

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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Dear Friends of the Rogers Public Education Foundation,

On behalf of the Rogers Public Education Foundation (RPEF), it is my honor to present the 2024 annual report. As executive director, I am proud to share the incredible impact we have made together—accomplishments made possible through the generosity, dedication and vision of our community.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our donors, volunteers and advocates. Your unwavering support remains the foundation of our success in enriching the educational experience within the Rogers School District.

This past year has been one of tremendous impact. Through the collective efforts of our foundation, we have provided vital resources to teachers, enhanced classroom technology and supported creative learning initiatives—all of which are shaping a brighter future for our students. Every contribution, no matter the size, has played a pivotal role in these achievements.

While we celebrate these successes, we also recognize the challenges ahead. RPEF remains steadfast in its commitment to championing educational excellence, fostering innovation and creating an environment where every student can thrive. Through collaboration and continued support, we look forward to expanding our initiatives and reaching new milestones in the years to come.

To all who have contributed—whether through donations, time or expertise—thank you. Your dedication to education inspires us daily. As we move forward, I invite each of you to join us in shaping a brighter future for our students and our community. Together, we can continue to make a lasting difference.

Sincerely,
Krista Khone, Executive Director
Rogers Public Education Foundation



About the **Rogers Public Education Foundation**

The Rogers Public Education Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to enhancing the educational experience for students in the Rogers School District. Through fundraising initiatives and community partnerships, the foundation provides grants for programs that support teachers, upgrade technology and enrich the classroom experience. By bridging funding gaps and fostering collaboration between educators, parents, businesses and the community, the foundation strives to help RPS create a dynamic learning environment that empowers students, encourages innovation and ensures academic success.

Our Mission

The Rogers Public Education Foundation (RPEF) promotes and enhances the quality of education in the Rogers Public School District.

*Message from Rogers School District
Superintendent Jeff Perry*



As Superintendent of the Rogers School District, I wholeheartedly endorse and appreciate the vital role of the Rogers Public Education Foundation. Their unwavering commitment to students and educators enhances educational opportunities, fostering innovation and excellence in our schools. What truly stands out is their servant hearts and willingness to do whatever they can to support our students and teachers. Their dedication and tireless efforts uplift our educational community, making a lasting difference in the lives of those they serve.



Rogers Public Education Foundation Events & Programs

The Rogers Public Education Foundation hosts three annual fundraising events to support grants for teachers in the Rogers Public Schools:

- **Wall of Distinction** – Established in 2012 at Rogers High School and Rogers Heritage High School, the Wall honors distinguished individuals connected to the school district, featuring engraved glass displays of inductees. The event honors and celebrates the dedication and support of these individuals.
- **Tee Off FORE Teachers Golf Tournament** – A charity golf event where participants compete for prizes, including awards for the top team, closest to the pin and longest drive.
- **Can You SPARE a Dime for Teachers? Bowling Tournament** – A two-day event featuring community teams and sponsors, elementary and secondary school teams and faculty/staff teams.

These events generate funds to provide grants for teachers in the district. We are grateful for the support we receive from our community partners.

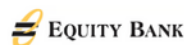
WALL OF DISTINCTION





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Banking on Education

In its second year, RPEF collaborated with local financial institutions to provide support to their assigned school by teaching financial literacy classes and serving as guest readers of books/materials that teach financial concepts.





MS MAJOR SAVER

Foundation Fundraising You Can Trust

The Major Saver Discount Card program is an annual fundraising initiative in our elementary schools that brings the community and schools together. The program offers students an easy way to earn prizes selling a discount card that showcases local participating businesses, all while raising funds for RPEF. Proceeds from the sale of the discount cards go directly to teacher grants in the district. Through the past 10 years, sales of the Major Saver cards have raised over \$500,000 for RPEF grants.

2024 Participating Businesses

McAlister's
 Jersey Mike's
 Torchy's Tacos
 TCBY
 Rogers Bowling Center
 Kwik Kar

Culver's
 Blush Boot Camp
 Old Chicago
 6th Dimension VR
 Red Robin

Crabby's
 Bariola's Pizzeria
 Nothing Bundt Cake
 Duck Donuts
 java Dude's
 Smoothie King

Rick's Bakery
 Wet-N-Wild Aquatic Center
 Colton's Steakhouse
 Half Baked
 Wesner's

AMY CHRISTIAN
FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

KAYE CHILES
KIRKSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
MIDDLE SCHOOL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

RHONDA LEICHLITER
ROGERS NEW TECH HIGH SCHOOL
HIGH SCHOOL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR | ROGERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Congratulations to the 2023-24 Rogers School District Educators of the Year!

