner-occupied home repairs

Designated Fund disbursements:

\$315,000

First Proactive Grant: \$25,000

Huffer Childcare Resource and Referral - Early Learning initiative funding (see pg.9)

Your impact that is. **We want to pause a minute and thank you for your support in 2018. You made life better for everyone in Rush County, and we couldn't be more grateful!** Check out the 2018 Impact Report, and read about all the good things you made happen.

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We're Coming Your Way!



In March 2020, RCCF will submit two grant applications - one for \$100,000 and another for \$5 million to Lilly Endowment Inc. to improve Rush County. Wow!

BUT WE NEED YOUR INPUT!!

Through our partnership with Ball State, we've been visiting communities throughout the county to hear from you. ([Read about our visit to Mays, including a special guest.](#)) What do you like, love and want to love about our community? What do you identify as the greatest opportunities and needs for Rush County? Our last two sessions are on the calendar.

IF WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM YOU, JOIN US!

- **Rushville: Tuesday, October 29, 12pm, Rushville Elks, 223 E. 3rd Street**
- **Rushville: Tuesday, October 29, 7pm, Boys & Girls Club of Rush County, 1590 N. Sexton Street - **Child care available for youth potty-trained and older****

The focus is on initial considerations related to where the county is now and where it might go in the future. It is not intended as a prioritization effort nor is it prescriptive for change.

[Contact us](#) if you have any questions. We're looking forward to seeing you!

GIFT VII Match Update

There's never been a better time to make a bigger difference! All gifts made to one of our unrestricted funds will be matched 2:1 through the generous support of the GIFT VII grant of Lilly Endowment Inc.

Simply put, your gift of \$100 becomes \$300! That's quite an impressive return on your investment.

To everyone who has taken advantage of

this amazing opportunity – THANK YOU!
You've donated more than \$213,000. **With the match that's \$639,000** to make some seriously awesome change in Rush County!

If you haven't given yet, what are you waiting for?! DONATE NOW.



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Welcome, Lisa!

Lisa Benjamin joined the RCCF team on September 9th as our new Marketing & Communications Officer. Along with 19 years of nonprofit communications experience, Lisa brings a love for Rush County and helping others that makes her the perfect fit for the new position at RCCF.

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August & September Gifts In Memoriam and In Honor

Thank you to 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:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alice R. Wiley• Anna Lucille Howard• Betty Green• Bob and Emmy Waggener• Bob Turner• Catherine Brashaber• Conan Doyle• Darrell and Marilyn Bills | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Madeline Knight• Malcolm Petry• Mark Huffman• Nancy Waits Garcia• Norm Snyder• Pete Levi• Patricia "Patty Jo" Springman• Richard "Rick" Levi |
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- Dave Kehl
- Don Bacon
- Donald Wheeldon
- Donna Jean Hedrick
- Donovan Bacon
- Evelyn Meinert
- Freda Solomon
- Gordon Beck
- Janet Van Bibber
- Jim Emerson
- Jay Evans
- Joann Ruble
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- Lois Anderson
- Lowry McCord

- Rick Eckel
- Robert McGinnis
- Ron Copple
- Scott Maple
- Shirley Singleton
- T. Dale Hoban
- Vaughn Johannessen
- Vicky Wainwright
- Wayman Mahan

In Honor of :

- Chuck and Jane Niccum
- Marjorie Harcourt
- Terri Marcum
- RHS Class of 1963

In Thanks to:

- Wally McCane

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Stay up-to-date on the latest RCCF happenings by visiting our [website](#) and following us on social media. Our website is a comprehensive source for all things related to our work, as well as offering fun features such as donor stories, board member bios, and scholar updates. We often share news and features on our [Facebook page](#), which we encourage you to follow if you use social media! The more you "like" and "share" helps share our message and inspire future content.

