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'Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,' 'stop, drop, and roll,' and 'rock, paper, scissors.' Things that come in threes are just more interesting and memorable, aren't they? How many little pigs, stooges, and musketeers are there? Three. Primary colors, bones in the human ear, and marketing slogans – 'Just do it,' 'Finger lickin' good,' and 'Snap, crackle, pop.' Good things come in threes.

We have our own trifecta of ideals. **Serving donors, awarding grants and scholarships, and providing leadership** – to enrich and enhance the quality of life in Rush County, not only today, but for generations to come. We cover them all in this month's update. **We hope it makes you feel great about what we're accomplishing together for our community, friends!** Past, present, and future -we're here through it all.

More Than \$237,000 in Scholarships Awarded



Congratulations to the 2023 RCCF scholarship recipients! 110 awards from 68 funds totaling \$237,734.76 were presented to 65 local students. That's an

average of \$3,599.23 per recipient. Thank you to all our donors and fund founders for making this support possible!

Want to see photos of each along with the scholarships they received and where they go to school?

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CBAP Update: Teacher/Manufacturing Industry Tour



The CBAP post-secondary education and training group recently organized a trip for Rush County Schools educators to visit three local manufacturers. The group of 23 teachers made stops at Intat, Trane, and Copeland. They toured each facility and connected with management and human resource leaders for questions and dialogue.

“This group’s goals included working to improve the connection between trades as careers and students in our schools,” said Kristie Amos, RCCF Program Officer. What surprised teachers the most?

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Supporter Story: Barbara White's Good Life



The Bob White Farm is tucked away in the far northwest corner of Rush County, closer to Greenfield than to Rushville. **But our community has always played a central role in the life of its owner, Barbara White.**

Her home is filled with photos, accolades, and mementos, including a collection of artwork depicting the bobwhite quail. Every item has a story. At 92, Barbara's recollection is razor sharp. Her memories are what she treasures most. With an endearing smile and a twinkle in her eyes, ***"It's been a good life"*** she says multiple times during our visit. And she means it.

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\$49,440 Awarded for Cycle I Community Grants



Your gifts to Community Grants Funds provide unrestricted support to meet a wide range of Rush County's ever-changing needs. **These dollars impact nearly every resident of the county in one way or another through grants to fund emergency services, early learning, amenities, education, the arts, and more – not just today but forever.** Thank you!

Awards totaling \$49,440 were made:

- The Open Resource: \$24,000 for Digital Navigator Program 2.0,
- Manilla Volunteer Fire Department: \$15,000 for a tornado siren,

- City of Rushville Parks Department: \$5,290 to expand and improve the disc golf course at Riverside Park,
- Heart of Rushville: \$5,150 to install art on traffic control boxes along Main Street

New Funds Supporting RCS and Raleigh VFD



Rush County Schools and the **Raleigh Volunteer Fire Department** will benefit from two new RCCF funds established by **Lightsource bp**. The Lightsource bp Rush County Schools Fund will provide **support for equipment and supplies for classes that teach science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), or agriculture**. The Lightsource bp Raleigh Volunteer Fire Department Fund will **aid in the purchase and maintenance of emergency services equipment and vehicles**.

We are grateful for these generous investments in our community!

IMPORTANT DATES

Letters of Intent due 9/1 for Cycle II Community Grants

Applications due 9/1 for education and field of interest funds: Rush County Education Fund, Brashaber Teacher Enhancement Award, Alex Workman Memorial Fund, Music for Rush County Fund, Rita Yager Memorial Ag Grant Fund, Rush County Youth Athletic Fund

****Nonprofits, volunteers, and educators - We know you're busy doing the good work! [Sign up for grantee and nonprofit updates](#) on upcoming grants, deadlines, and other opportunities.****

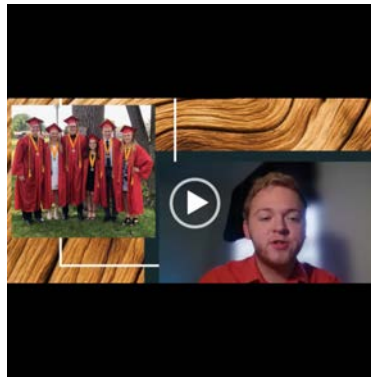
[Community Events Calendar](#): Find and submit local events

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



[Scholarship Celebration Recap](#)



[2019 LECS Kyle Bacon](#)



[Grantee Update: Milroy Elementary](#)

Let Us Help You Make Your Legacy Unforgettable



When asked about his greatest fear, Darrell Bills admitted, "Being forgotten." To honor her parents and allow their legacy to live on, Darilyn Bedel established an endowed fund in their memory. **You don't have to depend on someone else to keep your charitable dreams alive. There are many ways to make provisions now for a legacy gift to benefit RCCF after your lifetime.**

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June 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
Ann Brackett
Ann Crane Taff Heilman
Carrie Susan Cloud
Cheryl Linville
Cindy Ann Sweigart
Clemadine "Clem" Davis
David C Miller
Forrest and Louise Piles
Janie L. Hornung
Joe Colter
John S. Green
Jon Tressler

Louise Gray
Michael Clifford
Mike Eakins
Patty Glenn
Raleigh Cox
Ramona McKinney
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Virginia Pettine

In Honor of:

Karen Brashaber
Missy Craig
Rob Hadley
Robert Spaeth - Father's Day



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