Elementary

Bellview Elementary: Lori Ness
 Bonnie Grimes Elementary: Jenny Felts
 Eastside Elementary: Cynthia Archer
 Elza R. Tucker Elementary: Shelli Barr
 Fairview Elementary: Amy Christian
 Frank Tillery Elementary: Jordan Neil
 Garfield Elementary: Liz Lee
 Grace Hill Elementary: Jaden Fellner
 Janie Darr Elementary: Niccole Fairchild
 Joe Mathias Elementary: Brooka McCubbin
 Lowell Elementary: Gina Honea
 Northside Elementary: Caitlin Armendariz
 Old Wire Road Elementary: Audrea Myers
 Reagan Elementary: Stacie Mathis
 Russell D. Jones Elementary: Laura McGaugh
 Westside Elementary: LeaEllen Jones

Secondary

Elmwood Middle School : Cindy Beemer
 Birch Kirksey Middle School: Kaye Chiles
 Greer Lingle Middle School: Brandi Clowers
 Oakdale Middle School: Amy Lee

Crossroads: Vanessa Perez
 REAP: Phil Stuckey
 Rogers Heritage High School: Allen Sullivan
 Rogers New Technology High School: Rhonda Lechlitter
 Rogers High School: Jennifer Longstreth

RPEF is honored to recognize these teachers by presenting each with a check for their outstanding contributions to RPS.



74 | **\$123,532** | **22**
GRANTS | AWARDED | SCHOOLS

In the past year, the RPEF has continued its commitment to supporting the educational community, with a remarkable investment of over \$123,000 in grants for teachers, administrators and key district initiatives. These funds have not only empowered individual educators but also laid the foundation for systemic improvements that will benefit students for years to come.

One of the cornerstones of RPEF's mission is to provide teachers and administrators with the resources they need to create meaningful learning experiences for students. In 2024, this commitment was showcased through a diverse range of grants designed to support innovative classroom projects, career readiness, educational technology and much more.

Educators were awarded grants to fund classroom tools, STEAM and STEAM programs and unique learning experiences tailored to the needs of their students. These investments have enriched curriculum delivery, fostered creativity and helped educators stay on the cutting edge of teaching methods.

One of the most significant milestones for RPEF in 2024 was providing funding for the creation of the Curriculum Resource Center (CRC). This CRC is designed to provide teachers and administrators with access to a wide range of curriculum materials, technology and professional resources. By centralizing these valuable tools, the CRC will help ensure that all educators have the materials and support they need to foster excellence in the classroom.

The launch of the Curriculum Resource Center is a testament to RPS' forward-thinking approach and RPEF's commitment to supporting district needs, focusing on long-term educational improvements that will positively impact both teachers and students.

With the continued generosity of our donors and the dedication of our educators, RPEF looks forward to further advancing its mission in the coming year. The grants awarded in 2024 are just the beginning, as we strive to support even more projects and initiatives that will elevate the educational experience for both students and faculty.



RPEF Executive Director Krista Khone and RPEF Board Members with the new book vending machine purchased with RPEF Grant funds at Elza R. Tucker Elementary



2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

4 iPads and Apple Pencils for Scoring, Feedback and Engagement

Christine Pinkley
Elza R. Tucker Elementary School
\$689

A Whole New World of Reading

Riley Ahern
Eastside Elementary School
\$400

Balancing Participation in Climbing

Mark Morley
Rogers New Tech High School
\$370

BGTV Broadcast Boost

Mandi King
Bonnie Grimes Elementary School
\$1,500

Bilingual Books for Newcomers!

Anna Badders
Grace Hill Elementary School
\$515

Bilingual Books for our Huskies

Sarah Brunner
Grace Hill Elementary School
\$1,000

Book Vending Machine Materials

Kim Hamilton
Bellview Elementary School
\$1,000

Books for All

Kristin Day
Elza R. Tucker Elementary School
\$1,000

Broadway Experience: Enriching College Tours with New York City's Theater Culture

Dustin Seaton & Joan Camerlingo
Admin/RHS
\$5,000

Building Innovative Futures: Engaging Gifted Minds with LEGO Robotics

Cindy Dunn
Greer Lingle Middle School
\$1,752

Center Enhancement for New Pre-K Curriculum

Eden Dilbert
RPS Pre-K
\$1,500

Classroom Books

Leanna Taylor & Mega Meraz
Birch Kirksey Middle School
\$500

Collaboration in the Science Classroom Using Whiteboards/Supplies

Michelle Todd
Rogers High School
\$1,396

Community Vegetable Garden

Ryan McMillan
Oakdale Middle School
\$1,850

Cooperative Learning K-5 with Whiteboards

Kirstie Southard
Grace Hill Elementary School
\$900

CPR Training Supplies for District

Jana Hancock
RPS District
\$832

Creating Inclusive Foundations: A Grant for Multisensory Kindergarten Writing Materials that Empower Every Learner

Casey Wolfe
Elza R. Tucker Elementary School
\$1,000



2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Cultivating Curiosity by Bringing Learning Outdoors

