

The Rondout Valley Education Foundation (RVEF) working in the school community:

Programs:

Staff Tribute Program – Recognizes teachers and support staff. Parents and community members wishing to show their appreciation can contribute to the Classroom Grant Program with a donation in the name of a teacher or support staff person. An Award Certificate is presented to the teacher with the name and personal message from the donor. All donations are directed to the Classroom Grant Program.

Classroom Grant Program – funded through Staff Tribute Program donations, voluntary payroll deduction donations from RVCSD employees, and other designated donations; benefits individual classroom initiatives supporting innovative educational programs and supplies that fall outside of the current school budget.

Commemorative Brick Walk – funded through the purchase of engraved bricks; benefits RVEF operating budget. Currently 51 bricks have been purchased and engraved on site at the base of the flag pole on the HS Campus. Seven more orders await engraving as soon as the engraving minimum of 20 bricks is reached.

Grant Funds:

Foundation Grant Fund – funded by donations; funds are available to education providers and students to apply for grants that will enhance learning opportunities for students through programs, activities and/or facility needs beyond the scope of RVCSD’s annual budget. Includes grants specific to Pre-K Literacy and STEM initiatives.

Classroom Grant Fund – funded through donations, payroll deduction pledges from RVCSD employees, and the Staff Tribute Program; benefits the Classroom Grant Program

Foundation General Fund – funded through unrestricted donations, and fundraisers; benefits RVEF operating budget and partnership funds under the direction of the Board of Directors

School Group Partnership Funds:

Sandra Taub Golden Determination Fund – funded through designated donations; purpose is to recognize students who have demonstrated determination to succeed. A Determination Award Certificate and a \$100.00 gift certificate is presented to 8th grade students upon commencement that have met award criteria.

Science Research Program Fund – funded through donations and fundraising by those involved in the program; benefits students in the Independent Science Research Program

RVHS Musical Theater Fund – funded through donations; benefits the RVHS Musical Theater initiative

Fire Boat John J. Harvey Project Fund – funded through designated donations and fundraising by those involved in the program; benefits the Museum project and student field trip

Newcomers Uplifted Fund – funded through designated donations and fundraising by those involved in the program; benefits students involved in program events

Erica R. Bell Memorial Scholarship Fund – funded through designated donations and fundraising by those involved in the program; offers scholarships to graduating seniors as chosen by the Fund organizers

RVCSD Summer Arts Camp Fund – funded through designated donations and fees paid by those attending the summer camp; benefits student learning through classroom instruction during summer camp program

MES Arts Fund – funded through designated donations and fundraising by those involved in the program; benefits students involved in Arts workshops

HS Music Booster Fund – funded through designated donations and fundraising by those involved in the program; benefits students involved in the music program

RVHS-rp Science Field Trip Fund – funded through designated donations and fundraising by those involved in the program; benefits students involved in program events

RVHS Sports Marketing Field Trip Fund – funded through designated donations and fundraising by those involved in the program; benefits students involved in program events

Foreign Language Week Fund – funded through designated donations and fundraising by those involved in the program; benefits programming offered during Foreign Language Week

- Farm to School Fund – funded through designated donations; purpose is to nourish our children, support our farmers, and strengthen our community. 100% of designated donations will be used to purchase food from Rondout Valley Growers for the RVCSD Food Service Program
- Sue Matson Distinguished Youth Award – funded through designated donations; purpose is to fund an annual distinguished youth award given by the Rochester Youth Commission.
- Mock Trial Team Award Fund – Funded by the Law Firm of Rusk, Wadlin, Heppner, & Martuscello, LLP; purpose is to recognize and support a graduating senior who has demonstrated exemplary dedication to the Mock Trial Team.
- Field Hockey Booster Club – funded through designated donations and fundraising for those involved in the program to benefit the program and the students involved.
- French Class Trip Fund – this fund supports an educational trip for RV French students giving them the opportunity to be surrounded by the French language. Donations to this fund can be made anytime during the year.
- RVHS Parent Association Fund – this fund was established to support and promote programs and activities that enhance critical thinking and problem solving , encourage student directed learning and foster collaborative teamwork so that our graduates are prepared with skills and inspired to be stewards and empathetic leaders in this community and beyond.
- HS Advanced Graphics Fund – this fund benefits the HS Advanced Graphics Program and the students involved. A collaboration between students and local businesses to design and print 3D logos through the 3D Printed Logo Filament Fundraiser contributes to his fund along with other designate donations accepted at any time.
- Rondout Wrestling Fund – funded through designated donations; purpose is to support the RV Wrestling program and the students involved in the program through the purchase of needed equipment, training materials and related event expenses as determined by the head coach/advisor of the program.
- Foundation General Fund – funded through unrestricted donations, and fundraisers; benefits RVEF operating budget and other funds at the discretion of the Board of Directors

