



# REVIEW

2021 - 2022 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*

### Title Reading Lending Library

*Little Blue Elementary*

Creation of K-5 literacy based activities for Title I students to check out and take home.

Impact: 115 Students

### Active Sitting

*Fletridge Elementary*

Use of "wobble" seating, an alternative to traditional seating, allowing a student to move safely & focus while sitting.

Impact: 4 Students

### Expanded Set of Barred Instruments

*Fletridge Elementary*

Use of additional instruments to allow more student participation.

Impact: 268 Students

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

### Community Garden

*Blue Ridge Elementary*

Creation of a community vegetable garden providing hands-on experience in science & nutrition.

Impact: 110 Students

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

### Indoor Hydroponic Farm

*Raytown South High School*

Use of hydroponics to provide hands-on ability to explore botany concepts.

Impact: 375 Students



*Maker Space Club at Raytown Middle School*

### Racoon Sip & Bites

*Robinson Elementary Special Ed*

Use of a mobile coffee & snack cart with Functional Skills students to teach life skills.

Impact: 14 Students + Customers

### Maker Space

*Raytown Middle Special Ed*

Creation of a Maker Space for use by the Maker Space after-school club and Project Lead the Way engineering class.

Impact: 50 Students

### Zoning In On Green

*District*

Expansion of "Zones of Regulation" curriculum to all elementary schools to support students' emotional control skills & to support RQS "Trauma Smart" program.

Impact: 3,270 Students Indirectly

### Composition Commission

*Raytown South High School*

Creation of an original composition for RSHS choirs for concerts, contests & Disney World trip.

Impact: 75 Students + Audiences

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

### W.H.O.L.E.: Hands on Language Experiences

*Laurel Hills Elementary Special Ed*

Use of multi-sensory materials in speech therapy to make "talking" fun & exciting.

Impact: 30 Students

### Scientific Madness! STEM in the Gym

*District*

Use of KC Mad Science demonstration for STEM in the Gym.

Impact: 400 Families

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

2021-2022 Impact

Grants	\$20,724
Scholarships	\$73,627
Student Recognition	\$5,666

## Why Scholarships Matter

*"I am so grateful for all of the scholarships I have received from the Raytown Educational Foundation. Receiving all of these scholarships means that I am able to pursue my dreams of helping the world around me. The members who awarded me these scholarships are blessing me with the fuel to go out and change the world for the better. I am so grateful and couldn't be happier with my educational experience here at Raytown. I wouldn't be the person I am today without the love and support of everyone in Raytown schools."*

**Annette Guijarro**  
Early Childhood Education, Northwest Missouri State University

## New Scholarship Funds

Generous donors provide graduating senior scholarships and professional development scholarships providing financial support to students pursuing a post-secondary education and teachers furthering their education. REF is honored to manage 52 scholarship funds for graduating seniors and 2 professional development scholarships for staff. Four new funds were added to the foundation this year: Raytown Artists Scholarship, Verlinden Family Scholarship, Julio Bambini Memorial Scholarship, and William Hart Frederick "From the Heart" Scholarship.



### Raytown Artists Scholarship:

Entrusted to Raytown Educational Foundation in 2022, the Raytown Artists Association scholarship assists high school students interested in pursuing a career in art. Recipients are students who have been enrolled in multiple visual arts courses.

### Verlinden Family Scholarship:

Established in 2021 by members of Verlinden family to assist Raytown students access a

college education. Recipients are students who demonstrate good citizenship and attendance and who have a strong desire to attend college.

### Julio Bambini Memorial Scholarship:

Established in 2021 and funded by the Raytown Soccer Club to honor the memory of Julio Bambini, a founding member of the club and the driving force of the origin of youth soccer in Raytown. Recipients are students who have been members of the boys' or girls' varsity soccer team.



### William Hart Frederick

#### "From the Heart" Scholarship:

Established in 2021 by Bill's family and friends to honor his memory and service to students in



Raytown Quality Schools. Recipients are students who demonstrate leadership or community service and have a strong desire for a post-secondary education.

## Scholarships Awarded



### Class of 2022 & Scholarships for Previous Graduates

**\$72,511**

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

### High School Dual Credit

**\$8,411**

The Foundation in partnership with Raytown Retired School Personnel awarded Dual Credit Scholarships to 36 students representing 285 hours of college credit earned while in high school.

