



NEWSLETTER



December 2020

It feels amazing to be able to share so much good news with you right now! In the middle of many challenges, there are silver linings. Let's promise to keep finding them, ok? We hope you are enjoying the holiday season. If you're not quite in a jolly mood, maybe **a tour through some of Rushville's best home light displays** might help. Or spend a little time in the kitchen trying some of **our favorite recipes – our fun and cheesy gift to you**. The holidays can be a hard time for many, especially this year. Please know that you're not alone, and the days will get brighter. **Free mental health resources** are available, if you'd like to talk to someone. Or take a cue from the natural world to **go inwards and rest back in darkness and quietude**. **However you're feeling, we are feeling grateful for you Alisa!**

A VERY Exciting Update



We've been quietly sharing news about the \$5 million proposal we submitted to Lilly Endowment Inc. at the end of August to bring the dream of a **Community Center** to Rush County. ([Read more about the history of this project.](#))

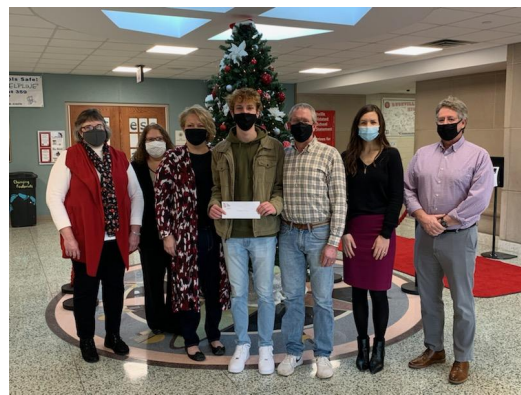
Guess what? The time is right, and we're ready to shout it from the rooftops – **our proposal has been funded!** We're so excited and grateful for this life-changing opportunity!

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Congratulations to the 2021 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar, Nicholas Neuman!

Nicholas Neuman, RCHS senior, will receive full-tuition and a \$900 yearly stipend for books and equipment, to his Indiana college of choice - Purdue. He is one of 143 Indiana students to receive this prestigious award in 2020. Nicholas plans to study Food and Animal Science.

He graciously thanked many for his success, including parents, Mark and Michelle, but one local organization got a special shout out.



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\$100,000 Board Engagement Grant Received through GIFT VII

Even more good news from **Lilly Endowment Inc.** We received a \$100,000 gift because of the generosity of our 2018-2020 RCCF board members as part of the GIFT VII initiative. Thank you one and all!

This is an unrestricted grant, but we do have plans for half of it.



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Thank a Teacher - or ANY School Employee

2020 has definitely taught us many lessons, especially just how valuable our teachers and school staff are. Mugs with “Best Teacher Ever” are cute, **but want to give them a gift that makes as big of a difference as they do? Donate to the Thank-A-Teacher Fund (Rush County Education)!** We'll notify them of your kindness and invite them to apply for a grant in August to fund a classroom project that's not in the school's budget.

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Make a Big Difference with Charitable IRA Rollover

You may be looking for a way to make a big difference for our community this year. Regarding qualified retirement plans, while the SECURE Act has changed the age for required minimum distributions (RMDs) to age 72 and the CARES Act waived the RMD altogether for 2020, **individuals age 70 ½ or older are still eligible to make Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) of up to \$100,000 without paying any income tax if the gift is transferred directly from your IRA to a charity.**

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Grantee Spotlight: Children's Bureau

Your generous gifts to **Community Grants Funds** support the ever-changing and most urgent needs of our community. The **Children's Bureau recently received \$9000 to help set up Rush County's first diaper pantry.**

Earlier this month, **First5 Rush County's Early Learning Coalition** and **Rush County Community Assistance Food Pantry** provided packs of diapers, wipes, a children's book and resources to 30 families on their first day. Thank you for supporting Rush County families!



November 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:

In Memoriam:

- Alice Ruth Wiley
- Bill Pogue
- Bob and Emmy Waggener
- Brett Shaver
- Clyde Ellis
- Della Treneer
- Diane Wendell
- Greg Fisher
- Harold and Jane Atkins
- Joe Y. & Edna Columbe
- Martha Schneyer
- Mary C Shuppert

- Nora Ralstin
- Pat Corn
- Patricia Burns
- Pauletta Fisher
- Ray Cook
- Robert & Virginia Waltz
- Robert (Bob) Foster
- Robert (Bob, Gibby) Gibson
- Ruby Shearer

In Honor:

- Hoeing Supply customers, employees, and friends

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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