



REVIEW

2019 - 2020 Annual Report

The foundation is the nonprofit partner to Raytown Quality Schools, supporting and enhancing educational opportunities for students and staff through grants, scholarships and student recognition.

Teaching and Learning Grants

Where teachers' innovative ideas for the classroom meet community support

Group Connections

Parents As Teachers

Expand family group activities with community partners: Mid-Continent, RQS Wellness, Raytown Parks & Champion Gymnastics.

Impact: 386 Families

Awarded in honor of Platinum Pillars of the Foundation sponsor, Guin Mundorf LLC

Outdoor Sensory Classroom

Three Trails

Purchase of toddler playground drums for outdoor sensory classroom.

Impact: 255 Students

This Little Brain of Mine

Southwood Elementary

Educate students about the human brain & its role with human emotions & behavior.

Impact: 180 Students

Library Makerspace

Fleetridge Elementary

Creation of Makerspace in the library.

Impact: 378 Students + 400 Student Viewers

Little Blue Café Express

Little Blue Elementary

Creation of an express café for special education students to teach both life skills & social skills & inclusion with peer students.

Impact: 18 Special Education Students + 425 Peer Students

No Anxiety Math Classroom

Raytown Middle School

Creation of 360 classroom for students to become performers of math & the teacher to become the audience.

Impact: 850 Students

Reading for Social Justice: A Transformational Book Club

South Middle School

Creation of a book club where students, adults, & community notables read & discuss books dealing with social issues.

Impact: 25 Students + Community Members

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Hands on Raku Pottery

Raytown High School

Use of a raku kiln to increase students' projects & include families & community in pottery projects.

Impact: 75 Students Per Semester for 20 years



Kyle Dillingham With Horseshoe Band

Raytown & Raytown South High Schools

Masterclass workshop with both orchestras & public performance of the ensemble.

Impact: 100 Students + Community Performance

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Teaching & Learning Grants continued

2019-2020 Impact

Grants	\$23,612
Scholarships	\$66,727
Student Recognition	\$8,639

Little Kids Big Feelings

Northwood School

Creation of space for students to practice self-regulation & expression of feelings.

Impact: 20 Students + Use by Other

Northwood Students

Northwood Success Academy Vending Room

Northwood School

Creation of a storefront for NWSA students to gain job skills that will support transition from school to work.

Impact: 40 Students

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Northwood Success Academy Grounds Crew

Northwood School

Creation of job skills, teamwork & pride for youth with emotional disabilities through collaboration with RQS Facility Operations.

Impact: 40 Students

It's a Mad, Mad Science World

District Wide - Elementary

Hands-on, interactive science demonstration show from Mad Science for RQS PTA Council's STEM in the Gym event.

Impact: 400 Students + Families

Awarded in honor of Silver Pillars of the Foundation sponsor, Major Saver

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Class of 2020 & Scholarships for Previous Graduates

\$65,261

Community members, Raytown Quality Schools alumni and staff have established scholarship funds for seniors and those continuing their education.

High School Dual Credit

\$7838

The Foundation in partnership with Raytown Retired School Personnel awarded Dual Credit Scholarships to 38 students representing 257 hours of college credit earned while in high school.

Youth Sports

\$2,295

The Foundation in partnership with Raytown Quality Schools and Raytown Parks and Recreation awarded Youth Sports Registration Scholarships to 83 students K-6.

Staff Development

\$1,000

A culture of continuous improvement for staff is supported by former Raytown Quality Schools' educators.



Congratulations to Tyler Rick, 2020 Amy Tittle Professional Development Scholarship recipient. Tyler is working on his 2nd masters' degree, incorporating technology into his band classes.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND STORY

New Scholarship Funds

Generous donors provide graduating senior scholarships and show their commitment to create better futures for Raytown Quality Schools students by financially assisting students pursuing a post-secondary education. REF is honored to manage 38 scholarship funds.

