

# Raytown Educational Foundation

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**Report to the Board of Education for November 13, 2023**

**Madelyne Douglas – Board of Education Liaison to the Foundation**

**Raytown Educational Foundation Board of Trustees' Meeting Highlights for October 4, 2023**

**New Board Member** – Welcome, Jennifer Crosby to the REF Board of Trustees. Jennifer is a 1990 Raytown High School graduate and has been a Raytown Quality Schools employee for 29 years. She currently serves as the school district's Special Education Assessment Coordinator. Jennifer is REF's employee donor with the longest tenure of donations, 26 years. She also provides leadership for Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry.

**New Secretary** – Amy Pine has been appointed by President, Rene' Purtee to fill the vacancy in the office of secretary. Amy's term as secretary will end June 30, 2024.

**Annual Goals** – Strategies, targets and measures for the foundation's annual goals were presented by members of the Donor Development, Finance and Marketing Committees. The goals for 2023-24 are as follows:

- To maintain and improve the financial health of the foundation
- To raise general awareness of the foundation
- To recruit, thank, and nurture donors

**Run for Excellence – "Ready, Set, Glow!"** – The foundation held its 24<sup>th</sup> Run for Excellence October 21, 2023. The total number of entries was 181. 119 of the total were runners/walkers. 62 of the total were "virtual" runners/walkers, most likely still in their pajamas.

The overall male winner, Fred Farrand, is a Raytown High graduate. A good number of the participants are RQS employees and family members. Special thanks to our personable and outstanding announcer, Dr. Martin-Knox, who encouraged medal winners to do cartwheels as they accepted their medal packet.