### Youth Sports

**\$1,116**

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



**PILLARS OF THE FOUNDATION**

*Pillars of the Foundation build ongoing support for the Raytown Schools to fund classroom innovation and expand educational opportunities for students and staff.*

**Platinum Sponsor**

**GUIN MUNDORF**

LLC  
Attorneys at Law

**Bob & Dona Kessel**

**Silver Sponsors**

**Louis Bradbury**

**Bronze Sponsors**

**GILMORE BELL  
STIFEL**

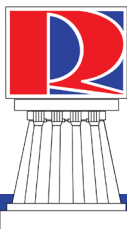
**hollis + miller**

**Charlotte Belger  
Kim & Kevin Bielawski  
Anthony & Doris Moore  
Jill & Terry Pickett  
Larry & Mona Tyrl**

**Friend Sponsor**



**Harold & Kathleen Albin  
Representative Jerome Barnes  
Martha & Rich Cockerell  
Jennifer Crosby  
David Dempsey  
Sally & Evan Frederick  
Linda & Mike Gerding  
Terry & Susan Landers  
Mary & Wayne Oyler  
Mary Sue Polkey  
The Purtee Family  
Ann & Gerald Verlinden**



**2022 Pillar Awards**



**Pillar of Giving  
Verlinden Family**

The 2022 Pillar of Giving Award was presented to the Verlinden Family. Ann and Gerry Verlinden have been active members of the Raytown community for 46 years. Ann serves as both a board member and a volunteer for REAP. Gerry served as a math educator in Raytown Quality Schools for 32 years. All three of their children, Nicole, Matt, and Mike are Raytown High School graduates. Ann and Gerry have been Pillars of the Foundation sponsors since the program began and both Matt and Mike financially support the foundation through employee donations. This year, through an estate gift from a family member, the Verlinden family established a fund with the foundation to provide a scholarship for graduating seniors as well as funds to support Dual Credit scholarships. This family understands the needs of our students and families. They've modeled hands-on service and philanthropy for their children, and our school district and community are better places because of them.

**Pillar of Service  
Mary Oyler**



Our REF trustees are generous with their time, talents, and treasures to numerous organizations. This year's recipient of the Pillar of Service Award is Mary Oyler. The definition of "quintessential" is, "representing the most perfect example of a quality or class," and that describes Mary perfectly. She has served as a trustee for the foundation for 12 years, 6 of those as president. Her focus during that time and still today is thanking and nurturing donors. Mary has a heart for children. That was evident in her volunteer work with PTA, on a local, state, and national level. She served as a library aide in our school district and went out of her way to connect with kids who needed that connection most. Mayor Mike McDonough selected Mary and Carol Frevert as Truman Heartland Community Foundation's Raytown Citizen of the Year for 2020 for their volunteer efforts associated with the Summer Lunch Ministry, focused on providing lunches for kids between the time school is out and begins again. In her acceptance remarks, Mary said, "I've always believed that giving back to your community is very important, but most of all, I believe that helping the next generation succeed is one of the most important missions we as adults can undertake." The Raytown Educational Foundation, Raytown Quality Schools, and the Raytown community are all better places because of Mary's heart and her faithful and steadfast service.

**2021-2022 Statement of Financial Position**

**ASSETS**

Cash and Cash Equivalents \$ 245,760  
Investments \$ 1,140,882

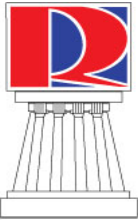
**Total ASSETS \$ 1,386,642**

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Liabilities \$ 0  
Net Assets  
Temporarily Restricted \$ 1,035,334  
Unrestricted \$ 351,308

**Total LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$ 1,386,642**

*Printed prior to completion of FY 2021-2022 audit review*



**RAYTOWN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**  
 10750 East 350 Highway  
 Raytown, Missouri 64138

# Happy Birthday REF! You're 30!

*Many of us would be thrilled to say we are 30 years old, even if it is for the second time.*



In 1992, REF was born with the mission to “support unique programs that enhance the tradition of excellence in Raytown Quality Schools.” For three decades REF has supported and enhanced educational opportunities for Raytown’s students and staff through scholarships, teaching and learning grants, student recognition programs and special projects. We would like to thank alumni, employee donors, volunteers, community members, organizations, and individual donors for making it possible for REF to serve our staff and students. We look forward to the next three decades as we build ongoing support for Raytown Quality Schools’ students and staff. Watch for ways you can celebrate REF’s 30th!

10750 East 350 Highway Raytown, Missouri 64138  
 816.268.7181 REF@raytownschools.org

Follow us on  
 Facebook



Sign up for our monthly **REF eNewsletter:**  
[raytowneducationalfoundation.org](http://raytowneducationalfoundation.org)

## Raytown Educational Foundation

Martha Cockerell, *EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

### 2021-2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rene Purtee, *PRESIDENT*

Carl Calcara

Richard Colbert III

Jeff Dierking

Brandi Dorton

Sally Frederick

Kent Friend

Linda Gerding

Belinda Goolsby

Pat Hankins

Loretha Hayden

Kristen Hetzel

Lindsay Jarquo

Bob Kessel

Terry Landers

Jordan Lower

Jim Martin

Penelope Martin-Knox

Danielle Nixon

Mary Oyler

Terry Pickett

Amy Pine

John Renken

Brian Ross

Pam Schweisberger

Kim Snyder

Debbie Sommer

LaToyia Taylor-Solomon

Vicki Turnbow

Shirley Wurth