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The month of May proved to be a month of celebration at the Rush County Community Foundation! We celebrated our early learning grant funding progress, scholarship donors and recipients and our 28th birthday with various events throughout the month. These fun celebrations brought together new and old Foundation friends, donors from both inside and outside the county, and gave us a chance to reflect upon the importance the RCCF has played in our great community the past 28 years.

Thank you to all of the donors and volunteers for taking part in a fun month. Your support has enabled our ability to effectively improve Rush County - and we are so excited to begin planning for how we will make an impact in the next 28 years (and beyond). Enjoy a few pictures from our events below.



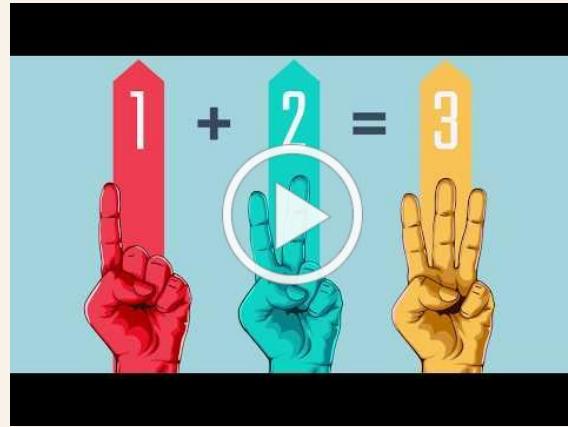




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## TRIPLE your Dollars!!

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### **\$1 = \$3 OF COMMUNITY IMPACT**

NOW is the time to make an impact in Rush County: for a limited time, your gift to unrestricted funds is tripled, thanks to a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.'s GIFT VII.

Make a gift to one of our existing unrestricted funds - **for every \$1 given, \$2 will be added**. Have you been interested in beginning your own named fund? Now is the best time we've ever had for such an opportunity! For \$1,666.67 you can have a named fund of your own.

Interested in maximizing your dollars or beginning your own named fund? **Donate online** or contact our office to learn more!

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## **Register Now!**

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The **Five in 50 Covered Bridge (bicycle) Ride** is rapidly approaching - and there's no time like NOW to sign up to join a day of fun! Register by June 21 to secure your t-shirt size.

Join riders from near and far to ride one of the routes (12, 24 or 50 miles) through Rush County's historic covered bridges on September 21, 2019. The Five in 50 Covered Bridge Ride provides more than an opportunity to get in shape: your registration and any other funds raised directly support the RCCF - and **all tax-deductible contributions are matched \$2 for \$1!**

Not interested in cycling? You can still help! Volunteer at one of the bridges, help before, during, or after, sponsor, or simply raise money. Learn all of your options, register to ride or volunteer, and preview the Willkie Days weekend details at [www.willkiedays.com](http://www.willkiedays.com).



## May Gifts In Memoriam and Honor

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Thank you for the donors who selected to give to Rush County Community Foundation in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend. This month, the following individuals were recognized through gifts to the Foundation:

### In Memory Gifts In Honor Gifts

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nila Bales</li><li>• Dorothy Bess</li><li>• Richard Cameron</li><li>• Mary Rebecca (Becky) Earnest</li><li>• Bob Eder</li><li>• Bob Fooksman</li><li>• Larry Gordon</li><li>• Barbara Blackridge Green</li><li>• Richard Henderson</li><li>• Elizabeth Lanning</li><li>• Rick Levi</li><li>• Jane McNeelan</li><li>• Jerry Petty</li><li>• Louise Piles</li><li>• Ethel Pratt</li><li>• Paul Stagg</li><li>• Joe Swain</li><li>• Eric Tallent</li><li>• Janet Van Bibber</li><li>• Gwen Walters</li><li>• Alice R. Wiley</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Missy Craig</li><li>• Lori Hoeing</li><li>• Delana Laker</li><li>• Cheryl Miller</li><li>• Gerald and Anita Mohr's 50th Anniversary</li><li>• Glen Wiley's 94th Birthday</li></ul>
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## "Sharing of the Green Fund" by the Rushville St. Patrick's Day Committee

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In May we welcomed one new permanent endowment fund to RCCF. Thank you to the Rushville St. Patrick's Day Committee, represented by John McCane, Brian Sheehan, and Dan Shanahan, for establishing the "Sharing of the Green Fund," an unrestricted endowment fund to benefit the community via

community grants.

The “Sharing of the Green” fund was started by the Rushville St. Patrick’s Day Committee to honor the legacy of their families’ Irish heritage and the friends and family who have supported their annual community Irish celebration.

The first Rushville St. Patrick’s day event hosted by co-chairman McCane, Shanahan and Sheehan was held in 1999. Since that first event, the annual Irish celebration has raised nearly \$190,000 to support local organizations and events. This fund’s goal is to share the generosity of party patrons in creating a better future for our community for perpetuity.



