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## Rush County Community Foundation

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June 2022

You've probably heard the advice to "focus on what you can control, not what you can't." Easier said than done though, right?! Author Stephen Covey visualized this concept. Picture all the things you care about inside a large circle. This is your "Circle of Concern". Now put the things you can actually impact in the middle inside a smaller circle. Now you have your "Circle of Influence." This where to focus your attention and efforts. As you'll read, this is exactly what the ladies of the CIRCLE Fund are doing with their grants. As a supporter of RCCF, you do, too, friends. It's the key to living life local.

### 2022 Scholarship Recipients



2022 RCCF  
SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENTS

*Congratulations!*

Through the generosity of donors to RCCF's scholarship funds, \$227,474 were awarded to 66 students pursuing higher education this upcoming school year. Be sure to check out the gallery of their smiling faces.

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## Scholarship Celebration

It felt good to celebrate with our scholarship donors and recipients in person! So many smiles – you'll want to see them all.



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## CIRCLe Fund Reaches Milestone with Most Recent Grant

“Have you ever wondered what you could do with \$100,000?” mused Betsy Williams, one of the CIRCLe Fund founding donors, at their annual grant gala. The list included some mind-blowing options – buy a yacht or champion racehorse; hire the band the Roots to play for your birthday party; purchase a set of six islands in northern Brazil; or even clone your dog.



While these are entertaining ideas, the CIRCLE Fund donors had something more meaningful in mind.

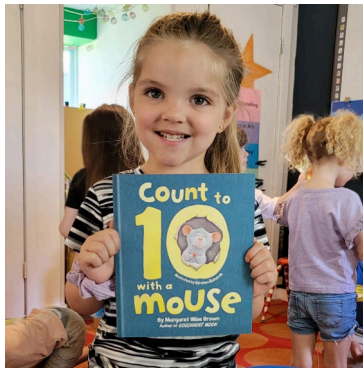
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*"Well, after today, we as a CIRCLE of women, in just nine short years will have given away more than \$100,000! What a milestone."*

- BETSY WILLIAMS,  
A FOUNDING CIRCLE FUND DONOR



## Grantee Update: RPL's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



It's a bright spring day in late May, and Jeri McCorkle, Director of [First5 Rush County's Early Learning Coalition](#), is about to do one of her favorite parts of her job. "I get to read stories today," she beams while lifting a box of books from her car.

RCCF's CIRCLE Fund awarded their 2021 grant to the [Rushville Public Library's \(RPL\) program, "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten."](#) The goal is to check off 1,000 books read before entering kindergarten.

But it's the long-term outcomes that really count.

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## Grantee Update: Milroy Economic Development Corporation



Can you believe the transformation of what was once an unattractive, rundown wall into an eye-catching and heart-stopping work of awesome beauty?! It's taken a team effort of dreamers, volunteers, grant writers, community residents, the artist, and donors to our Community Grants Funds to make it happen. **This project proves that when communities work toward a dream together, anything is possible.**

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## What Will Your Legacy Be?

Whether it's through the family you raise, the gardens you tend, the volunteer work you do, or the financial gifts you make – your legacy is an extension of your love through the hearts you've touched. **Leaving a gift to RCCF after your lifetime allows you to touch the hearts of your community forever.** That's the advantage of an endowment. And that's the beauty of paying it forward.

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## CBAP "All Projects" Meeting 7/12/2022 | 11:15 AM | Rushville's City Center

### ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



**Reunited: Ladies & Lunch Event**



**Read Your Annual Impact Report**



**CBAP Update: Greetings from Crushville**

### May 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  
Barbara Bitner  
Barbara Blacklidge Green  
Bill and Bob Kramer  
Bob Eder  
Charlie Gratzner  
Connie Freese  
David Truster  
Dick and Jane Dragoo  
Don Porter  
Gail Konradi  
Gene Lienemann  
Gene Wilson  
Gerald Solomon

Grant Brower  
James Springmire  
Janet Mosley  
Margie Meyer  
Marjorie Mahan  
Marlin Wilson  
Michael Clifford  
Michael Wicker  
Peggy J. Gardner  
Rick Bane  
Rick Levi  
Steve Randall

#### **In Honor of:**

Sue Prifogle's Birthday





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