



Dear Friends,

From founding donors and directors to new businesses and private contributors, partners within the community and abroad unified in 2017 for the common goal of furthering the Foundation's efforts to provide additional educational opportunities for the district. The year proved to be a true milestone, as we reflected on the past and found inspiration for the future. Because of your gift, over \$160,000 was raised to support this mission, making one thing very clear: Together We're Better!

For example, together, we have transformed recess and free time on the playground of D.T. Shields Elementary School into Hawk Town, a collection of learning structures that inspire creative thinking and academic practicum in a fun environment. Together, we have given science and social studies students at Red Oak Middle School access to historic sites, national artifacts, science labs and off-site exhibitions by way of virtual reality, extending their instruction far beyond that of a textbook and the four walls of their classroom. And together, we have provided an opportunity for special needs students at Red Oak High School to expand upon their preparation for life after graduation by working at the Hawk Cafe, a campus coffee cart where real world enterprise can be experienced in a learning environment. Together, we make a difference!

Our community is rich because of the gracious giving of those within it. To those who gave a gift of \$15, \$150 or \$1500, to those who gave a gift-in-kind, to those who gave of their time as volunteers, and to those who gave recognition to our efforts via social media and by way of participation to you, we give our gratitude.

Thank you! Monique Ballard President, Board of Directors Dear Friends,

What a year! 2017 did not disappoint! The year was filled with celebrations commemorating the 15th Birthday of the Red Oak ISD Education Foundation and there was a great deal to celebrate! Together, we have awarded over \$1,023,000 to Red Oak ISD. Together, we have provided over \$709,108 in Innovative Teaching Grants. Together, we have provided Dual Credit Scholarships, provided funds for District Initiatives, funded Teacher of the Month awards, provided Mini Grants for new teachers, and received over \$212,000 in donor directed grants and awards for ddistrict programs.

TOGETHER, we did some amazing things. Thank you for your time, dedication, consideration and support of all that we do. We truly appreciate your investment in our Red Oak ISD students – we believe they are worth it! Thank you for joining with us to Encourage Excellence in Education. And remember...Together We're Better!

Sincerely,

Karen Anderson Executive Director, ROISD Education Foundation





# **2002-2017 Facts & Figures**

Founded in 2002 Awarded over \$1,023,043.00 to Red Oak ISD!



<ul> <li>Innovative Teaching Grants</li> </ul>	\$ 709,108.00
• Dual Credit Scholarships	\$ 53,889.69
• District Initiatives	\$ 25,625.85
• Teacher of the Month	\$ 16,530.00
Mini Teacher Crants	\$ 5,800,00

• Donor Directed Awards / Grants \$ 212,090.00







"Giving is
not just
about making
a donation,
it's about making
a difference."

- Kathy Calvin

Thank You for MAKING A
DIFFERENCE!

## **2017 Highlights**

21 Grants Awarded Totaling \$65,213.81 For Innovative Teaching Programs

2017 Totals: \$160,769.72 Funds Raised

\$7,056.00 for Dual Credit Scholarships \$4,234.00 for District Initiatives \$2,400.00 for Teacher of the Month Program \$1,500.00 in Mini Teacher Grants to new teachers \$31,049.40 Endowment Funds

**Fundraising Events:** 5K Dash and Birthday Bash, Partnership Challenge Golf Tournament, SHARE Coin Drive Campaign, Santa Shuffle

**Programs:** Student and Teacher Academic Recognition Dinner (STAR Dinner), 2017 Grant Program and Prize Parade, Red Oak ISD Convocation, Dual Credit Scholarships, Teacher of the Month, Mini Teacher Grants, Partner Program

# **Grant Spotlights**



"The students are excited about learning with Ollie, have improved quickly and steadily in their coding skills, and leave the club with a big smile on their face talking about what they might do next time we meet."