The Rush County Community Foundation is grateful to the St. Patrick's Day Committee for recognizing the opportunity to preserve their legacy while maximizing their funds with the \$2 for \$1 match. If you would like to make a contribution to the fund your gift will be matched \$2 for \$1!

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## RCCF Scholarship Awards total \$194,000

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On May 22, the RCCF welcomed 215 people to the RCHS Cafeteria to award \$194,000 in scholarship awards! This year marked our 24th year awarding scholarships and cumulatively, over \$1.4 million distributed from local funds alone.

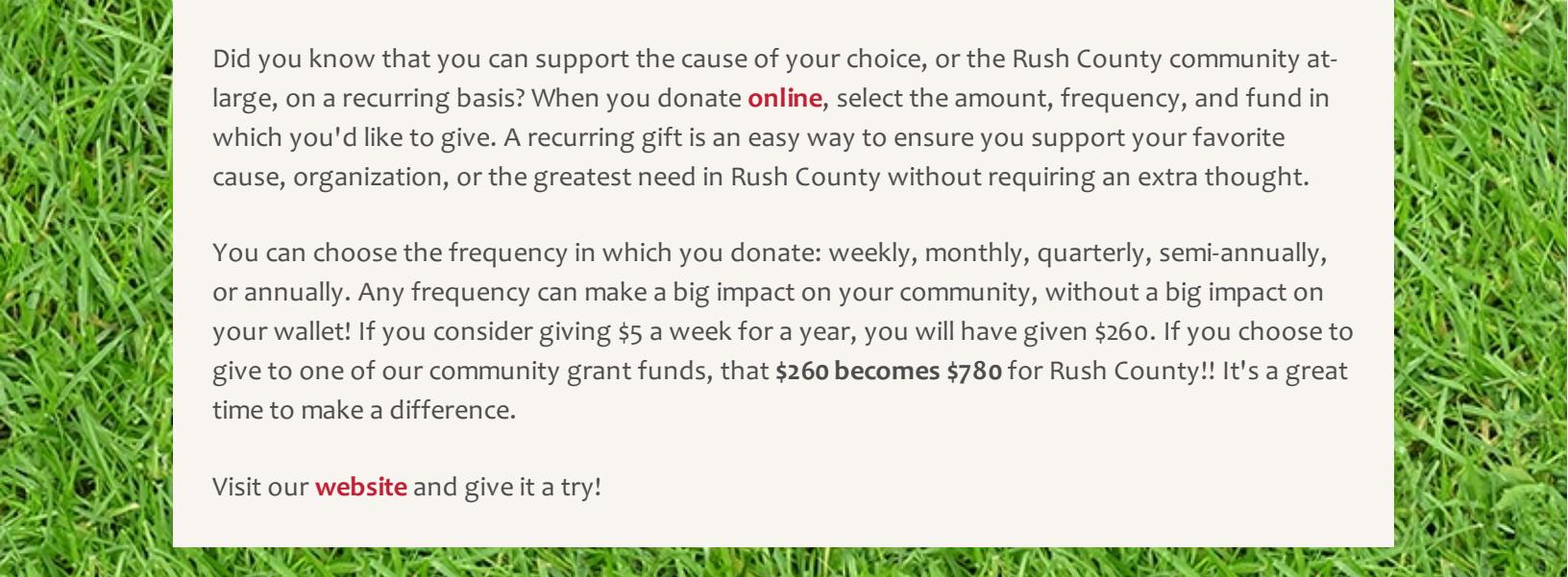
Donor families and members of the RCCF Board of Directors distributed 108 scholarship awards from 67 scholarship funds to 65 students. How we have grown since the five students in 1995 accepted our first awards from the Frank and Frances Hilbert Scholarship Fund! The task of awarding scholarships took teamwork from committee members, chairmen, donors, and donor appointees and close to 60 volunteer hours. The end result is, however, priceless! We are proud of our applicants and recipients and wish them the best for the coming academic year.

For photos of recipients and donors, please visit the album on the [RCCF Facebook](#) page.

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## Recurring Donations

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Did you know that you can support the cause of your choice, or the Rush County community at-large, on a recurring basis? When you donate **online**, select the amount, frequency, and fund in which you'd like to give. A recurring gift is an easy way to ensure you support your favorite cause, organization, or the greatest need in Rush County without requiring an extra thought.

You can choose the frequency in which you donate: weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. Any frequency can make a big impact on your community, without a big impact on your wallet! If you consider giving \$5 a week for a year, you will have given \$260. If you choose to give to one of our community grant funds, that **\$260 becomes \$780** for Rush County!! It's a great time to make a difference.

Visit our **website** and give it a try!