Four more have been added this year:

- Peg McLaughlin Dual Credit Scholarship: As a former high school counselor and coordinator, Peg established this scholarship fund to reduce the financial barriers that might prevent students from enrolling in dual credit classes.
- Turley Twin Engineering Scholarship: Kole and Karlee Turley, 2014 South High graduates, are both now employed as engineers at Black & Veatch. They were themselves recipients of REF Graduating Senior Scholarships and are "paying it forward" for future engineers.
- Joe Herndon Memorial PTA Scholarship: PTA Council entrusted REF with their scholarship fund named in honor of former superintendent, Joe Herndon.
- Raytown High School Class of 1969 Scholarship: Following conversations during the class's reunion tour and weekend, class members established a 5th scholarship fund provided by Raytown High alumni classes.



REF Named Raytown Chamber's Nonprofit of the Year

In January 2020, the Raytown Educational Foundation (REF) received the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Nonprofit of the Year Award, which honors nonprofits for their impact in the Raytown community. The foundation positively impacts Raytown Quality Schools' students, staff, and families primarily through grants, scholarships, and student recognition programs.

Martha Cockerell, REF Executive Director, accepts the award from Chiki Thompson, President of the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism.

Class of 2020 Laptop Distribution

Through a partnership with Raytown Quality Schools and the Board of Education, the foundation gifted graduating seniors the laptop computer issued to them during high school. Approximately 407 laptops were distributed to Raytown High and Raytown South High students.

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“One thing that makes Raytown unique is how hard all of the students work. I can speak for a majority of us when I say that we haven’t had things handed down to us - we haven’t had it the easiest. That produces responsible, selfless, and appreciative young adults. I’m ready to move on and start a new chapter in my life but I’m also simultaneously not ready to end this chapter. I’m incredibly proud to be ‘Raytown Quality’.”

Lillian Marie Rhodes, Community Pride Scholar

2020 Pillar Awards



Arvest Bank employees Rene Purtee and Pam Schweisberger attending REF's Share the Love community breakfast.

Congratulations to the foundation's 2020 Pillar Award recipients. This year's recipient of the *Pillar of Giving Award* is Arvest Bank. Arvest Bank has been a Pillars of the Foundation sponsor since the program began in 2016-2017 and has continued its sponsorship every year. In addition to providing non-profits with grants, bank employees log countless hours of service in their communities. This year's recipient of the *Pillar of Service Award* is Kim Snyder. Kim has been a passionate REF advocate and marketing committee member for over 20 years.

2020 and Going Forward

March – And just like that, the world as we knew it changed. Yet despite a changed world, the foundation experienced an outstanding year in fundraising and donor contributions. This remarkable year was made possible thanks to major funding from Raytown Quality Schools employee donors, Pillars of the Foundation sponsors, and foundation program donors. Ongoing scholarship support was furthered by organizations, individuals and alumni, as well as community members. Additionally, the foundation benefitted by Raytown Quality Schools staff and families' active participation in the foundation's fundraising events.

Uncertainty about the present and the future remains a constant. In preparation for the unpredictability of fundraising events and donations during difficult economic times, REF Board of Trustees adopted a fiscally conservative budget for 2020-2021 while remaining faithful to our values, programs and mission. Uncertainty may be a current constant, but the foundation's mission to support and enhance our schools remains an equally strong constant as well.

2019-2020 Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 141,504
Investments	\$ 1,137,831

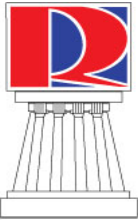
Total ASSETS	\$ 1,279,335
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities	\$ 0
Net Assets	
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 976,940
Unrestricted	\$ 302,395

Total LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 1,279,335
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RAYTOWN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION LEGACY SOCIETY



Raytown Educational Foundation has been supporting and enhancing educational opportunities for Raytown Quality Schools students and staff since 1992 providing scholarships, grants, and student recognition programs. In order to thrive far into the future, the foundation has established the Raytown Educational Foundation Legacy Society, providing donors with unique giving opportunities to assure the foundation's support for generations to come. Planned giving is a win-win philanthropic approach that benefits both the donor and the nonprofit organization. For more information about the Raytown Educational Foundation Legacy Society, please contact our Executive Director, Martha Cockerell, at REF@raytown-schools.org or 816-268-7181.

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