



## From the Chair

It was a successful 25th anniversary year for the Roseville Area Schools Foundation (RASF)!

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RASF supported education innovation in Roseville Area Schools by awarding \$30,000 in grants directly to classroom teachers, including an African drumming workshop, addressing absent narratives in U.S. history curriculum, chess club equipment, and many more. Also, this past year we made the first annual donation of \$35,000 to the IDEA Lab (formerly known as the RAMS lab) at Roseville Area Middle School.

Another area of focus was to expand the Foundation's outreach within the community. We've expanded our social media presence, published regular articles in the 623 Today newsletter, and updated the school board twice per year.

The fall luncheon, "Thank a Teacher" program, and annual giving letter were among our 2016-2017 fundraising events. We are very grateful for a \$12,000 grant awarded to the Foundation from the St. Jude Medical Foundation (now Abbott Laboratories) to fund projects in science, technology, engineering, and math.

While we have been successful, there is always more need. In fall 2016, RASF received teacher proposals totaling \$100,000, but were only able to fund \$30,000. The Board remains committed to providing a broad array of opportunities for students and hope to support an increased number of educational projects throughout Roseville Area Schools.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your generous support. We look forward to your continued commitment to RASF and serving the needs of all students.

Sincerely,  
Gale Mason-Chagil  
Chair, Board of Directors 2016-2017  
Roseville Area Schools Foundation

## Mission and Goals

### Our Mission...

Is to invest in innovative ideas to enrich learning for students of the Roseville Area School district.

### Our Goals Are To...

- Fund innovative experiences that help students build problem-solving, creative analysis, and critical thinking skills.
- Provide teachers with opportunities to try new approaches to enhance learning.
- Build relationships between individuals, families, teachers, alumni, businesses, government leaders, and community organizations to support Roseville Area Schools.
- Mobilize resources by broadening community support of Roseville Area Schools.



### Principals' Grants

Roseville Area Schools Foundation funded an additional \$10,000 in Principals' Grants this year thanks to a generous partnership between principals and donors. If you are interested in supporting this opportunity, please speak with the building principal at your school of interest.





## Thank You for Making a Difference!

During the past 25 years, the Foundation has invested nearly \$700,000 in innovative ideas and projects to help students in Roseville Area Schools. Thank you to all of our supporters, teachers, staff, district administrators, parents, alumni, sponsors, and community members for your role in making a difference in Roseville Area Schools.

### October 1989

Ken Runberg, Ed.S., director of administration and community education, develops a proposal for starting the Roseville Area Schools Foundation as part of his participation in the Bush Public Schools Executive Fellows Program.

### April 1991

Superintendent Dr. Carol Ericson calls to order the first meeting of the Foundation Board. John McDermott, Ted Molitor, Roger Reiling, Sally Olson, Ken Runberg, Dan Wall, and Donn Wiski are in attendance.

### June 1991

Board establishes the Foundation's first mission statement: "The mission of the Roseville Area School District #623 Foundation is to generate, receive, and distribute gifts which will enhance educational opportunities for students consistent with the mission of the school district."

### June 1991

A major gift of 1,339 shares of Firststar stock from the estate of the late Roseville-area business leader Robert O. Ashbach – valued at \$53,000 – establishes an endowment for the Roseville Area Schools Foundation.



### May 1993

The first round of grants are awarded, totaling \$8,478. The recipients were Margot Olsen (RAMS), Kay Smith & Janice Sankot (Parkview), Nancy Cottle (Edgerton), Pat Mikolich & Sharon Donnelly (Central Park), and Kathy Cleary (Brimhall).

## Celebrating 25 Years ~ 1991-2016

### August 1998

Superintendent John Thein, along with Executive Assistant Merrie Zakaras, become instrumental partners in supporting and building the Foundation.

### September 2005

RASF holds its first annual Fall Fundraising Luncheon, bolstering fundraising efforts to further benefit students of Roseville Area Schools. The luncheon quickly becomes the Foundation's most successful fundraising event.

### September 2006

Roseville Area Schools Foundation celebrates its 15-year anniversary. Since 1993, RASF has invested more than \$150,000 in Roseville Area Schools. In the subsequent 10 years, the Foundation awards more than \$463,000 in grants.

### September 2009

Roseville Area Schools Foundation launches its Facebook page, entering a new era of marketing and promotion using social media.

### May 2011

The first Foundation Festival at HarMar Mall raises more than \$20,000. The festival featured live musical performances from Roseville Area students, free food offerings from HarMar area restaurants, a raffle, silent auction, and games for kids. The Festival is held annually in the spring for two more years.

### September 2016

Roseville Area Schools Foundation commits to fund \$100,000 over the next four years for the creation of the IDEA Lab; a place to spark creativity and innovative learning opportunities for Roseville Area Middle School students.

### The Evolution of Our Brand

RASF introduces its first logo in the early 1990s, when Foundation leaders start reaching out to the community for support. In 2004, the organization adopted a new logo, which was used until January 2017 when the current logo and brand design rolled out.



