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## Annual Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Our mission:

To enhance the educational opportunities  
for the children of the Rondout Valley Central Schools,  
in partnership with the larger community.

- We value the right of all students to unlimited learning opportunities.
- We support the best possible learning and enrichment opportunities for all of the children in the Rondout Valley Central School District community.
- We fund learning opportunities that fall outside the constraints of the district by supporting activities that encompass next century learning, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity.
- We raise, manage, and are trusted with the disbursement of foundation and partnership funds that support the mission of the organization.
- Our success is measured by name recognition among staff, students, and community, the number of students our grants impact, and financial health of the organization.

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# The Rondout Valley Education Foundation Annual Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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## Professional Affiliations:

- National School Foundation Association (NSFA)
- New York Council of Nonprofits, Inc. (NYCON)
- Rondout Valley Business Association (RVBA)

## RVEF Goals for 2023-24:

- Further expand and diversify our Board of Directors
- Continue outreach with community and staff to increase RVEF awareness. Promote the benefits an Education Foundation can bring to our students and district.
- Increase communications with alumni to garner their support.
- Design, develop and install signs promoting RVEF fundraising for the campus Concession Stand and the Brick Walk project.

## Events:

- September 2023 – All staff presentation reintroducing RVEF
- September 17, 2023 - Arrowood Fundraiser
- Fall 2023 – Re-introduced RVEF to each school within the District with an in-person presentation.
- Spring 2024 – Addressed building faculty meetings to promote Payroll Deduction Pledge staff contributions.
- June 18, 2024 - Presented New Superintendent to Community in Stone House Tavern Fundraiser.
- July 2024 – Launched Alumni social media “Rondout Alumni Sponsored by the Rondout Valley Education Foundation”.

## RVEF Grants:

- Foundation Grant Fund – Donations to this fund can be directed to a donor’s specific field of interest or for grants in general. Students, teachers and educational service providers can apply for grants of up to \$3,000 from this fund that will enhance individual, group or classroom learning. Also within this fund are two designated funds specifically supporting the following:
  - Literacy Grants – available for RVCSD Pre-K student population.
  - STEM Grants - available in areas of Science, Technology, Engineering & Math.
- Classroom Grant Program Fund – This fund supports the Classroom Grant Program offering teachers the opportunity to apply for mini-grants of up to \$750 to support innovative programs and/or the purchase of materials and supplies necessary for an optimal classroom learning environment not covered by the current school budget. It is funded by so designated donations and by volunteer payroll contributions from RVCSD employees. All funds collected will be available for classroom grants to the school designated by the donor.

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## Foundation Grants, Classroom Grants, Partnership Fund Awards:

Since the RVEF was founded in 2005 more than \$110,000 in grants have been awarded. This school year was a record total of close to \$33,500.

Grants awarded in school year 2023-2024:

Foundation Fund: \$779.97 for Kerhonkson Elementary School Board Game Club project.

High School Classroom Fund: \$251.99 for Guitar for CASA classes project.

Foundation Fund: \$2,089.96 for MES Decodable Library.

Foundation Fund: \$1,300 for HS Chorus & Band Trip to The Lion King project.

Foundation Fund: \$800 for 8th Grade Virtual Field Trip with the International Civil Rights Museum

Foundation Fund: \$295.73 for KES Kindergarten Sandbox.

Foundation Fund: \$3,000 for Newcomers Uplifted Peer Leadership End of Season Field Trip.

Foundation Fund: \$545 for Phonics Manipulatives project.

Foundation Fund: \$1,500 for 99th NYS FFA Convention Trip.

Kerhonkson Classroom Fund: \$443.62 for Pre-K Graduation Project.

Foundation Fund: \$445.28 for District-Wide Art Show Project.

Foundation Fund: \$3,000 Human Rights Initiative at Rondout Valley Middle School Project.

Foundation Fund: \$800 for 7th Grade Field Trip to Chadwick Park Project.

Foundation Fund: \$1,500 for Sing Me a Story Collaboration Project.

Foundation Fund: \$453.85 for Multi-Sensory Spelling Boards Project.