- Kim Stanford





"In kindergarten we introduce the students to a lot of science vocabulary and tools that they will be using for many years and this grant has given us those tools. One of the most memorable parts of this grant was putting the incubators to use this year. We ordered the eggs and waited for 3 weeks to see them hatch. Each class got to watch chicks hatch in class and it was so fun. Then we moved them to brooders in class and they got to watch them grow and eat and make a mess. It was so cool for them to watch the beginning of a life cycle they know but hadn't experienced. And those resources are good year to year so next year's classes will get to experience it too."

Megan Vargas

# **Grant Spotlights**

The Red Oak Middle School garden and flower beds were installed within weeks of the grant being awarded. Students planted their first batch of vegetables prior to leaving in May of 2017 and they grew wonderfully over the summer. The beds are now prepped and waiting for spring so that students can plant another batch of flowers and produce. Interestingly, we were actually able to acquire tomato seeds from the Canadian Space Agency that had spent a month onboard the International space station. Students planted these seeds indoors this winter and tracked the germination rates. This data was sent to the CSA and is being used as part of their research on colonizing Mars. This spring, students will use the compost from the compost bin, that was built with the grant, to repot the tomato plants. They hope to use the space tomato plants as a fundraiser to raise additional funds for the courtyard. Finally, the chickens moved into the ROMS courtyard in August. While their move was earlier than expected, their addition to the campus has been fantastic. They have been very busy these past few months. They attended the first band incentive party, visited several classrooms, they have given the students opportunities to study food webs and food chains up close, they even sponsored a writing contest! Within the next few weeks we will be starting an Eco Club, this club will not only be responsible for the overall upkeep and maintenance of the courtyard but will also seek out opportunities to expand the courtyard facilities and perform environmental community service projects throughout the city of Red Oak.

Maria Burkhalter-Hamby











Thank you for believing in me and making a difference in my education.



"SAGU supports The Red Oak ISD Education Foundation, because we believe in the Education Foundation's commitment to resourcing the faculty and staff of ROISD in order to enhance the quality and accessibility of education available to students. The Education Foundation makes learning innovations possible without taking away from the district's annual operating budget. SAGU believes that this commitment helps to prepare students to achieve in the classroom and in life and is honored to play a small part in this."

Joseph Hartman
 SAGU, Dean of Distance Education & Extension Sites



Never underestimate the valuable and important difference you make for our students through your contributions.

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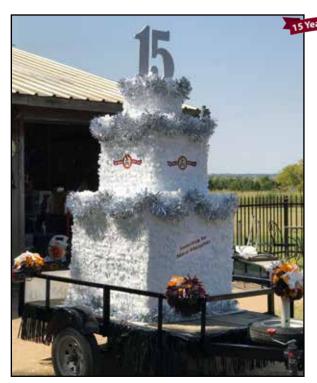
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# 15th Year Celebration Highlights



Some people celebrate birthdays for a day, some for a week, and a few celebrate all month. However, the Red Oak ISD Education Foundation celebrates all year long!

With the goal of raising \$150,000 for our 15th Year birthday, the number 15 took on a whole new meaning.

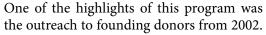
# 15th Year Celebration Highlights



The 15th Year birthday theme and "Give a Gift of 15" slogan were incorporated into all things ROISD EF! The primary focus was to bring awareness and celebrate the foundation's accomplishments during the 15 years. Donors, directors, volunteers, staff, students, and the community were all celebrated for their contributions to the Foundation and its success since 2002.



Through these celebrations, past partnerships were re-kindled, as well as new partnerships were developed. The theme quickly became recognizable by the community and people wanted to join the celebration!





This served as a reminder to look back to our founding directors and donors and remember their vision and mission for the Foundation.

Through these relationships being renewed and the new partnerships from those that wanted to join in on the celebration—a new theme emerged for 2018 - "Together We're Better!" We look forward to incorporating new "milestones" as our focus in the future and can't wait to celebrate!

"The best way to predict your future is to create it."

**Abraham Lincoln** 

Celebration of Stars Red Oak Education Foundation April 3, 2017

Top 25 Graduating Seniors & Their Teachers