

# Raytown Educational Foundation

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Report to the Board of Education for October 14, 2024

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Raytown Educational Foundation Board of Trustees' Meeting Highlights for September 25, 2024

## Donor Development

- **Endowment Fund** - REF has received a generous donation from the Walter A. and Charlotte Soule Family Foundation, enabling the Raytown Educational Foundation to establish an endowment fund at Truman Heartland Community Foundation. The endowment fund will support current and future REF programs including scholarships, grants and student recognition.
- **Graduating Senior Scholarship Fund** – The Raytown High School Class of 1970 established a new scholarship fund for Raytown High School graduates. The first scholarship will be awarded to a member from the Class of 2025.
- **Board of Trustees Giving** – A part of the foundation's annual audit reports "related party giving," donations from the members of the Board of Trustees. For fiscal year 2023-24, members of the Board of Trustees donated \$43,865 in contributions to various categories including: scholarship funds, program funds, event and Pillars of the Foundation sponsorships, and general contributions.
- **Employee Donors** – The foundation currently has 155 employee donors who donate to the foundation through RQS payroll deduction. Each month the foundation places a thank you card and small treat into the employees' mailboxes. September's treat was a bag of nuts with a card stating, "We are NUTS about our employee donors."

## Fundraising

- **Trivia Night** - The Trivia Night fundraiser was moved from May to September and included a record of 14 teams. The winning team, "Raytown Die Hards" were comprised of both Cardinal and Blue Jay alumni.
- **Rockin' in Raytown** - A new fundraiser will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Central Middle School. This "Family Dance Night" event for K-5 students and their families will feature a DJ, dancing, a photo spot, temporary tattoos, appearances by RQS "celebrities" and more!
- **Share the Love** – Save the date for REF's annual community breakfast, February 6, 2025.