Foundation Fund: \$743.04 for MES Library Books/Biographies: Women in STEM Project.

District Wide Fund: \$250 for Lemonade Jane Rides Again (Middle School Play) Project.

District Wide Fund: \$644.03 for KES Literature and Cinema Club Project.

Foundation Fund: \$2,996 for KES DeCodable Library Project

Foundation Fund: \$2,375.41 for Middle School Enrichment Computer Lab Project.

District Wide Fund: \$471.01 KES Lending Library (Restock) project.

MES Classroom Fund: \$450 for MES Fair Restaurant Supplies Project.

Junior High Classroom Fund: \$811.10 for Classroom Upgrade Project.

Foundation Fund: \$1,200 for Town of Rochester's Summer Program's Storm King Trip.

Foundation Fund: \$1,500.50 for Town of Rochester's Summer Program's Stourbridge Line and Wayne County Historical Society Museum Trip.

## Designated Funds:

The Foundation works with the following school related groups and programs to assist in managing the funding that supports their stated purpose:

- o 6-12 Life Skills Class
- o Alumni Choir
- o Athletic Fund
- o Farm to School Program
- o Field Hockey Booster Club
- o Fire Boat John J. Harvey Museum Project
- o HS Advanced Graphics
- o HS Music Boosters
- o HS TIP Boosters
- o Middle School Band
- o Newcomers Uplifted
- o RVCS D Summer Arts Camp
- o RVHS Ceramics Fund
- o RVHS Gardeners
- o RVHS Music Musical Theater
- o RVHS Parent Association/PTSA
- o RVMS Chorus Fund
- o RVMS Library Fund
- o RV Boys Lacrosse Fund
- o RV Boys Soccer Fund
- o RV Future Farmers of America
- o RV Girl's Basketball
- o RV Special Olympics Fund
- o RV Track and Field Booster Club
- o Sandra Taub Golden Determination Award
- o Science Research Program
- o Sue Matson Distinguished Youth Award
- o Varsity Softball
- o WISE Grant Fund

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## Designated Fund Purpose statements:

Designated donations to these funds are accepted on an ongoing basis.

- 6-12 Life Skills Class – is designed to continue the enrichment of the student’s educational experience by providing real world opportunities to practice social, communication, motor and employment skills that take into account the vast spectrum of activities of this population. The monies earned through club activities, which include Brewing Independence and Gourmet Café, will be used locally on field trips and other off-site activities to assist with practicing the student’s abilities outside of the school.
- Alumni Choir - The Rondout Valley Alumni Chorus group is made up of former students in the music program who continue to have an appreciation of their experiences at Rondout. Music continues to be a part of their lives and as such they gather together to rehearse and present music to our community. In addition to giving their musical talents they also will be raising funds to support the continuation of our vibrant music program at Rondout and donate to other groups that support the children of the RVCSD.
- Athletic Fund – to distribute monies toward the entire athletic program at RVCSD. This might include team party supplies, senior banners, flowers, coach uniforms, or other related necessities not covered by our current budget.
- Farm to School Fund – 100% of designated donations to this fund will be used to purchase food from Rondout Valley Growers for the RVCSD Food Service Program.
- Field Hockey Booster Club Fund – This fund benefits the hockey program and the students involved.
- Fireboat John J. Harvey Project Fund – This is a Service Learning project that concludes with a field trip to visit the fireboat as the culminating event of the John J. Harvey – 9/11 Interactive Museum Project. The Museum Project involves teachers and students from schools throughout the district in a multi-disciplinary and multi-age exploration of the meaning of 9-11 through the creation of museum displays and interpretive projects.
- HS Advanced Graphics Fund – this fund benefits the HS Advanced Graphics Program and the students involved. Students and local businesses collaborate to design and print 3D logos through the 3D Printed Logo Filament Fundraiser.
- HS Music Booster Fund – The Rondout Valley Music Boosters are a community organization that exists to support the music program at RVHS and the RVCSD. Membership includes parents, students, teachers, and members of the community who wish to help enhance the educational experience of the students in the music program.
- HS TIP Boosters – designates funds for use by teachers who teach students who require a more therapeutic learning environment. The funds can be used for trips, activities, student incentives, events and classroom materials.
- Middle School Band Fund – exists to enhance the educational experience of the students in the music program at the Rondout Intermediate and Junior High Schools.
- Newcomers Uplifted Fund – Newcomers uplifted is a freshmen orientation program designed to help new high school students become acclimated to the high school community. The goal is to build a safe positive and productive school community for all students. Select students in grades 10-12 are Peer Leaders who run peer groups and guide the freshmen throughout the first semester of their freshmen year.
- RVCSD Summer Arts Camp Fund – benefits student learning through classroom instruction during summer camp programs in the areas of STEM and art.
- RVHS Ceramics Fund – The purpose of this fund is to raise money for the Ceramics classes, through donations and sales of student made pottery, to replenish supplies and purchase materials not included in the art department budget enabling students

