



2013 ANNUAL REPORT

The Rockford Education Foundation is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to supporting valuable educational experiences and innovative projects in the Rockford Area Schools.

ENHANCING STUDENT LEARNING



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What is in a number?

In **2013** the Rockford Education Foundation celebrated surpassing the **\$600,000**-mark in funds raised since it began in **2004**. We owe that accomplishment to the **590** supporters, including parents, teachers, community members, staff members and business owners, who through these last **9** years have shared the foundation's commitment to the schools and students of the Rockford School District. Your generosity has allowed the education foundation to support our district in the following ways: **\$171,000** in technology, **\$142,000** in books, **\$10,000** for the arts, **\$74,000** in programs and curriculum, and **\$4,000** in teacher mini-grants.

So, what is in a number? These numbers demonstrate many things: tremendous support for student learning, passion for the education of future generations, and the commitment of a community.

We are truly grateful for these numbers and for your support of the Rockford Education Foundation.

Regards,

Naomi Teske
President
Rockford Education Foundation

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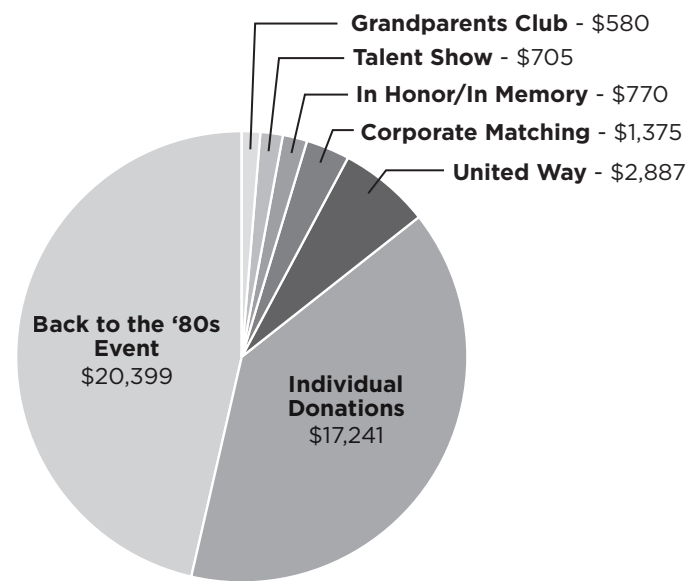
2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

Monies Received	\$44,003
Transferred to Endowment Fund	\$3,760
Operating Expenses	\$13,039
2013 Items Funded	\$39,408

ENDOWMENT

Balance on 12/31/13	\$46,625
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REVENUE SOURCES



2013 ITEMS FUNDED

Rockford Elementary School	
5 ActivBoards (brackets, install, doc camera)	\$14,500
Rockford Middle School	
3 Nooks for Battle of the Books	\$190
2 Chromebooks	\$500
2 ActivBoards (brackets, install, doc camera)	\$5,800
Small motors for flight classroom projects	\$519
Rockford High School	
1 ActivBoard (brackets, install, doc camera)	\$2,900
35 Chromebooks	\$9,800
1 Mobile Cart	\$1,900
1 Ken-A-Vision presentation camera	\$250
Balance of Project Lead the Way	\$2,349
High School Struggling Reader Collection	\$200
10 Graphing Calculators	\$500
	\$39,408

HIGHLIGHTS *in 2013*

Started Grandparents Club - a way for grandparents to give in honor of their grandchildren

Increased the Teacher Mini-Grant Program to **\$1,000 per trimester** and included teachers from all three buildings

\$20K raised at our Fall Event

SAVE THE DATE!
NOV. 1, 2014

Night of the Harvest
Fall event Fundraiser

\$20,000 RAISED AT '80s EVENT

On November 16, 2013, community members met at the Rockford Township Hall for the Rockford Education Foundation's annual fundraising event. Nearly 200 attendees had a like, totally rad night when they traveled back in time to the awesome '80s. Many of those in attendance wore big hair, jelly shoes, Zubaz pants, and countless other reminiscent styles that today make us cringe and laugh. At a small cost per guest, the foundation provided dinner, and it also held a raffle and silent auction including over 100 items up for bid. The night was a huge success, bringing in over \$20,000 and helping the foundation surpass \$600,000 in total funds raised since 2004. An awesome assortment of '80s-era music was provided by the DJ services of "Rockford Rick" Martinson, and catering was provided by Peg's Countryside Catering.

Thank you to our **GOLD Sponsors**



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A totally rad evening was had by parents, community members and RAS staff!



TEACHER MINI-GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR 2013-14*

TRIMESTER 1

Bruce Koenen & Lloyd Walters - \$599
10 - Graphing Calculators

Cynthia Miller - \$250
Ken-A-Vision Viewer - presentation camera

TRIMESTER 2

Tamara Hedeem - \$500
Backpack books for leveled readers

Corina Sarsland - \$500
Small motors for building planes in a science of flight unit

TRIMESTER 3

Samantha Heitke - \$400
Gifted and Talented resources

Elisabeth Werth - \$455
STEM water quality science materials

Kristine Mateyka - \$600
Books supporting the William & Mary reading curriculum

Jen Stoa - \$333
One iPad mini and supporting apps

*Approved amount voted on by the Foundation Board.

Special Ed students benefit from ActivBoards

As a special education teacher at the high school, I don't reach the "masses" like other mainstream teachers; however, I feel my job is just as important. I wanted to take some time to thank you for my ActivBoard, which also shows that you, too, feel my area is important! I have had it for 1/3 of the school year and already the ActivBoard truly has made a HUGE difference in how I teach each day. It also makes a HUGE difference in how my students learn. I use my ActivBoard for every lesson. I used to go through about 30 whiteboard markers a year and was never able to save my work, which meant I had to re-create the wheel every time. Now, I am able to prepare my flip chart ahead of time, creating notes that increase activity within the classroom. The ActivBoard allows students to actively participate in the lesson-then I print those notes out for kids who need them. It has truly changed my teaching!

Thank you for thinking of me and my students by giving us an ActivBoard. It's being used multiple times every single day!

Kimberly Andres
Special Education Teacher
Rockford High School

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New in 2013! Grandparents can donate in honor of grandchildren and direct their donation to Books, Technology or the Arts!

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Morey Melchert's 75th Birthday