## Contributions

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### Odyssey Adventure Group Grant

The Odyssey Adventure Group grant enabled male juniors and seniors at RAHS to experience adventure and learning in the outdoors, while developing their academic and social-emotional skills. More than 20 young men participated in the program, where they went for hikes, learned how to shoot traditional bows, studied map and compass use, went ice fishing, and more!

## Contributions



### Chess Club Grant

The Little Canada Elementary Chess Club grant allowed leaders to purchase new chess boards, pieces, timers and books for the club, which doubled in size since it formed in fall 2016. The club meets weekly before school, with members ranging from first through sixth grades. The students learn chess strategies, play each other, and compete in tournaments.

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### Chromebooks Grant

A classroom set of Chromebooks purchased for Edgerton 6th grade students enabled them to excel in math and reading skills. According to 6th grade teacher Sue Collins, nearly 90% of her students demonstrated high or medium growth in these areas. Students used coding programs on the Chromebooks such as Scratch, Ozobots, Tynker, and Makey Makey, to build coding skills.

## Grants Awarded

### Teacher Grants

A Raisin in the Sun Theater Trip . . . . .	\$600
Addressing Absent Narratives in U.S. History Curriculum . . . . .	\$600
Adult ESL/ABE Ethnic Foods Cooking Project . . . . .	\$500
African Drumming Workshop . . . . .	\$600
Audience with an Author . . . . .	\$1,000
Breaking Stereotypes and Building Confidence . . . . .	\$1,900
Chess Club Equipment . . . . .	\$544
Chromebooks for Coding and Computation . . . . .	\$1,250
CID Sensory Learning Wish List . . . . .	\$500
Counting on Calculators . . . . .	\$387
Document Cameras for the Art Rooms . . . . .	\$425
Elementary Maker Space — Roseville Kids Create and Innovate . . . . .	\$4,568
Extreme Sandbox . . . . .	\$300
Falcon Heights Orff . . . . .	\$380
Instruments for All . . . . .	\$667
Microbiology for Adult English Language Students . . . . .	\$1,190
Mirrors and Doors with Young Authors . . . . .	\$2,925
Multicultural Leaders for Young Women . . . . .	\$1,000
Musical Composition with Storytelling . . . . .	\$1,000
Northern Lights Curriculum for Adult Ed. . . . .	\$450
Quantum . . . . .	\$5,000
RAMS Spanish Speakers Library . . . . .	\$270
Swivl Recording Tool . . . . .	\$1,079
The Odyssey: Young Men’s Adventure Group . . . . .	\$2,000
Yoga Calm . . . . .	\$1,195
<b>Total Teacher Grants Awarded . . . . .</b>	<b>\$30,330</b>

### Strategic Initiative

IDEA Lab, RAMS (first installment of a four-year, \$100,000 commitment) . . . . .	\$35,000
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<b>Total Grants Awarded in 2016-2017 . . . . .</b>	<b>\$65,330</b>
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## 2016-2017 Grants and Financial Report

### Financial Report

	Year End June 30,2017	Year End June 30,2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash in Bank Accounts	\$87,052.75	\$102,396.34
Endowment Funds	\$543,900.82	\$402,180.04
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$630,953.57</b>	<b>\$504,576.38</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted Net Assets		
Undesignated Net Assets	\$583,125.51	\$497,577.68
Designated for Teacher Grants	\$37,328.06	\$6,998.70
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets		
Temporarily Restricted for Principal Grants	\$10,500.00	—
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$630,953.57</b>	<b>\$504,576.38</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Contributions/Fundraising	\$93,230.72	\$80,030.10
St. Jude Grant	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Restricted Award for Principal Grants	\$10,500.00	—
Interest Earned	\$246.93	\$334.06
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investment Income	\$64,987.50	\$(10,839.74)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$180,965.15</b>	<b>\$81,524.42</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Fundraising	\$(4,607.49)	\$(4,779.94)
Legal and Professional	\$(2,860.66)	\$(3,729.00)
Administrative, Fees, Printing, Postage, IT	\$(7,103.09)	\$(3,153.87)
Endowment Management Fees	\$(4,266.72)	\$(4,140.67)
Grants to Teachers	\$(750.00)	\$(33,184.77)
Grants to Lab	\$(35,000.00)	—
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$(54,587.96)</b>	<b>\$(48,988.25)</b>
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$126,377.19</b>	<b>\$32,536.17</b>
Beginning Undesignated Net Asset Balance 7/1	\$497,577.68	\$472,040.21
Reserved for Grants Payable	\$(30,329.36)	\$(6,998.70)
Temporarily Restricted for Principal Grants	\$(10,500.00)	—
<b>ENDING UNDESIGNATED NET ASSET BALANCE</b>	<b>\$583,125.51</b>	<b>\$497,577.68</b>

Note: In 2016, RASF made changes in its accounting practices that resulted in revisions to the June 30, 2016, year-end numbers from the 2015-2016 Financial Report.



### Adult ESL/ABE Ethnic Foods Cooking Grant

A Roseville Adult Learning Center grant enabled the program to provide an ethnic foods class in which students chose a traditional dish from their culture that they taught others how to make. The project incorporated English speaking, writing, listening, math, organization, leadership, public speaking, and science skills.



Emmet D. Williams  
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## 2016-2017 Annual Report