to experiment with new glazes, different types of clay, texture tools, slump or hump molds, and new sculpting tools. The sale of student made pottery teaches how to produce work that is designed in ways intriguing enough for others to purchase and even to use themselves to eat from during class celebrations.

- RVHS Gardeners Fund - The purpose of this fund is to make the high school's greenhouse self-sufficient by hosting annual plant sales in which the students seed and care for transplants that are sold to the community. Each year will support the following year economically. While providing a local product to the community, students will learn how to grow and maintain vegetable, fruit, herb and flower crops while being exposed to the process of running a small business.
- RVHS Musical Theater Fund – The vision for this fund, established by Judith and Peter Hauser, is to engage and support the diverse talents of the RVHS students, faculty and community members to produce an annual self-supporting musical in the high school.
- 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.
- RVMS Chorus Account – used to collect and hold monies (donated and fundraised) to fund field trips for Chorus students in grades 4-8.
- RVMS Library – supports the school library program via fundraising efforts. The major fundraising effort each year is a book fair, The funds raised help support the book collection as well as special events in the library, such as author visits.
- RV Boys Lacrosse Club Fund – This fund covers expenditures relating to the boy's lacrosse program to include, but not limited to, leagues, tournaments, trips, clinics, camps, awards, gifts, and apparel. It may also be used to reduce the financial burden of our student-athlete lacrosse players and their families to make lacrosse more accessible, through the purchase of equipment.
- RV Boys Soccer Fund – This purpose of this fund is to support our soccer program and to make a stronger connection between our soccer player and Rondout Valley High School. Funds raised will be used to run soccer clinics, tournaments and a spring league as well as for the purchase of team shirts and equipment for events.
- Rondout Valley Future Farmers of America – The RV Chapter of the National FFA Organization makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.
- RV Girls Basketball Club – available for expenditures related to the girl's basketball program that include, but not limited to things such as senior night recognition; award ceremonies; summer league; camp registration fees; additional supplies for the program when necessary and team building activities.
- RV Special Olympics Fund – The purpose of this fund is to provide Rondout Valley Special Olympics athletes, and their families, with any support necessary to facilitate their participation in Special Olympics training and competition. We complete fundraising activities, as well as accept donations from local organizations. Examples may include uniforms, transportation, coach training, and food for local or regional training and competitive opportunities. It also allows us to purchase supplies for our athletes to train and compete with.
- RV Track and Field Booster Club - The purpose of the Rondout Valley Track and Field Booster Club is to raise funds for camps, clinics, equipment and other items not covered by the yearly athletic budget. Our main fundraising event is the annual Gander Track and Field Invitational. The booster club hosts the invitational, organizes the event and pays for the timing and officials. School districts who attend

will pay to attend. The booster club will also run the concession stand at the meet and sell sponsorship advertisements for the event.

