



May 2024

The month of May is always a whirlwind for us. **Not quite like the one near my house on Tuesday night**, but turbulent in the best of ways.

**We've submitted two Community Leadership proposals totaling \$6.8M in requests as part of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s GIFT VIII program.** One will address three of the biggest local issues as defined by you in the County's recent planning efforts. The other is a regional collaboration with community foundations in Fayette, Hendricks, and Henry counties. **Our last proposal** jumpstarted the **Love Community Center**. Keep your fingers crossed.

**Scholarship selections have been made and approved.** Look for social media shout outs to start in the next few weeks. Many thanks to our scholarship committee for scoring more than 1100 applications!

Cycle I of this year's Community Grants is wrapping up. There are more requests than dollars available. Gifts to these funds are being matched 2:1 right now. **Did you know that once you've helped us reach our goal, \$787,500 will be added to these funds to increase grantmaking dollars forever? Our heads are spinning with excitement! How about yours, Lisa?**

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## CIRCLE Fund Grantee Announced



The **CIRCLE Fund** was started by six friends and RCCF supporters - **Pam Hoeing, Shelly King, Heather Meckes, Amy Ploeger, Cindy Taff, and Betsy Williams**. It is a women's giving group that pools many donors' resources via a \$300 annual contribution to make a large grant to a transformative project. Each year they gather to read applications, vote, and enjoy each other's company.

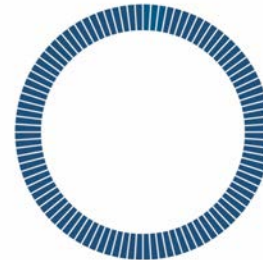
But their decision is never easy.

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## GIFT VIII 2:1 Community Grants Match Update

**You've gotten us to 30% of our goal - \$79,276 - THANK YOU!**

There's never been a better time to make a bigger difference, thanks to Lilly Endowment! **TRIPLE your impact when you take advantage of a \$2 match for each \$1 you donate to our unrestricted Community Grants Funds.**



Create your family's legacy. A gift of \$3,334 (normally \$10,000) will start your own named Community Grants Fund. The sale of appreciated stock or a QCD from your IRA are choices that may make better financial sense for you. Explore [non-cash gift options](#).

Need more info? Contact Chris at [cmay@rushcountyfoundation.org](mailto:cmay@rushcountyfoundation.org) or (765) 938-1177, ext 1. Whatever name you choose, you will make a BIG impact for Rush County!

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## RCHS Class of '74 Supporting the Schroeder Fund



The **Rushville Consolidated High School Class of 1974** will be holding its 50th reunion later this year. Time flies; doesn't it?! For their philanthropic legacy project, they're supporting the **Schroeder Fund** for the sustainability of the **Love Community Center**. To date they've already donated **\$1,150!** Can you dig it? Yes, we can - thank you!

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## FREE Nonprofit Coaching Series Continues



**David Fry of Effective Advancement Strategies Consulting** will be back to guide us through "Donor Relationships in 3-D" on May 15.

*"Our focus will be on the process involved in building deeper relationships while building trust with your donors. Why do they give? How can we connect better? What are their hidden motivations and expectations? It's a great program for both boards and staff to ignite passion around a more structured development program," he shared.*



Register now at [info@rushcountyfoundation.org](mailto:info@rushcountyfoundation.org) or (765) 938-1177. A networking lunch is included.

## Grantee Update: Rushville FFA



*"We cannot say thank you enough to the anonymous donor with the 'We Believe in FFA Fund' for providing this wonderful opportunity to see exciting innovations and career opportunities in agriculture,"* Rushville FFA posted on their Facebook page. This gift made possible a trip to St. Louis for the Top 25 FFA students.

**Is there a program or organization in our community that you have a passion for? We can help you make a meaningful difference when you set up a fund to support it.**

**SEE MORE HIGHLIGHTS**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Donor Relationships in 3-D** | Wed, 5/17/2024, 10am-1pm | City Center, 330 N. Main Street, Rushville | RSVP to [info@rushcountyfoundation.org](mailto:info@rushcountyfoundation.org) or (765) 938-1177.

**Excitable (Def Leppard Tribute) w/ Sweet Water Band** | Sat, 6/8/2024, 7pm | Riverside Park Amphitheater, 100 W Water St, Rushville | RCCF is charity

of the night. Enjoy the first concert of the season and buy lots of raffle tickets to support the [Love Community Center!](#)

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

## ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



[Jay & Christie \(Kile\) Love Endow DPIL](#)



[Meet the RCCF Board: Ginny Foster](#)



[Boys & Girls Club take on the iWall](#)

## What Will Your Legacy Be?



**Bequests are the most popular and simple type of legacy gifts.** You retain assets during your lifetime and then leave a gift in your will or trust. **Find sample language and more.**

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## April 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  
Bernie Harpring  
Betty Green  
Danny Piper  
David Hiner  
Doug Morgan  
Forrest and Louise Piles  
Holly Bess  
Jane Fry  
Janice Burkett  
Jessy McClure  
Joan Banks  
Linda Scott Gosnell  
Loren Cull  
Lucille Weiler

Marcia Ellis  
Ned Foster  
Nettie Harpring  
Norman Winkler  
Ralph Niehoff  
Steve Richardson  
Sylvia Hook  
Tom Haase

**In Honor of:**

Amy Bane Wilson  
David Bane  
Matt Bane  
Patrick Land  
Paul Barada  
Valerie Findley

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