



October 2024

National Farmer's Day is October 12th. Of course, in Rush County we celebrate year-round, because nobody sets a better example of the hard work required to reap a bounty.

All over the county, we're gleaning the benefits of ideas nurtured by those **working for brighter tomorrows**. Our grants committee met earlier this week to allocate your donations to local nonprofits tending to the community, like Rushville's Parks Department is. You'll read about two groups of classmates coming together to increase the yield of their future impact. Seeds planted decades ago have sprung to life at 1850 N. Main Street in Rushville, where the Love Community Center will foster growth for our minds, bodies, and hearts in just a few months.

These efforts and more are made possible by people who care, like you, Lisa. It's time to harvest for the future.

## \$16,275 Awarded in 1st Round of Field of Interest Fund Grants



2024 RECIPIENTS

FIELD OF INTEREST FUND  
**GRANTS**

\$16,274.51 | ROUND 1

When RCCF donors care about a certain cause or area of life, they might choose to start a **field of interest fund** to support it. Our 18 field of interest funds cover a diverse range of topics – from autism to food insecurity, and

music to youth philanthropy. These funds offer specialized streams of support to nonprofits and schools and unique opportunities for donors like you to give to specific causes that are close to your heart.

What organizations shared more than \$16,000 in this 1st round of grants?

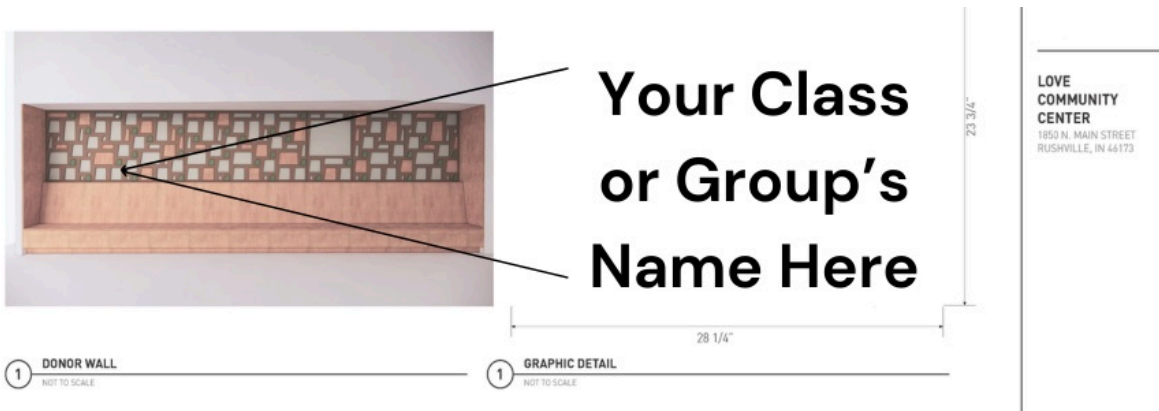
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## RCHS Class of 1974 Tops \$10,000 in Donations to Schroeder Fund



When the RCHS Class of 1974 was planning their 50th reunion, they reached out to us to find a way to give back to the community. Their campaign to raise money for the [Love Community Center](#) (LCC) was born.

We're so excited to share that they've donated \$10,780 to the [Schroeder Fund](#) for its sustainability! By exceeding the \$10,000 mark, they've earned special recognition - a spot on the donor wall inside the LCC. We're so grateful for their generosity!



If your class or group would like take on this challenge, get in touch with Chris at [cmay@rushcountyfoundation.org](mailto:cmay@rushcountyfoundation.org) or (765) 938-1177, ext. 1 to get started

## Grantee Update: City of Rushville Parks Department



The City of Rushville Parks Department received a grant from the [Rita Yager Memorial Ag Fund](#) for \$1,210.16. They purchased supplies such as binoculars, field guides, books, nets, and magnifying glasses to enhance the experience for participants in their nature programming. Offering programs to all ages, the Parks Department wants participants to increase their awareness of our natural world.