Foundation Grants, Partnership Fund Grants and Awards:

2017-18 School Year to date: Total \$4525

- Foundation Grant - \$100 Pre-K Literacy Grant to Friends of Little Ones for the Little Ones Library Nature Wagon Presentation.
- Classroom Grant - \$1500 for classroom library books, \$500 to each of three 1st grade classrooms
- Foundation Grant - \$1000 to supplement funds needed for the 7th grade class to attend the premier of Wonder, the film adaptation of the novel they read as part of their curriculum.
- Sue Matson Distinguished Youth Award - \$50 Award given to a Town of Rochester youth fulfilling award criteria
- Foreign Language Week Fund – Two musical performances and clinics at High School
- Foundaiton Grant - \$500 for Music in the Parks, supplemental funding for Junior High students to participate in field trip experience
- Classroom Grant - \$200 program by Oral Storyteller Shawn DeRyder at the High School
- Sandra Taub Golden Determination Award Fund - \$200 awarded, \$100 to each of two 8th grade students fulfilling award criteria
- High School Music Booster Fund - \$825 award for a student to attend a summer music camp

2016-17 School Year: Total \$7805.35

- Foundation Grant - \$348.35 for the MES 1st grade trip to SUNY New Paltz Planetarium
- Foundation Grant - \$2,149 for the Newcomers Uplifted Field Trip to NYC
- Foundation Grant - \$220 for participation in Mohonk Consultations Conference “Realizing a Culture of Peace for HS students.
- Foundation Grant - \$1988 for Shaper Origin:Handheld CNC Router for HS Technology Dept.
- Foundation Grant - \$500 for HS Mural Beautification Project with Eugene Stetz
- Classroom Grant - \$500 for The Cajun Connection at the HS with Cedric Watson
- Foundation Grant - \$100 Pre-K Literacy Grant to Friends of Little Ones for the Little One’s Library Nature Wagon Presentation.
- Foundation Grant - \$2000 for KES 3rd grade field trip to Bronx Zoo

Sandra Taub Golden Determination Award Fund - \$200 awarded, \$100 to each of two 8th grade students fulfilling award criteria

Mock Trial Team Award Fund - \$200 awarded to a graduating senior of the Mock Trial Team

Erica R. Bell Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$600 awarded, \$200 to each of three graduating seniors fulfilling award criteria

2015-16 School Year: Total \$5845

Foundation Grant - \$2000 for the Kerhonkson Elementary School's After School Literacy Project.

Foundation Grant - \$795 to bring the Rhinebeck Performing Arts Center performance of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow to the Junior High School.

Foundation Grant - \$500 to the Newcomers Uplifted Program to offset costs of their multi-disciplinary field trip to Central Park Zoo and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Foundation Grant - \$500 to the Kerhonkson Elementary third grade class to offset cost of admission for their Bronx Zoo field trip.

Foundation Grant - \$500 to the Fireboat John J Harvey Project to offset the cost of their field trip to the John J Harvey Fireboat and 911 Memorial Museum.

Foundation Grant - \$100 Pre-K Literacy Grant to Friends of Little Ones for the Little One's Library Nature Wagon Presentation.

Sandra Taub Golden Determination Award Fund - \$200 awarded, \$100 to each of two 8th grade students fulfilling award criteria

Mock Trial Team Award Fund - \$200 awarded to a graduating senior of the Mock Trial Team

Sue Matson Distinguished Youth Award - \$50 Award given to a Town of Rochester youth fulfilling award criteria

Erica R. Bell Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$1000 awarded, \$500 to each of two graduating seniors fulfilling award criteria

2014-15 School Year: Total \$10,990.15

Foundation Grant - \$1987.50 for establishment of the District Costume Shop

Foundation Grant - \$2000 for JH Technology program's PRS standard BT32 shopbot cnc router

Foundation Grant - \$100 Pre-K Literacy grant to Friends of Little Ones for Little One's Library Nature Wagon Presentation

Erica R. Bell Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$400 awarded, \$100 to each of four graduating seniors fulfilling award criteria

