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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! :)**



As always, we awarded scholarships and grants while helping our donors enhance life for everyone. 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.**

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Grantee Update: Benjamin Rush Middle School

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.**

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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!

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