



November News

Throughout the past month RCCF donors, board members, committee members, and staff have had the opportunity to see our funding in action. These rewarding "field trips" have allowed us to see the empowering work our funding makes possible because of the generosity of hundreds of donors throughout the years.

The ideas we've seen come from concept to reality include our spring Community Grants funding to enable the **Shares, Inc. Music Therapy project**, the first of six M.O.R.E. for Kids **Community Conversations**, made possible by the 2018 CIRCLE Fund, and the transformation made at the **City Center**, which received funding from our 2016 Community Grants cycle.

We look forward to continuing to provide these experiences. If there are any projects we've funded that you'd like to see, or if you are a recipient organization and would like to show off your program/improvements made possible through our funding, please contact us so we can continue to take our show on the road!

(click on the red text above to read more and see pictures from each of our trips!)

YOUR GIFT TO RCCF JUST GOT BIGGER!

The season of giving is upon us. Give a gift that lasts forever: make a donation that will forever support your community.

Gifts to established **unrestricted endowment funds** (also known as **Community Grant Funds**) are **matched \$2 for every \$1** contributed! If you would like to create a fund that will make opportunities possible for our community beyond our time, now is your chance to triple your dollar!

Contact our office for additional details, or visit our website for more information.



Black Friday. Cyber Monday.
#GIVINGTUESDAY™
November 27, 2018

Mark your calendar and join RCCF friends on **Tuesday, November 27th** for our annual Giving Tuesday Open House! Celebrate the day of giving with good company and holiday treats from 9:00 - 4:00 at the RCCF office.

YOUR DONATIONS: MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

FALL FIELD OF INTEREST GRANTS AWARDED

The **Alex Workman Memorial Fund** has awarded two grants that will impact students in Rush County who are affected by Autism. The first grant will fund a request for the Elementary Life Skills class at RES West, taught by Nicole Reiner. The purchase of 3 Carousel Spinning Chairs and 3 Rock Around seats will help the students build core strength, balance, and coordination and encourage them to build strength. The second grant will completely fund a movement course for RES West students. This course, planned by teacher Anna Jo Richards, will provide the opportunity for movement for students to get their frustrations out, take a break before they become overwhelmed, and get some much needed sensory input.

The **Youth Athletic Fund** awarded the **LionStrong** program (a joint venture between RMH and RCHS) funding to continue the purchase of supplies for healthy snacks to accompany a nutrition lesson aimed toward high school athletes and other students who attend the study tables after school on Wednesdays. The goal is to provide knowledge of the needs

COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED

The second round of funding from our Community Grants was recently awarded. Congratulations to the following organizations:

- Rush County Youth Group Workcamp
- Suicide Prevention Across Rush County (SPARC)
- Rush County Victim's Assistance (RCVA Phoenix House)
- Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana

The Foundation's **unrestricted endowment funds** and several field of interest funds make these grants possible. The following funds have supported the most recent distribution to important causes within and for our community:

- Laura May and Howard H. Brown Memorial Fund
- Kenneth and Kathleen Dean Fund
- Helen and Jim Ewing Fund
- H. N. "Doc" and Thelma P. Jaggers Fund
- Wayne L. and Evelyn J. Miller Community Fund
- Gerald W. and Anita J. Mohr Community Fund
- Charles E. and Jane Power Niccum Fund
- Martha Perin Community Fund
- Pioneer Hi-Bred Fund
- Rush County Community Fund
- Pat and Martha Todd Charitable Fund

[Learn more](#) about the projects supported and the funds that make these awards possible.

of a growing, athletic body to be active as well as teaching basic cooking and food preparation skills.

GIVE - AND RECEIVE - THIS HOLIDAY SEASON (and throughout the year!)



Maximize your dollars while shopping this holiday season. Whether you like to shop online or in a store, Amazon and Kroger make it easy for you to support RCCF without actually donating a penny!!

Shopping via **Amazon Smile** can give 0.5% back to RCCF!

Enroll your **Kroger** Plus Card in the Community Rewards Program- and we'll receive based on percentage of sales each quarter!

Signing up for both programs take less than a minute. [Learn more](#)

THANK-A-TEACHER



Save a shopping trip, and spare your child's favorite school staff member another apple. Making a donation to the Rush County Education Fund through the "Thank-A-Teacher" initiative is a great way to honor school system employees during the holiday by giving a gift that will give back to the school system forever. [Learn more here.](#)

GIVE A GIFT THAT PROVIDES TAX BENEFITS



The clock is ticking for year-end gifts! Experience the joy of giving by making a gift to the Rush County community that will impact generations of our residents. Your gift to the RCCF is a permanent investment in our community that gives back year after year, forever.

Donors over 70.5 have the opportunity to lower their income and taxes from IRA withdrawals. An **IRA Charitable Rollover** can provide a win/win opportunity for you to support our good work while reducing your taxable income.

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