Mock Trial Team Award Fund - \$200 awarded to a graduating senior of the Mock Trial Team

Sandra Taub Golden Determination Award Fund - \$200 awarded, \$100 to each of two 8th grade students fulfilling award criteria

Foundation Grant - \$500 for student admission to the Intrepid, 3rd grade field trip

Science Research Program Fund - \$100 Honorarium awarded to the guest speaker at the Science Research Symposium

Foundation Grant - \$2000 for JHS 8th grade class trip to Mohonk culinary program

Foundation Grant - \$500 for student participation at Albany Farm Workers Day

MES Arts Fund Grant - \$1000 for 3rd grade leave behind project

Science Research Program Fund - \$245 to research student Jacob Viertel

Sue Matson Distinguished Youth Award - \$50 Award given to a Town of Rochester youth fulfilling award criteria

Foundation Grant - \$299.62 for High School Foreign Language students to participate in the "Bringing Human Rights Home: Inequality, Race and the United States" event at the FDR Library & Museum sponsored by the United Nations Assoc. & the Eleanor Roosevelt Center.

Foundation Grant - \$384.75 for purchase of a circle-time rug for Pre-K program at Kerhonkson Elementary School

Classroom Grant - \$500 for The Cajun Connection Music Workshop with Cedric Watson for HS Foreign Language classes (included RVEF matching funds)

Science Research Program Fund - \$293.28 to research student Sam Longbotham

Classroom Grant - \$130 for Hisonic Portable PA system in Carol Brown's classroom at Marbletown Elementary School;

2014:

Erica R. Bell Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$400.00 for two scholarships at \$200.00 each
 Classroom Grant and Foundation Grant - \$1000.00 for Diversity Program at Junior High School
 Foundation Grant Fund - \$558.00 to Intermediate School for Fireboat John J. Harvey Project;
 Foundation Grant Fund - Pre-K Literacy Grant of \$100.00 to Friends of Little Ones for Little One's
 Library Nature Wagon Program
 Algete/Rondout - \$1,346.50 for Foreign Language Exchange Program student activities
 Science Research Program Fund - \$494.00 for program materials & supplies; \$218.00 for student
 participation in Science and Humanities Symposium; \$149.88 for program equipment
 purchase of portable Ohaus balance; \$100.00 for 2014 RV Symposium honorarium
 Sandra Taub Golden Determination Award Fund - \$200 for two \$100.00 gift certificate awards
 RVHS Musical Theater Fund - \$23,727.87 to produce Anything Goes, February 21, 22&23
 Fire Boat John J. Harvey Project Fund - \$13,103.27 for Museum Project and Field Trip events

2013:

Erica R. Bell Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$800.00 for four scholarships at \$200.00 each
 Summer Arts Camp Program Fund - \$600 instructor
 Fire Boat John J. Harvey Project Fund - \$7693.60 Museum & field trip events
 Sandra Taub Golden Determination Award Fund - \$100.00, two \$50.00 gift certificate awards
 Science Research Program Fund - \$133.00 for honorarium and program materials
 Foundation Grant Fund - Pre-K Literacy Grant - \$100 to Friends of Little Ones for Little One's
 Library Nature Wagon Program
 RVHS Musical Theater Fund - \$4595.00 to produce Little Shop of Horrors, February 22&23

2012:

Erica R. Bell Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$500.00 for 2 scholarships of \$250.00 each
 Sandra Taub Golden Determination Award Fund - \$100.00, two \$50.00 gift certificate awards
 Fire Boat John J. Harvey Project Fund - \$6806.12 Museum & field trip events
 MES Arts Fund - \$1000.00 Art workshop program
 Foundation Grant Fund - Pre-K Literacy Grants - \$100 to Friends of Little Ones for Little One's
 Library Nature Wagon Program and \$400 to Stone Ridge Nursery School for Pre-school
 audio books listening center
 Foreign Language Week Fund - \$200.00 music program
 RVHS Musical Theater Fund - \$1000.00 to produce Forty-Five Minutes from Broadway,
 February 24&25
 RVHS Science Field Trip Fund - \$2876.00 field trip admission & transportation
 RVHS Sports Marketing Field Trip Fund - \$1291.15 field trip admission & transportation
 RVHS Science Field Trip Fund - \$1666.00 field trip admission & transportation
 Newcomers Uplifted Fund - \$1626.10 field trip event & transportation
 Lego Leagues Robotics Team Fund - \$700 for initial program start-up

