



Rush  
County  
Community  
Foundation

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# IMPACT UPDATE

*Jan-Jun 2025*



Public relations  
intern Katie Thoman  
joins us this summer.  
She is a 2022 RCHS  
grad and senior at  
Franklin College.

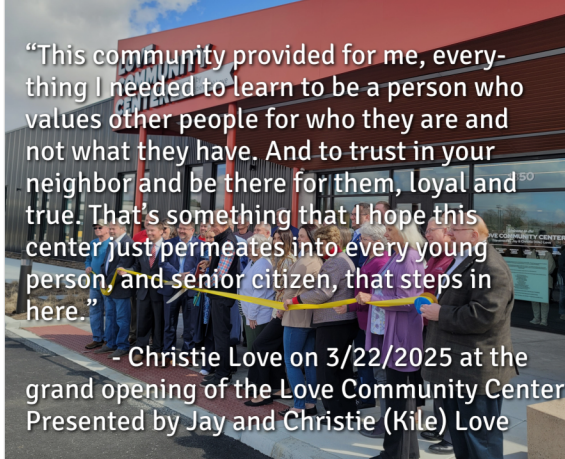
*Welcome, Katie!*

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"This community provided for me, everything I needed to learn to be a person who values other people for who they are and not what they have. And to trust in your neighbor and be there for them, loyal and true. That's something that I hope this center just permeates into every young person, and senior citizen, that steps in here."

- Christie Love on 3/22/2025 at the  
grand opening of the Love Community Center  
Presented by Jay and Christie (Kile) Love

## SCHOLARSHIPS



Congratulations to the 2025 RCCF  
scholarship recipients! 119 awards from  
71 funds totaling \$254,161 were  
presented to 66 local students. Thank you  
to our fund founders and donors for  
making this support possible!

## GRANTS: \$441,494

**AGENCY & DESIGNATED FUNDS: \$296,637**

**64 Rush County organizations**

**CYCLE 1 COMMUNITY GRANTS: \$112,553**

**American Legion Post 150**  
**Boys & Girls Club of Rush County**  
**First5**  
**Girls Inc.**  
**Rush County Historical Society**  
**Rush County Senior Center**  
**Servants at Work (SAWs)**  
**The Porch of Recovery**  
**Whitewater Adult Education**

**CIRCLE FUND: \$13,000**

**Love Community Center**

**FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS: \$19,304**

**Kiwanis Club, RCHS Activities Fund, Rush  
County Youth Football, Rushville Parks &  
Recreation, Rushville Psi Iota Xi, Rushville  
Public Library**

## NEW FUND

**Rush County Nature Preservation Fund**

# RUSH COUNTY *plan* UPDATE

Reducing blight in our smaller communities is a major component of our most recent \$5M grant from Lilly Endowment's GIFT VIII initiative. This serves two main purposes - **revitalization** of our towns and **creation of new housing opportunities**. We're pleased to share the progress with you.

- ✓ **4 blighted properties have been acquired.**
- ✓ **Rush County received a \$500,000 Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) grant to assist homeowners from the State's Office of Community & Rural Affairs (OCRA).**
- ✓ **RCCF provided \$125,000 of GIFT VIII grant funds for the match required for the County's OOR application, saving taxpayers the expense.**
- ✓ **40 applications have been received for OOR assistance.**



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