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We hope you are staying safe and well and finding ways to feel connected during these strange times. While our office remains closed, we're still here for you. Call (765-938-1177) or email us (info@rushcountyfoundation.org) with questions, concerns or even just to say "hi".

We're fortunate to live in a community that truly cares about each other and our future. You can see it in the outpouring of kindness and community spirit. From sewing masks and thanking our essential workers to cruising around town and donating to the Rush to Help: COVID-19 Rapid Relief Fund, Rush County is showing the strength and resilience to get through this together. We're so glad to have you by our side - 6ft away, of course!

Our Community is Feeling the Love



\$37,350

& counting... *Thank you!*

Your donations to the **Rush to Help: COVID-19 Rapid Relief Fund** are caring for the people, businesses and organizations that make Rush County the place we love. The fund was started with \$25,000 of existing RCCF resources.

Since its launch, you have donated another \$12,350! From Mays to Milroy and all points in between – THANK YOU!

If you haven't given yet, here are three great reasons to do so

1. If you do not itemize your taxes, you can take a **\$300 above-the-line deduction for charitable gifts totaling \$300 or more in 2020**. (Of course, you can still itemize, if you like.)
2. **The AGI limit for charitable gifts has been raised from 60% to 100%**
3. You'll get an **endorphin rush and warm fuzzy feeling** when you support your community.

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\$5,000 Grant Made to RCCA

"I know the food we distribute helps eliminate some of the stress that families are experiencing."

- Darilyn Bedel, RCCA Board President



Through the generosity of RCCF donors, the **Rush County Community Assistance Food Pantry (RCCA)** received **\$5,000** from the Rush to Help: COVID-19 Rapid Relief Fund. This is the first grant made from the fund.

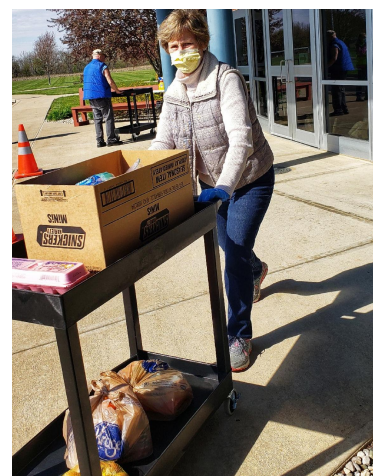
RCCA is an all-volunteer run organization that continues to adapt and to operate during this critical time for the Rush County community. **By altering the way they work, they've been able to continue providing food to those in need during the pandemic crisis.**

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\$5,000 Grant Made to Milroy Food Pantry

"It's all about organization and I'm really obsessive about that anyway! Having excellent volunteers, which Milroy has, is what makes it all work."

- Jan Long, Milroy Community Food Pantry Director



Your generosity keeps making a BIG difference! The Rush to Help: COVID-19 Rapid Relief Fund has donated \$5,000 to the Milroy Food Pantry. **On one Monday alone, 125 families received pre-packaged food parcels with eggs, produce, canned and baked goods, cereal, peanut butter and jelly and more – in just two hours!**

\$4,180 Grant Made to Economic Recovery Taskforce

"Because of support from RCCF, we truly have a better understanding of how our community has been impacted by the pandemic. This why I love my hometown - we watch after our own in times of crisis."

- Mason Gordon, City of Rushville Intern

Your gifts are working hard again to help our community win the fight against this pandemic. The third Rush to Help: COVID-19 Rapid Relief Fund grant has been awarded to the City of Rushville to support the county-wide Economic Recovery Taskforce efforts. **The money, \$4,160, is being used to expand the City's intern program, allowing the interns to begin working immediately, instead of starting in June.**

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Scholarship Awards



Scholarship award announcements have been made via email and postal mail. **Reminder to all recipients, please complete [this VERY short questionnaire](#) referred to in your email by May 22. This is required to receive your award.**

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold the annual celebration. Look for public announcements on our website and social media soon!

Help @ Home: A Resource Guide

Looking for Governor Holcomb's reopening strategy, free wifi hotspots, mental health resources or the latest local updates? **Check out our [Help @ Home](#) page** with the answers to these questions and many more.

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Save the Date: Five in 50 Bike Ride



The **Five in 50 Bicycle Ride** is currently scheduled for Saturday, September 19. Just like most events, this could change. We'll let you know as soon as possible if it does.

**April 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:

- Alice Niedenthal
- Alice R. Wiley
- Anna Webb
- Antonia Grimm
- Betty Green
- Betty Shelton
- Bob and Emmy Waggener
- Charles "Charlie" Becht
- David Artemeier
- Dr. Marvin Schneider
- Forrest and Louise Piles
- Grant Brower
- H. Ray Anderson
- Jeannie Laker
- Judy Leisure
- Ken Haynes
- Larry Woods
- Leeta Hunter
- Marcella McAhren
- Margo Mull
- Martha Perin
- Mary Bell
- Meredith and Jane Kuhn
- Norman Munson
- Paul Loggan
- Penny Gordon
- Shirley Singleton
- Stinson Brownell
- Sylvia Hook
- William F. Gulde

In Honor of:

- All healthcare providers and grocery store employees
- Dave and Barb Malson
- Rush County Businesses
- Rushville Elementary School East
 - Amanda Ellery
 - Amy Grote
 - Amy Reynolds
 - Anita Eddy
 - Anne Zachery
 - Anna Reynolds
 - Beth Buzzard
 - Deb Moenter
 - Debbie Burkett
 - Eric Harpring
 - Erika Peggs
 - Hannah Boyer
 - Julie Leisure
 - Kathy Agee
 - Kelsi Doerflein
 - Kyle Harpring
 - Lizzy Molloy
 - Matt Colvin
 - Melissa Crowe
 - Michelle Neff
 - Tara Wallace

Get Social with Us

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 encourage you to follow us on your preferred social media outlet(s), too. The more you "like", "share" and "retweet" helps get out our message and inspire future content.