2011:

RVHS Musical Theater Fund - \$5650.00 to produce the Regards to Broadway Musical Revue,
 April 29
 Sandra Taub Golden Determination Award Fund - \$200.00, four \$50.00 gift certificate awards
 Science Research Program Fund - \$100 for honorarium
 Foundation Grant Fund - Pre-K Literacy Grant - \$100.00 to Little One's Library, June 3
 Foundation Grant Fund - RVCSD Science Expo Grant - \$250.00 to Rosendale School, June 3
 Service Learning Program Fund - \$500.00 program transportation
 Foundation Grant Fund - \$200.00 to Service Learning Program for program transportation

2010:

Sandra Taub Golden Determination Award Fund - \$100.00, two \$50.00 gift certificate awards
 Foundation Grant Fund - Science Research Program Grant - \$200.00 to Angelica Cullo, June 28
 Foundation Grant Fund - Pre-K Literacy Grant - \$100.00 to Little One's Library, June 28
 Service Learning Program Fund - \$884.33 for Sophomore Project Day, October 14

2009:

Marbletown Outdoor Classroom Grant Recipient fund transfer - \$250.00

Sandra Taub Golden Determination Award Fund - \$150.00, three \$50.00 gift certificate awards

Events:

April 2018 – Supported Hall of Pride Program honoring the inductees

April 2017 – Supported Hall of Pride Program honoring the inductees

April 2016 – Supported Hall of Pride Program honoring the inductees

September 2015 – Participated in Jenny Bell Pie Festival

May 2016 – Participated in Relay for Life at RVHS

April 2015 – Supported Hall of Pride Program honoring the inductees

April 2014 – Supported the Hall of Pride Project and participated in the ceremony honoring the first five Alumni inductees

March 23, 2013 Project Pride Day/Science Expo event – a district wide event to showcase elementary school children’s science projects and the innovative educational programs, projects and activities featuring the learning experience for students throughout the year

May 17, 2012 Speaker Series event featuring RVCSD graduates who “fly home” to share their extraordinary experiences since leaving their much beloved RVC, co-sponsored with RVCSD

March 24, 2012 Project Pride Day – a district wide event to showcase the innovative educational programs, projects and activities – through classroom and individual student work – that make up the learning experience for students throughout the year. With the theme “Linking School and Community” it highlighted projects linking student learning to their community.

February 10, 2012 Informational/fundraising event with Wine Tasting at Stone Ridge Wine & Spirits

June 4, 2011 “Kicking it up a notch” a community involvement event to gather the support needed for the RVEF to reach its potential to significantly impact the financial and educational needs of the students and the District.

April 2011 Participation in District-wide roundtable event of school support groups

April 29, 2011 Information table at HS Musical Theater’s Regards to Broadway Musicals Revue

2010 Published the premier edition of the RV Alumni Journal in cooperation with the District and Harris Connect.

October 24, 2009 Wings to Dreams event and silent auction at the D&H Canal Museum preceded by community display of art work from Sept. 12 – Oct. 17

July 12, 2008 Frog Jump at High Falls Community Day

June 10, 2007 Informational event at High Falls Café with entertainment by VOCE celebrating the creation of the Foundation

Brief History of RVEF, the first Education Foundation in Ulster County:

2007 February 6, Approved as a NYS Exempt Organization

2007 Logo design created by Scarlet Duba of Woody Pirtle Graphic Design Co.

2006 December 29, Approved as a501(c)(3) Charitable Corporation

2006 First Board of Directors seated

2005 November 28, Incorporation papers filed

2005 September 12, Incorporation papers submitted

2005 By-laws written

2003 At the Community/School Partnership Workshops held in the Fall, support for creating a Foundation resulted in the formation of a Committee tasked to develop a plan to create the Rondout Valley Education Foundation (RVEF).

1998 One of the action plans that came about during development of the District’s Strategic Plan resulted in research followed by a presentation to the Board of Education concerning the advantages that a school related foundation could bring to the district.

1996 RVCSD Board of Education first researched the idea of forming Education Foundation

Professional Affiliations:

New York Council of Nonprofits (NYCON)

National School Foundation Association (NSFA)

Rondout Valley Business Association (RVBA)

What is needed for RVEF:

Services of an experienced Executive Director and Treasurer

Expanded Board of Director membership

Business Partnerships

Alumni connections/association