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Happy New Year ! As we head into 2020, we want to take a minute and say thank you for a wonderful 2019. It seems hard to top, but we're looking forward to rolling up our sleeves and digging into the work that needs to be done. Luckily, we'll have you by our side.

## 2019: Year in Review



As we look forward, it's a good idea to look back, too. See where we've been. Take stock of the progress made. Celebrate the successes. Give credit where it's due... to YOU. There's no denying it – 2019 was huge. We're grateful for your support! **Take a look at what we've accomplished together.**

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## Donor Story: The Leising Family

Hard work, love of family and community, and faith in God are qualities that many try to infuse in their lives. John and Martha Leising embodied these traits.

With the John and Martha Leising Scholarship Fund of the Rush County

**Community Foundation (RCCF), John and Martha's legacy lives on in the values they have instilled in their family and the support this creates for students attending Purdue University.**

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## Our Gratitude for a Job Well Done!



One of the biggest benefits to living in a small community is the ability to jump in and make a difference. While it's not difficult to find new and worthy opportunities, the work itself is never easy. It takes time. It takes dedication. It takes a willingness to make big decisions with great intention. **It takes a special person. These people are just that. Our gratitude goes out to the four departing 2019 RCCF board members.**

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## Reminder: Scholarship Applications Due 2/14

**Did you know that in 2019 RCCF gave out more than \$188,000 in scholarships to Rush County students?!**

- Find out **what's available** and learn about **the application process**.
- **Download a list of scholarships.**
- Questions? **Check out the FAQs** or contact us at [info@rushcountyfoundation.org](mailto:info@rushcountyfoundation.org).



## Free Indiana Humanities Event



**Arts, Community & Place:  
A Collaborative Workshop**  
**Wednesday, 2/5/2020, 6:30-8pm**  
**City Center, Rushville, IN**

We are excited to be partnering with **imagine:nation, the Arts & Cultural Council of Rush County** to bring a world-class event to our community! “Arts, Community & Place: A Collaborative Workshop” is part of the **Indiana Humanities INseparable program** and one of two events RCCF will be sponsoring in 2020.

Facilitator **Kevin McKelvey** is a place-based writer poet, designer, social practice artist and associate professor at University of Indianapolis. He will begin with a look at Hoosier writers and artists and lead us through an exercise to identify our own cultural and historical assets. By the end of this hands-on experience, Kevin will help us think about and plan for ways to infuse art and cultural activities into our existing sense of place.

**WHEN: Wednesday, 2/5/2020, 6:30-8pm**

**WHERE: City Center, 330 N. Main Street, Rushville, IN**

**COST: FREE but please RSVP to Lisa, [lbenjamin@rushcountycastle.org](mailto:lbenjamin@rushcountycastle.org)**

## Save the Date: Five in 50 Bike Ride



The best event on two wheels makes its return to Rush County - **The Five in 50 Covered Bridge Bike Ride on Saturday, September 19**. RCCF will once again host and benefit from the event.

# December Gifts

## In Memoriam and In Honor

Thank you to 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:

- AJ and Marie Meyer
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- T.R. Campbell

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