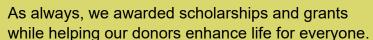




January 2023

Happy New Year, friends! It's always a good idea to take stock of what brought us here. And what a year 2022 was! We celebrated 200 years of Rush County in a myriad of ways. Did you know that your gifts to Community Grants Funds added a new sculpture to The Overlook at Riverside Park? What a RUSH!:)





We deepened our community leadership work with the REC Center and CBAP (Community Based Action Planning) projects. We said goodbye to our successful and transformational executive director and then got to work to find our next. We hope to make an announcement and introduce you very soon. We never know what the future holds, but **our challenges don't stand a chance with you on our team!** 

### A Look Back at the Wins of 2022



Opportunities that pitted our assets against our community's challenges defined 2022. We were up to the contest because of our excellent team, headed by you – our generous supporters. Take a look back at what we've accomplished together to enhance life for all in Rush County. We are in this to win and making real progress in quality of life, safety, health and wellness, early education, K-12 and higher education, and local pride.

**READ MORE** 

### **Grantee Update: Benjamin Rush Middle School**







It took four funds, including the first grant from the Rush County Ag Fund, but Shantel Cartwright, FACS (Family and Consumer Sciences) teacher at Benjamin Rush Middle School (BRMS) received full funding of \$3884 for her project. Last fall, all BRMS 8th grade students participated in a career day, exploring opportunities, employment, and local products right here in Rush County.

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# QCDs Can Make a Big Impact



If you're 70½ or older with an IRA, you can make a big difference for your community – and your taxes – with a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution). When you ask your financial advisor to make a gift directly to RCCF, it is not counted as taxable income. Plus, if you are 72 or older, it can satisfy your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution). Please reach out with any questions - info@rushcountyfoundation.org or (765) 938-1177.



### Scholarship applications due 2/15/2023

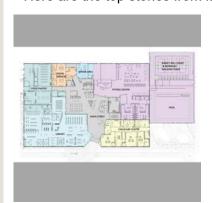
Some scholarships require additional information, so please don't wait until the last minute!

**CBAP all projects meeting** | 2/9/2023 | 11am-2pm | City Center, 330 N Main St, Rushville

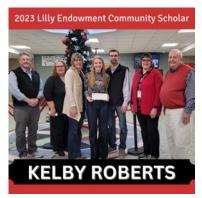
**Community Events Calendar** 

# **ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)**

Here are the top stories from last month.



**REC Center Update** 



Kelby Roberts, 2023 LECS



**Surprise Grants for 3 Orgs** 

## What Will Your Legacy Be?





Retirement assets like an IRA, 401(k) or pension are a powerful way you can care for your loved ones and support Rush County forever. By designating RCCF as a beneficiary, you can leave a percentage or specified amount of your retirement plan to carry on your values.

**LEARN MORE** 

### **December 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:

AJ and Marie Meyer

Alice Ruth Wiley, Glen Wiley, Lauren Alice

Wiley

Ann Taff Anderson

Ann Taff Heilman

Ashley Spurlin

Beth Kabalka

**Bette Tevis** 

**Betty Foley** 

**Bob Alter** 

Briana J. Springman

Carol Niehoff Hardwick

**Charles Gratzer** 

Charles Harlan

**Charles Robbins** 

D.J. Cherry

Dena Bills

**Dewey Powers** 

Donald and Mary Gray Marshall

Dorine Rosfeld

Dr. Debbie Hartzler

Forrest and Louise Piles

Gail and Vivian Willis

Gary Siler

George and Betty Owens

George and Marcella McAhren

Gerald Solomon

Pat McDaniel

Pippa Ryan Flanary

Rick Bane

Robert & Virginia Waltz and Joe Y. & Edna

Columbe

Robert and Beulah Shouse

Robert White

Roy Butler

**Ruth Shouse** 

Ruthelaine Bradfield

Sally Ann Rankin

Sally Cull

Tom Montgomery

Tom Shelton

Vicky Walker

Walter "Pete" Osting

### In Honor of:

Anne Marie Rosario

Barbara White

**Christy Sheehan** 

Dave and Barb Malson

Father James Brockemeier

Frank and Judy Heavin Schwegman

**Grant Reeves** 

Hank Campbell

Hannah Lemmons

Harold Hilt

Helen Louise Amos

Jerry Geise

Joan Bouggy

Joe and Martha Swain

Joe Harcourt

Kathryn Roller

Kenny Yager

Kyle Henderson

Lu Long

Marjorie Loggan

Martha Schneyer

Melissa Murphy Carr

Molly Spaeth

Morris F. and Jane Marshall Fisher

Myles Moore

**Ned Foster** 

Heather Campbell

Holly Wagner

Isaac Sliger

James Brashaber

Karen Brashaber

Karen Wagner

Lisa Spaeth

Lisa Wilson

Marlo Chastain

Mary Byrne

Melissa Craig

Mike and Karen Spaeth

my parents Alfred & Eleanor Yager

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