



June 2024

Once you lay a foundation, the only way to go is up! Your support has been doing just that. Through grantmaking, scholarships, and community leadership, the positive impact is stacking up.

Read about it in your **2023 Annual Impact Report** in a brand new way - via an interactive, digital, eco-friendly version. You'll find everything you're used to, plus links to read full stories about donors and grantees. Revisit photo galleries of scholarship recipients and their celebration. Relive the excitement of the ground-breaking of the Love Community Center. And more.

Just look at the progress taking shape in 2024. Freshly awarded scholarships. Soon to-be-announced Cycle I grantees. A slew of forthcoming CBAP-funded project announcements. A transformative community center months away from completion. And a 2:1 donation match that will increase funding dollars forever. **We're digging in and keeping that momentum building, Lisa!**

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**Your 2023 Annual Impact Report is Out!**



**Your generosity is laying the foundation for a thriving Rush County - thank you, Lisa!** Read about it in a brand new way - via an interactive, digital, eco-friendly version of your 2023 RCCF Annual Impact Report.

Scan the code with your phone's camera, or visit [rushcountyfoundation.org/2023-impact](https://rushcountyfoundation.org/2023-impact) to celebrate all we're building together!



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## **GIFT VIII 2:1 Community Grants Match Update**

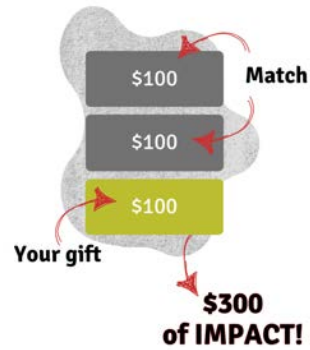
**As of 6/7, your generosity has totaled \$81,809 - THANK YOU!** (We know the total is higher, but our official bookkeeper has been on vacation. Hope it's been a great week, Angie!)

Did you know that once you've helped us reach our goal of \$262,500 that **\$787,500** will be added to these funds to increase grantmaking dollars forever?

**Turn each \$1 donated into \$3 when you take advantage of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s GIFT VIII match. TRIPLE your impact and watch it stack**

up!

## HOW YOUR SUPPORT STACKS UP



TRIPLE YOUR IMPACT

## Time to Celebrate!



Our Scholarship Celebration is always one of our favorite days of the year. We love watching donors and recipients connect. This is what generosity in action looks like. Smiles and laughter fill the room, as our community comes together to celebrate hard work with good deeds. **We're grateful to our fund founders and donors for helping make students' dreams come true.** Read on to see more photos.

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## 2024 Scholarship Recipients

# Congratulations!



Congratulations to the 2024 RCCF scholarship recipients! **115 awards from 73 funds totaling \$266,535 were presented to 64 local students.** Thank you to all our fund founders and donors for making this support possible! **Want to see their smiling faces and awards?**

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## 2020 LECS Recipient: Ethan Chastain



It's an RCCF tradition to hear from the graduating Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. 2020 recipient and recent Rose-Hulman grad, **Ethan Chastain**, shares how this opportunity changed his life and what advice he has for those about to begin their college experience. Well done, Ethan!



## CBAP Grantee: East Hill Cemetery



Most Rush Countians know that U.S. Presidential candidate Wendell Willkie is buried at East Hill Cemetery. But did you know that the composer of the popular gospel song, “Bringing in the Sheaves” is also?

**Fascinating historical anecdotes like this can be learned from new signs at the cemetery.** All it takes is a scan of the QR code with your phone to be transported back in time. **An RCCF grant awarded through the CBAP (Community Based Action Planning) initiative, made these additions possible.**

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## ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



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



[CIRCLE Fund grantee: Rush County Senior Center](#)



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## What Will Your Legacy Be?



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. You can create your own fund. But it's not even necessary to leave a gift that large. You may contribute any amount to an already established fund, too. **Anyone can be a philanthropist if they care about a cause and want to give.**

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## 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:

Albert Hodge  
Alice Ruth Wiley, Glen Wiley,  
Lauren Alice Wiley  
Angel Richards & Steve Richards  
Barbara Blacklidge Green  
Bob May  
Connie Sue Emme  
Derk May  
Georgeanna Rose Amos  
Glen H. Smith  
John Foster and Arlene Strait  
Loren Richards

Marcia Ellis  
Michael Clifford  
Morton Carmichael  
Patricia Hagen  
Ralph Niehoff  
Roger Kramer  
Wilmer Cameron

### In Honor of:

Blair Orme  
Keith Perin  
Mike Land

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