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December 2021

Without a doubt, gifts are fun. As we grow older though, we realize that we prefer presence over presents. We are grateful for the ways you show up for our community and for each other throughout the year. With your gifts of time, talent and treasure to RCCF, your presence is felt forever. If you're still not quite sure how that works, [here's a simple explanation](#).

We put together [a fun holiday playlist for you](#). If you're [just not feeling in the spirit of the season](#), that's ok, too. We're sending a little extra love your way and track 8 is especially for you. **Wishing you comfort and joy, friends!**



## CBAP Update: Report and A Call for Volunteers

A group of folks from teens to seniors (referred to as Launchers), representing diverse roles and geographies within Rush County, analyzed local data and community input for ideas to make positive change in Rush County. **They embarked on the monumental task of prioritizing the community's input and came up with nine priorities.** ([Download the full report.](#))

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## New Rush to Action Fund Established

Thank you to everyone that has donated to the [Rush to Action Fund](#), which supports the projects identified through the CBAP process! **The total donated so far is \$20,350 including the match! All donations through 3/1/2022 up to \$50,000 will be matched \$1 for \$1. We're off to a GREAT start!**



SUPPORT POSITIVE CHANGE

## Grantee Update: Boys & Girls Club of Rush County

Did you know the [Boys & Girls Club of Rush County](#) is serving up to 200 youth/day?! **Because of your gifts to the Community Grants and CIRCLE Funds, they're able to offer a space just for teens and STEM education to younger students that includes computer programing and robotics.**

Many thanks to Alison and the Boys & Girls Club for allowing RCCF donors and staff to visit and see the good work our grants are doing! The best

part was hearing from the kids themselves about what they're learning and how much they enjoy their time there. What a fantastic resource for Rush County families!



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## **A Gift from Your RMD Can Benefit You Today and Rush County Forever**

Looking for a simple way to satisfy your IRA's required minimum distribution (RMD) and make a positive difference for Rush County?

Consider making a gift with your RMD or other charitable distribution from your IRA. For donors at least 70 ½, a gift made

through your IRA's plan advisor **DIRECTLY to RCCF is NOT TAXED** as income.

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## RCCF Tribute Gifts: One Size Fits All

Wondering what to get the person who has everything? **How about a gift made in their honor to RCCF?!** [Community Grants Funds](#) support the greatest needs. Donations to the [Rush County Education Fund](#) are perfect for those beloved teachers and school staff. One size fits all. No wrapping, shipping or exchanging required. And it keeps giving back to the community forever. **We'll be sure to notify the recipient of your kindness!**



[MAKE AN HONOR GIFT](#)

## Join the 1822 Society and Leave a Lasting Legacy

Next year is Rush County's bicentennial. Did you know that's where the 1822 Society got its name? **It's the perfect time to join a special group of donors whose impact and love will last forever by including RCCF in your estate planning.** Leaving a bequest is an easy way to do so and can be ANY amount. Find sample language and learn more.



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### [2022 Scholarship Applications](#)

Due 2/15/2022, 11:59:59pm

### [2022 CIRCLE Fund Memberships](#)

Due 12/31/2021, \$300 donation

## ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



### [Community Grants Awards](#)



### [Alisa's Special Opportunity](#)



### [Field of Interest Fund Awards](#)

## November 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  
Anthony Knecht, Jr.  
Arlene Strait  
Ashley Spurlin  
Bob and Emmy Waggener  
Brian Gray  
Darlene J Young  
Darrell Walton  
Dicky Risk  
Eugene Nobbe  
Joe and Isabel Pike  
Joe Archer  
Joe Y. and Edna Columbe  
John Westerfield  
Laurie Saunders Marlatt  
Marilyn Roberts  
Marya Crim

Maxcene Hammerl Alexander  
Michelle Hill  
Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ward  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson  
Mrs. Anna Grace Moore Clark  
Natalie Price Pugh  
Pam Brock  
Patricia Carrigan  
Ralph and Frances Ward  
Randy Kaster  
Richard and Patricia Burns  
Rick Bane on his Birthday  
Robert and Virginia Waltz  
Shaun Carrigan  
Sweet Pippa  
Wilma Jo Kile

**In Honor of:**

Lisa Benjamin



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