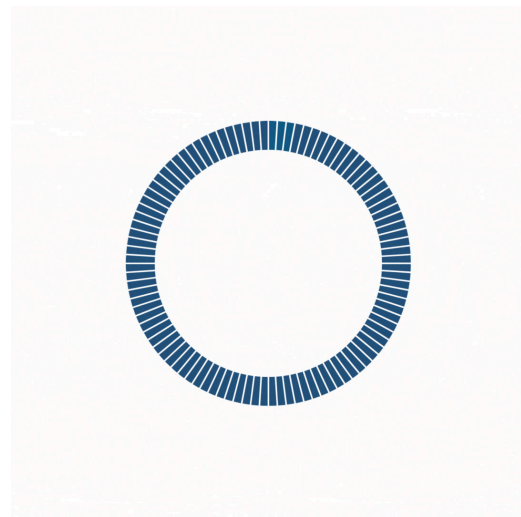
During the heat of the summer the kids participating in Nature School did a creek stomp to learn about macroinvertebrates (microscopic animals without a backbone). *"To say we had fun on a really hot day is an understatement!"* shared Kathi Jackley, director.

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## GIFT VIII 2:1 Community Grants Match Update: New Fund + \$108,660, 41% of Our Goal

We are thrilled to announce a new fund, the [RHS Class of 1964 Community Fund](#)! Taking advantage of the 2:1 match, they join the classes of 1963, 1969, 1978, and 1979 in supporting Rush County forever. Thank you, friends!

You too can make a lasting difference for our community. Each \$1 you donate to any unrestricted Community Grants Fund will be matched with \$2 from Lilly Endowment Inc. Triple your generosity with a gift today and a positive impact forever.



**TRIPLE YOUR IMPACT**

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## ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.





[Meet Zuzana Smith,  
New Director of the LCC](#)



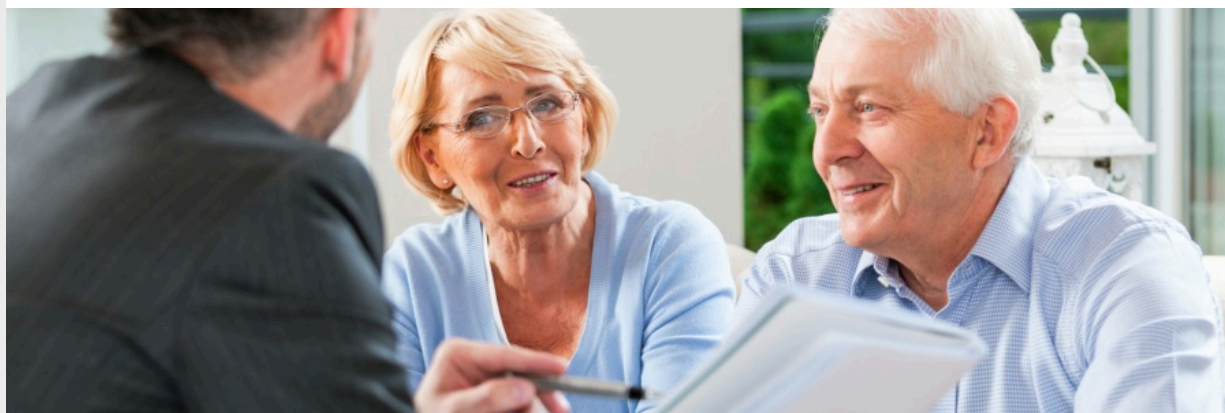
[Childcare Provider  
Selected for the LCC](#)



[Our New Strategic Plan  
is Underway](#)

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## Ways to Give: Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)



Did you know there are ways to support RCCF without dipping into your bank account?

If you're 70½ or older with an IRA, you can make a big difference for your community – and your taxes – with a QCD. When you ask your financial advisor to make a gift directly to RCCF, it is not counted as taxable income. Plus, if you are 73 or older, it can satisfy your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution).

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## September 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  
Betty Green  
Bill Griffis

Louise Case  
Nellena Rummel  
Peggy Sue Earnest  
Phil Mitchell

Courtney Huskins  
David Davenport  
Don Dawson  
Joe Keith  
John Worth  
Larry Angle

Suzette Kile

**In Honor of:**  
Mike and Kris Pavey  
Rusty Bane



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