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October 2020

October is almost over - can you believe it? Sometimes it feels like this year is standing still and others like it's flying by. Speaking of flying, Ladies, hop on your brooms and head downtown for **Witches Night Out** on 10/26 for local shopping and treats. Don't worry - there are lots of Halloween activities for all the ghouls and goblins in your family, including **a costume parade and several special movie screenings**. Please remember to stay safe and do the COVID-19 Monster SMASH - **Social distancing, Mask up, Avoid crowds, Stay home if you're sick and Handwashing**. We're all in this together Alisa!

RCCF Awarded \$100,000 GIFT VII Leadership Grant



"We look forward to convening residents from all parts of our county to develop this plan, utilizing previous input and visioning creative new ideas."

- Alisa Winters,
RCCF Executive Director



The way in which a community chooses to handle the need for change directs its ability to remain relevant and ultimately thrive. *Population decline is a serious challenge for Rush County, which is on target to lose 10-30% of its residents by the year 2050 if no changes are implemented. This grant will give us the opportunity to work together in a county-wide effort to help us love where we live even more.*

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Rush County's Readiness for Change Part 4: How to Move Forward

So, we know from **data** that jobs and businesses go where the people are. People go where they want to live. Our community has a lot going for us – small town, rural feel, safety, quality schools and good people. But 2019's **community insights conversations** and **survey responses** tell us that amenities – parks, trails, restaurants, art, beautification, community centers and broadband access – would help us love our community even more.

How do we move forward?

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Nearly \$23,000 Awarded in Field of Interest Grants

Field of Interest Funds were established by donors to support a particular cause such as autism, education and hunger to name a few. They offer a flexible option to support the community in the ways that matter most to you. These grants wouldn't be possible without your support - thank you!

You'll definitely want to know more about these life-changing projects.



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Grantee Spotlight: Arlington East Hill Cemetery

Arlington East Hill Cemetery recently held a moving dedication ceremony for the new memorial honoring veterans and first responders. **Your gifts to Community Grants funds helped bring this project to life - thank you!** **To see more photos, view the gallery on our website.**



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Update Your Contact Info

Could you please take a minute **to update your contact info**? You can also reply to this email, if you prefer. **Make your updates by 10/31, and you'll be entered into a drawing for a local treat!** No tricks, we promise.



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Gifts of Grain

Harvest season is upon us. **Farmers, 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.**

Find out more about the benefits for you and for RCCF today.



[DOWNLOAD FORM](#)

Join the 1822 Society

Once you've decided to include RCCF in your will or trust, you **become a member of the 1822 Society**. You join a special group of donors whose impact and love will last forever.

Is there an area of local life that interests you? Do you have a favorite local organization? Or maybe you want your support to go where it's needed most. **We can make sure your wishes are fulfilled and help determine the path that's right for you.**



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September 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"> • Al Hodge • Alice Ruth Wiley • Ann Innis • Bob and Emmy Waggener • Cathy Smith • Dewey Powers • Glenda Gail Herman • Janet Carr Roberts • Karen Hall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louella Goins • Louise McDaniel • Martha Schneyer • Nancy Badger • Paul Niehoff • Richard Christian, Sr. • Rick Woods • Virginia Johnson |
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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.



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