



# NEWSLETTER



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Are you being patient with yourself during these unprecedented times? We hope so. Ran across the idea of a “resilience bank account” - a way to gradually build regular practices into your life to help you get through tough times. Focusing on sleep, nutrition, exercise, meditation, self-compassion, gratitude, connection and saying “no”. Maybe make a trip to the **farmers' market** for seasonal produce then find a new recipe. Or check out the **new fitness equipment at South Veteran's Memorial Park or walk the labyrinth at Carol Jenkins-Davis park**. What's helping you through and replenishing your account? You and your support are at the top our gratitude list every day ! Be well, and remember to build up those funds.

## Shares, Inc. Establishes Endowment

Any successful financial advisor or farmer will tell you not to put all of your eggs in one basket. Diversify your investments and your crops to minimize risk and maximize return. Savvy nonprofits with an eye on the future realize this as well.

RCCF is equipped to help nonprofits prepare for financial sustainability with agency specific endowments. In 2019, 35 organizations received a combined total of more than \$213,000 as a result of long-term planning and the generosity of RCCF donors.



Now **Shares, Inc.** has joined this group. A nonprofit since 1977, this well-established organization provides “services and support for people with disabilities to enhance their successful inclusion in the community.” They serve individuals in several Indiana counties, including Rush.

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## Reading Into the Future: A Legacy Gift Conversation with Dave and Barb Malson

Rush County natives **David and Barbara Malson** have worked hard both in and for their community.

They are long-time RCCF supporters and have **extended that commitment to after their lives**, too.

But if you want to really get to the essence of a person, just ask him what the best gift he ever gave was and why. Dave's answer is just the sweetest.



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## Community Insights Revisited

Just over a year ago, we began our **Community Insights conversations** with eight stops in communities throughout Rush County. **What we learned both from our neighbors and our partners at Ball State's Indiana Communities Institute** helped shaped our recent \$5 million community center proposal to Lilly Endowment Inc.



Let's take a look back at the data and findings to see how we ended up where we are today and how we can use our knowledge going forward.

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## Gifts of Grain

Harvest season is upon us. **Did you know you could support RCCF with a gift of grain? It's true!** RCCF has an account with all local elevators. At delivery, just decide the dollar amount or number of bushels you'd like to donate and **fill out this simple form**.

**Your donation qualifies for tax savings.** A cash-basis farmer that contributes grain

to RCCF does not include the sale of the crop in income, lowering self-employment, federal and state income taxes.\*

Your gift also supports the **Rush County Ag Fund**, which provides grants for nonprofit agricultural programs including - educational training, youth farm programs and preservation of local ag history.

\* As always, please consult with your tax



professional.

[DOWNLOAD FORM](#)

## Rushville's New Hometown Newspaper

When the *Rushville Republican* closed up shop, not many of us could imagine we'd have a local newspaper again. It just goes to show you that you can never count Rushville out! We welcome the **Rushville Recorder** to our community and look forward to sharing articles and stories with you through the paper every two weeks.



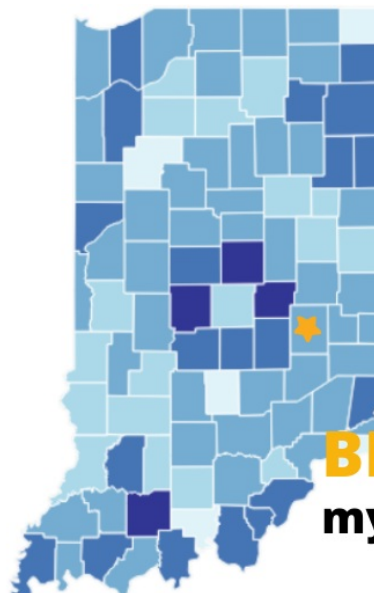
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## 2020 Census Deadline Approaching

### WHY IS THE CENSUS IMPORTANT?

It shapes our future by determining billions in federal funding dollars for the next 10 years for things like:

emergency services  
housing assistance  
roads healthcare  
school lunches  
and so much more



2010 CENSUS  
RESPONSE RATE  
RUSH COUNTY:

**82%**

2020 CENSUS  
SELF-RESPONSE RATE  
RUSH COUNTY:

**70%**

**BE COUNTED:**  
[my2020census.gov/](https://my2020census.gov/)

The deadline to complete the 2020 Census is 9/30. Please take just a few minutes to help shape the next 10 years for Rush County. It's so very important!



## Important Upcoming Election Dates

VOTER REGISTRATION: 10/5/2020

REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT:  
10/20/2020, 11:59pm EDT

RETURN COMPLETED BALLOT:  
11/3/2020, 6:00pm EDT

Register to vote, check your registration status, find your polling place, request an absentee ballot and more at:  
[indianavoters.in.gov](https://indianavoters.in.gov).



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## August Gifts In Memoriam

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"> <li>• Alan Mealka</li> <li>• Alice R. Wiley</li> <li>• Ashley Spurlin</li> <li>• Barbara and Betty Green</li> <li>• Barbara Perin</li> <li>• Bob and Emmy Waggener</li> <li>• Greg Jacobs</li> <li>• Gretchen Delay</li> <li>• Harold "Bud" Case</li> <li>• Jan Roberts</li> <li>• Jerry Funkhouser</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Wirt</li> <li>• Kyle Henderson</li> <li>• Lee and Celine Corbett</li> <li>• Louella Goins</li> <li>• Martha Schneyer*</li> <li>• Paul Niehoff</li> <li>• Richard Christian, Sr.</li> <li>• Richard Douglass</li> <li>• Ron Malinowski</li> <li>• William "Bill" Schroeder</li> </ul> |
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\*Our apologies for misspelling Martha's name in the July list.

## 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.

