

March 2025

On Friday March 13, 2020 - exactly 5 years ago, we submitted the initial \$5M application to Lilly Endowment for Rush County's vision of what a community center could be. (Take a trip down memory lane with us)

The facility we imagined had something for everyone - an indoor pool, a fitness center, basketball courts, daycare, the library, the food pantry, offices for other social services, community gathering spaces and more.

Today, the <u>Love Community Center</u> (LCC) stands ready with these features to welcome us all. The day we've been waiting for - the official ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony will take place on Saturday, March 22 at 11am. Everyone is invited, and we hope to see you there, Lisa!

Rush County is proof that big dreams can and do come true when we work together.

LCC to Celebrate Grand Opening with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on March 22nd



The Love Community Center is ready to celebrate its Grand Opening! Everyone is invited to the ribbon cutting at 11am on Saturday, 3/22 Regular operating hours begin on 3/23.

Don't miss the soft opening of the Rush County Recreation Center (RCRC) 3/14-22. Sign up for a membership, and get a free t-shirt. Take a tour, meet the trainers and instructors, try a class, use the multi-purpose gym, and more. Check the schedule for times and offerings

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Two Generous Families Support the LCC



Thanks to a generous gift from the Mohr family, the Love Community Center will feature the "Gerald & Anita Mohr Family Meeting Room," a dedicated space for community gatherings and organizational meetings.

"We are excited to see a community center, including an indoor pool and numerous gathering spaces, coming to fruition in Rush County," noted Gerald Mohr. "This project will positively impact so many people of all ages, and we are proud to support its operation."

The Mohrs are no strangers to Rush County or supporting the community. READ MORE



The Love Community Center will feature an outdoor gathering space named the "Richard and Sue Moster Family Courtyard" thanks to a generous estate gift from the Moster family.

The Richard and Sue Moster Family Courtyard will serve as a welcoming outdoor space for relaxation and socialization located in the heart of the facility. Accessed off of the facility's Main Street central throughway, it was designed with seating areas, green landscaping, and a tranquil atmosphere. The courtyard will allow public access for outdoor enjoyment within the building. **READ MORE**

New Fund: Harcourt Family Scholarship



In Rush County's southwest corner, in Orange Township, sits the Harcourt family farm. **Carl and Barbara Harcourt**, RCCF supporters and founders of the newly established **Harcourt Family Scholarship Fund**, make their home there. But Carl wasn't the first generation of his family to do so.

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Meet the RCCF Board: Jamey Pavey



Jamey Pavey, new RCCF board member, grew up in the Blue Ridge area of southwestern Rush County. She was part of the last 8th grade class to pass through Milroy Jr. High and graduated from Rushville Consolidated High School in 1994. "You might be surprised to learn that I held multiple school records in swimming at RCHS back in the day," she mentioned with a smile.

After graduation she left for bigger waters, so to speak.

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Your Support in Action: Grantee Updates



Rushville American Legion Post 150: Front door accessibility

\$15,000: Community Grant

This grant allowed the American Legion Post 150 to install a ramp for accessibility to the main entrance of the building. It is open to the general public as well as to members. Also, they have offered their space for use as a warming center and emergency shelter, if needed. "I would like to thank RCCF for helping to make our Post more convenient, safe and appealing to the public," said Bradley Hatfield, Commander.

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Rushville Consolidated High School: Principles of Digital Design course

\$1,622.50: Rush County Education Grant

Three cameras were purchased for student use, bringing the total to 8 cameras for 14 students. "They feel like they can spend more time capturing that perfect photography instead of rushing through taking photos because classmates are waiting on an available camera," shared Amy Fox, RCHS Arts, AV and Communications Teacher.

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CIRCLe Applications due by 3/15/2025, 11:59:59 pm. Apply online now.

Letters of Intent for unrestricted Community Grants due by 5/1/2025. Apply now.

Community Events Calendar: Find and submit local events.

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.





Read our new strategic

plan



Meet the RCCF Board:

<u>Julie Leisure</u>



See your support in action

What Will Your Legacy Be?





A bequest is the simplest way to make a legacy gift. You can leave a percentage or remainder of your estate or a specified amount to RCCF in your will or trust. Bequests allow you to care for your loved ones and support your community forever.

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February 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 Marie King Marion Liggett on what would have been his 100th birthday Bill Pike
Carolyn Turner
Cathy Patterson
Dick Moster
Don Dawson
Edie Carpenter
Ivan Wooley
Jack Clarkson
Jim Ephlin
Jim Maxwell
Jo Ellen Seright
Joe Bridges
John Miller
Kenny Dean
Kim Yager

Mark Walker
Pat Small
Patricia Rockwell
Richard Dunn
Terry Wilson
Thomas Grenisen
Tony Lykins
Wilson Brooks

In Honor of:

Cindy Taff Jean Ann Harcourt Ken Waits



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