



# NEWSLETTER



July 2020

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud." - Maya Angelou, poet, writer and activist

This has been a particularly cloudy year for many of us. Wouldn't we all love to see more rainbows ?! We've got a little kindness project in the works, because it always matters. Details coming soon!

## We're Hoping that the Time is Right



In the fall of 2018, **Lilly Endowment Inc.** announced the latest installment of their "Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow" initiative, **GIFT VII**. As you know, it included receiving a matching grant of \$500,000, which you made possible by donating \$250,000 toward our Community Grants funds. [Read all about GIFT VII](#)

What you may not know is that it provided additional grants for community leadership development, a board matching grant, a \$100,000 implementation grant - and a **\$5M large-scale funding opportunity**.

Let's rewind to 1998.

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## Behind the Scenes



### OUR DOORS MAY BE CLOSED

*But we're still open for you.*

In the best interest of our donors, volunteers, visitors and staff, our office will remain closed. This has been a really hard decision; we miss you! But we feel it's the most responsible one we can make to do our part to keep our community safe and well.

We're always just a phone call (765-938-1177), email ([info@rushcountyfoundation.org](mailto:info@rushcountyfoundation.org)) or Zoom away. If those options won't work, please give us 24 hours notice for an in-person, socially distant meeting.

There is a lot of good work taking place behind the scenes.

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## \$600 Rapid Relief Grant Made to Whitewater Adult Education

*"Thanks to our RCCF partners, we have been able to continue with our mission"*

- Amy Engle, Adult Basic Education Coordinator, WAE

**Whitewater Adult Education (WAE)** helps adult learners improve their life and the lives of their family through the attainment of a High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma and/or job skills through a certification. Although WAE is located in Fayette County, it's an important resource for Rush County residents. Out of 186 students enrolled, 25% of those are from Rush County.

Like most schools, the pandemic forced WAE to switch to online and at home instruction. This required purchasing licenses for software and workbooks, creating hard copy packets and providing PPE for reopening. **Your support provided a grant for \$600, to account for 25% of their budget during this time.**



**Read how Rush County  
WAE student, Justin, was  
able to stay on track.**

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## Rapid Relief Update



# Grants

**\$14,798**

**BASIC  
NEEDS**



Rush County Community  
Assistance Food Pantry  
Milroy Community Food Pantry  
Boys & Girls Club of Rush County

**\$9,160**

**ECONOMIC  
RECOVERY**



Rush County Economic Recovery  
Task Force: City of Rushville  
Rush County Economic and  
Community Development  
Corporation

**\$5,600**

**EDUCATION**



Rush County Schools  
Whitewater Adult Education

Your gifts to the Rush to Help: COVID-19 Rapid Relief fund have supported the varied needs of our community – thank you! [Read full stories about each grant](#)

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## Five in 50 Bike Ride Update

We'll start with the bad news. "It is with much regret that the **Five in 50 executive committee has reached the decision to cancel our 2020 event,**" announced committee chair, Marilyn Yager. "Our number one goal is to host a safe event, which this year took on the added complexity of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. We have come to the conclusion that cancellation is the best, and perhaps only option to guarantee a safe environment for our riders, our volunteers, and those at the ride's various touch points across the county. The executive committee understands that this decision will be a disappointment to many. It was not an easy one to make."



Now for the good news: **The Five in 50 will now focus on obtaining its own nonprofit status to come back better and stronger than ever! Save the date for the next ride - September 18, 2021!**



## June 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 R. Wiley
- Barbara A. Hittle
- Beau Bowling
- Bill Garrison
- Bob and Emmy Waggener
- Bradley "Brad" Dora
- Charles Holder
- DeMaris Simpson Goddard
- Evelyn Amick
- George Bird
- Glen Wiley and Lauren Alice Wiley
- Jeannie Laker
- John Glenn

- John Harrold
- John S. Green
- Liz Crain
- Marvin Herbert
- Mary Rebecca "Becky" Earnest
- Nancy Benson
- Patrica Carrigan
- Raeann Johnson
- Rick Woods
- Ruth Ann Gruell

In Honor of:

- Debbie Burkett
- Ron Eineman

## Legacy Giving



**What will your legacy be?**



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Including RCCF in your estate planning ensures your charitable dreams continue. Leaving a bequest is an easy way to do so. **Find sample language and learn more**

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## 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.