Juanita Medeiros
Reagan Elementary School
\$1,276

Deep Growth with Dirty Hands

Audra Butcher
Eastside Elementary School
\$600

Digital Bridges: Tech for ESOL and SPED Inclusion

Ashley Albrecht
Fairview Elementary School
\$2,000

EduPlay Connect: Infusing Fun into Math and Literacy Learning

Stephanie Williams
Bellview Elementary School
\$1,500

Empowering ELLs to Become Confident Readers

Keisha Newberry
Birch Kirksey Middle School
\$515

Empowering Readers: Creating a Diverse Classroom Library

Cate Casey&Joy Casillas
Birch Kirksey Middle School
\$500

Empowering Spanish Readers

Bani Lopez
Rogers Heritage High School
\$1,250

Enhancing Community Spaces Through Outdoor Chess

Dustin Seaton & Candice Duncan
Elmwood Middle School
\$874

Enhancing Math Learning with Hands-On Manipulatives

LauraOConnor
Oakdale Middle School
\$595

Explorers Sensory Room

Kelsie Barnes
Russell D. Jones Elementary School
\$1,500

FACS MakerSpace

Kendra Meredith
Oakdale Middle School
\$2,000

Future Scholars Initiative: Elevating ACT/SAT Scores and National Merit Potential

Dustin Seaton
Rogers Honors Academy
\$1,500

Garden of Possibilities

Alexandra Duran
Russell D. Jones Elementary School
\$1,000

Get a Grip on Game Development

Bobby Thompson
Rogers Heritage High School
\$657

House Shelf Heritage Challenge

Laura Keese
Reagan Elementary School
\$1,000

Husky Mirror Magic

Amy Sherry
Grace Hill Elementary School
\$1,109

Huskyphones

Miguel Flores
Grace Hill Elementary School
\$780



2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Ignite the Joy of Reading

Callie Bond
Grace Hill Elementary School
\$2,660

IMPACT Reading with early intervention

Bailey Nicholas
Northside Elementary School
\$429

Inclusive Practices Toolkit

Sarah Anderson
RPS District
\$3,000

JM Library Media Center - Where ALL belong, ALL learn, ALL Succeed

Shari Rafferty
Janie Darr Elementary School
\$1,000

Lessons That Count

Thi Le
Reagan Elementary School
\$1,288

Let's Speak

Heather Gaylon
Eastside Elementary School
\$300

Literacy Rising

Brian Anderson
Birch Kirksey Middle School
\$1,000

Magnificent Makerspace

Jennifer Lawson
Elza R. Tucker Elementary School
\$1,293

Makerspace Fun!

Allison Floyd
Janie Darr Elementary School
\$736

Making Musicians with Ukuleles

Carla Schoeller
Greer Lingle Middle School
\$791

Mariachi Leones - Instruments, Music, and Uniforms for the Lingle Middle School Mariachi Band

Karri Wesson
Greer Lingle Middle School
\$3,088

Mathing Our Way to Success

Karla Magarin
Grace Hill Elementary School
\$1,000

Middle School Spanish Library

Megan Brazle
Birch Kirksey Middle School
\$750

Minute Meetings with the School Counselor

Karon Parrish
Crossroads
\$689

Morpheme Magic (3-5)

Karle Schmitt
Fairview Elementary School
\$1,713

Music is My Safe Place

Tineka White
Bellview Elementary School
\$1,200

One School, One Book

Jessica Woodring
Russell D. Jones Elementary School
\$3,500

Promote Composting

Jeff Perry
Admin
\$600



2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

QBall - Throwable Microphone Ball

Lourdes Kinney
Oakdale Middle School
\$446

Reading and Math Fluency

Sabrina Sidani
Bonnie Grimes Elementary School
\$196

Reading Rainbows

Christina Meister
Grace Hill Elementary School
\$1,300

Ready to Read Our Way Up

Lisa Slaughter
Bonnie Grimes Elementary School
\$316

Ready, Set, Action! Learning Through Play

Tara Browning
Grace Hill Elementary School
\$585

Rogers High School Ceramic Program

Jordan Anson
Rogers High School
\$4,730

Science Supplemental Text Grant

Sophia Reiss
Birch Kirksey Middle School
\$963

Senior Book Project

Gigi McNulty
Rogers Heritage High School
\$2,750

Sensory Support for ALL students

Sarah Stallings
Reagan Elementary School
\$1869

Small Group Books

Jeni Samuelson
Greer Lingle Middle School
\$5,000

SpEd-To-Go

Brittany Goddard
Crossroads
\$1086

STEM 3D Printing

Kameron Parmain & Dustin Smith
Birch Kirksey Middle School
\$3,000

Supporting Literacy Growth through Accelerated Reading

Cindy Davison
Grace Hill Elementary School
\$1,000

TalkEd: Getting Students to Talk

Keisha Newberry & Megan Meraz
Birch Kirksey Middle School
\$186

Technology for Inclusive Services

Kelly Reece
Bonnie Grimes Elementary School
\$689

Technology for Special Education

Alexis Childres
Bonnie Grimes Elementary School
\$689

The Eagle Oasis

Carla Gonzalez
Eastside Elementary School
\$819

Ukuleles

Nakia Brener
Rogers Heritage High School
\$1,842



2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Unlocking Language with iPads

Jordan Neil
Frank Tillery Elementary School
\$3,000

VEX 123

Kali Shouse
Frank Tillery Elementary School
\$1,969

Xylophone Carts

Jeremy Doss
Eastside Elementary School
\$1,200

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