- Sandra Taub Golden Determination Award Fund – This fund was initiated by Bruce Golden, in honor of his mother’s legacy of determination to recognize students, who regardless of ability and in the face of difficulties, have shown a determination to succeed in their educational endeavors. The Award is administered by the RVEF through the RVJH School Guidance Department and given on an annual basis to students on completion of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year according to specific eligibility criteria.
- Science Research Program Fund – The purpose of this fund is to provide financial support to students in the science research program for costs associated with their research projects. Students complete a grant application form to apply for needed funding.
- Sue Matson Distinguished Youth Award Fund – This fund supports a financial award for a distinguished youth community member as chosen by the Rochester Youth Commission.
- Varsity Softball – allocates monies toward the improvement of the entire softball program at Rondout Valley, including equipment, clinics for athletes, or other related necessities not covered by the current Softball budget.
- WISE Grant Fund – The purpose of the WISE (Wise Individual Student Experience) Fund is to provide grants to students that are working on WISE projects for needed supplies or fees. Grant applications are reviewed by the WISE Task Force.

#### Ongoing Projects:

- Commemorative Brick Walk – This project offers the school community and alumni the opportunity to support the Foundation and commemorate their special connection to Rondout with the purchase of a personalized brick. The brick walk around the flag pole at the High School currently has 126 engraved bricks.
- Payroll Deduction Pledge – This is a pledge to RVEF of a small sum from a staff member’s paycheck for each payroll period throughout the school year which goes directly into the Classroom Grant fund of their chosen school. This ongoing Staff contribution project helps grow these funds to be used by teachers.

**Rondout Valley Education Foundation, Inc.**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
 July 2023 through June 2024

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	<b>Jul '23 - Jun 24</b>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net Income	20,105.84
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	20,105.84
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Marketable Securities:Cetera Investment Account	-26,605.93
Net cash provided by Investing Activities	-26,605.93
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	22,444.13
Unrestricted Net Assets	-22,444.13
Net cash provided by Financing Activities	0.00
Net cash increase for period	-6,500.09
Cash at beginning of period	95,560.75
Cash at end of period	<b>89,060.66</b>

**Rondout Valley Education Foundation, Inc.**  
**Fund Statement**  
As of June 30, 2024

	Jun 30, 24
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
USB CD 10 Mo	10,377.22
USB CD 14 Month	20,000.00
USB Checking Account	54,159.45
USB Debit Account	2,177.12
USB Savings (STGDA)	2,346.87
Total Checking/Savings	89,060.66
Total Current Assets	89,060.66
Other Assets	
Marketable Securities	
Cetera Investment Account	135,665.48
Total Marketable Securities	135,665.48
Total Other Assets	135,665.48
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>224,726.14</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	158,222.06
Unrestricted Net Assets	46,398.24
Net Income	20,105.84
Total Equity	224,726.14
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>224,726.14</b>

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**Rondout Valley Education Foundation, Inc.**  
**Profit & Loss Statement**  
 July 2023 through June 2024

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	Jul '23 - Jun 24
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Direct Public Support</b>	
Staff Payroll Deductions	4,522.00
Foundations, Grants	4,987.37
Individ, Business Contributions	167,662.92
Direct Public Support - Other	3,768.29
<b>Total Direct Public Support</b>	180,940.58
<b>Investments</b>	
Dividend Income	956.55
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	69.42
<b>Total Investments</b>	1,025.97
<b>Other Types of Income</b>	
Miscellaneous Revenue	501.97
<b>Total Other Types of Income</b>	501.97
<b>Total Income</b>	182,468.52
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Contract Services</b>	
Accounting Fees	150.00
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	150.00
<b>Grant Expenses</b>	
Classroom Grant Expenses	3,134.40
Foundation Grant Expenses	22,682.62
Grant Expenses - Other	743.04
<b>Total Grant Expenses</b>	26,560.06
<b>Designated Fund Expense</b>	157,769.45
<b>Operations</b>	
Filing Fees	75.00
Insurance - Liability, D and O	898.00
Office & computer Expense	226.69
Advertizing & Publicity	1,855.54
Dues, Memberships	285.00
Postage, Mailing Service	147.04
<b>Service Fees</b>	
Bank Service Charges	60.00
PayPal fees	121.91
<b>Total Service Fees</b>	181.91

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