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NEWSLETTER



March 2020

The well-being of our community is always on our minds. As we all face this unprecedented health crisis of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we want to assure you that we are taking precautions for the health and safety of our donors, visitors, volunteers and staff.

In the best interest of everyone, we've made the decision to close our office through Friday, March 27. We will reevaluate this decision at that time.

Please feel free to contact us at (765) 938-1177 or info@rushcountyfoundation.org. While our physical space is closed, be assured that we are continuing our work remotely and checking these contact points through the day. Be well! [READ MORE](#)

So, we've heard from some in our community, but have we heard from YOU, friend? Add your voice to the conversation and share your dreams for Rush County with a "postcard from the future". We're all in this together!

Rush County's Readiness for Change Part 2: Community Insights Recap



WILL RUSH COUNTY EMBRACE CHANGE? COMMUNITY INSIGHTS RECAP

In **part 1 of this series** we shared **the final report** from Ball State about Rush County's readiness for change along with a summary of background data about the challenges our community is facing.

Last fall we held a series of eight Community Insights Meetings throughout the county to learn what YOU think about your community and our county.

We asked participants to answer five questions:

- 1) What **one word/image** comes to mind?
- 2) What would be a **game changer**?
- 3) What do you **like** about your community?
- 4) What do you **love** about your community?
- 5) What would you **like to love** about your community?

In most sessions, participants were also asked to pretend they had been away from their community for 25 years and to write a postcard to someone describing what they saw (or didn't). **Check out a summary of their answers and read some of the "postcards from the future" in part 2 of this series.**

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Write Your Own "Postcard from the Future"



With social distancing, this seems like the perfect time to dream about what we want our community's future to look like, right? We'd love to hear from you !

Add your voice to the Community Insights discussion You can even write and design a "postcard from the future" sharing your vision for Rush County. If you like, we'll email it back to you and/or share it on social media. **Share yours with #RushCountyPostcards.**

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Grantee Story: Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department



Can you imagine if your house was burning and the fire department was unable to receive the call from 911 Dispatch? Completely unacceptable, right?! The **Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department** proactively sought a grant from RCCF to replace their aging analog radios with new digital ones to make sure this won't happen. **When you give to RCCF Community Grants Funds, you support organizations right here in our community, serving our families, friends and neighbors.** Thank you to everyone who has donated to these funds – YOU made this possible!

Introducing 2020 Board Member: Bob Gulde



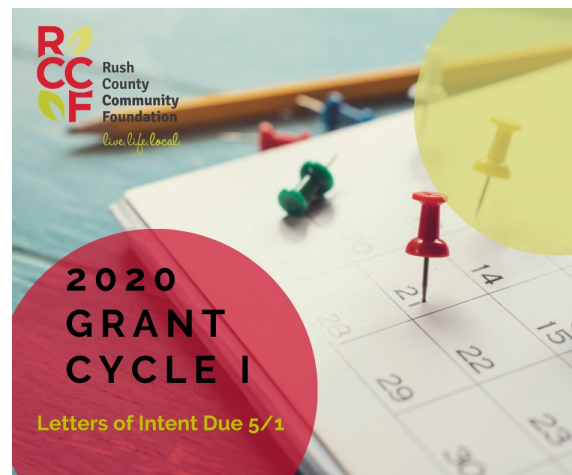
Please help us welcome **Bob Gulde** to the 2020 RCCF Board of Directors! He's looking forward to giving back to the community that's given much to him. **Bob is definitely a team player with a pretty special claim to fame.** Find out what it is in this highlight.

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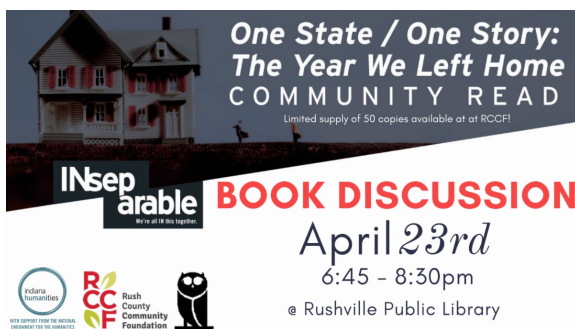
Upcoming Deadlines: 2020 Grant Cycle 1 LOI

Local nonprofits, we know you have great ideas to make life even better for those you serve. We have the means to help!

Check out the eligibility guidelines and **learn how to apply.**



Community Read & Book Discussion



Be a part of **Indiana Humanities'** One State / One Story community read. Hoosiers across the state will be sharing their thoughts on ***The Year We Left Home*** by Jean Thompson, and we will be hosting our own discussion as part of the INseparable program. **Look for details on how to pick up your FREE copy!**

WHEN: This event is ***tentatively*** scheduled for **Thursday, 4/23/2020 | 6:45-8:30pm**

WHERE: **Rushville Public Library, 130 W 3rd St**

RSVP & Share: **Facebook event**

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.



February 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:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Albert Weber• Alice R. Wiley• Billy Ray Goins• Bob and Emmy Waggener• Debbie Dill• Donna Graham• Florie Norton• Glen Wiley | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judy Ann Crisman• Larry Woods• Marcus Bostic• Melissa Cowan• Mike and Jeff Rankin• Phyllis L. Miller• Wilbur Hoeing• William (Bill) Gulde |
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Stay up-to-date on the latest RCCF happenings by visiting our [website](#) and following us on social media. Our website is a comprehensive source for all things related to our work, as well as offering fun features such as donor stories, board member bios, and scholar updates. We often share news and features on our [Facebook page](#), which we encourage you to follow if you use social media! The more you "like" and "share" helps share our message and inspire future content.

