



ROYAL OAK FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION
dba: ROYAL OAK SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
2023 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2023 the Foundation continued to fund initiatives with district-wide impact. The following are the highlights of this year’s accomplishments:

What Did We Support This Year?

- MLK Day of Service 2023 – the Foundation continues to support this community event with Royal Oak and Berkley Schools and cities.
- Welcome back staff event for the 23/24 school year, providing staff with “swag” items with the ROSF logo.
- Scholarships – New this year, four additional RO Senior scholarships. Six \$500 scholarships were provided to Royal Oak High School graduating seniors. These are offered in coordination with the 8 annual PTSA \$500 scholarships:
Awardees: Kaitlyn Blankenship, Dakota Hendren, Elliot Nielander, Samuel Pierce, Jane Barnett, and Katherine Binkowski
- 2023 Project – The Foundation approved \$25,000 to support our schools through new books for the Learning Commons of Royal Oak Middle School, Royal Oak High School, and Churchill Community High School.
- Jumpstart Instrumental Music Program - \$9,050 providing all fifth-grade students an opportunity to try and receive a head start on playing an instrument in Band or Orchestra in 6th grade at Royal Oak Middle School. The program had growth since post covid, and we continue to support “petting zoos” and clinician week.
<https://www.royaloakschools.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=455185&pageId=2437687>

City/Community Grant

- The Foundation applied for, and was awarded, a city community grant of \$36,000 to focus on career focused education and career readiness opportunities for all students in all grades. This grant will support ongoing work of the Royal Oak School District.

Current Committees

Fundraising Committee which includes the Annual Golf Outing and the Friends of the Foundation

Budget Committee

Endowment Committee – comprised of trustees and business members

Nominating committee

Project Committee

Fundraising

- RO Schools Foundation’s annual golf outing June 26, 2023 - Metamora Golf & Country Club. We are grateful for the continued support of golfers, sponsors, and volunteers. Profit this year was \$23,597.88 for the event.
- Gross Donations from the Friends of the Foundation campaign - \$4,537.02

Membership

Leadership:

- Maryanne VanHaitsma, President
- Anita Heap, Vice-President
- J. Kurt Von Eberstein, Treasurer
- Jeanne Dolson, Recording Secretary
- Janet Von Eberstein, Corresponding Secretary

2023 Trustees: Deb Anderson, Gary Briggs, Jeannie Dolson, David Dursum, Betty Ann Garlak, Stan Harris, Christine Hartwig, Anita Heap, Lynn Johnson, Barbara Lloyd, Sherry Toggweiler, Maryanne VanHaitsma, Janet Von Eberstein, Kurt Von Eberstein, Elizabeth Wickey

Ex-Officio Members: Mary Beth Fitzpatrick, Dr. Joseph Youanes, and Patrick Wolynski

Community Relations

- The Foundation maintains a website www.royaloakschoolsfoundation.org and Facebook page
- The Foundation, represented by Betty Ann Garlak has taken a more active role in the Inter Club Council supporting other charities in the community.
- The Foundation continues to be a presence in the community via the social media, the newly awarded grant, and volunteer opportunities.

Financial

Community Foundation Endowment News & Activity

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan Account for 2023 to date is \$32,078.26. The Grant programs and financial guidance for non-profits in the CFSEM are for the whole Southeastern Michigan area. Improvements to Detroit waterfront, the Woodward Corridor, and the needs of impoverished populations is an indirect benefit to employment, aesthetic environment for live, work, and play within our communities.

Royal Oak Schools Foundation Self-Managed Endowment

Our Investment Account with LPL to 12/31/23 is \$ 514,325.96
Previous balance reported: January 1, 2023 was \$437,793.08

OUR Credit Union 12/31/23 \$554.01, \$12,040.40, \$26,555.69

PNC Bank MGCB Account 12/31/23 – Account was closed in 2023 and balances transferred to Our Credit Union

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Since 1993, Our Mission:

The Royal Oak Schools Foundation is a charitable organization committed to enriching lives through enhanced educational opportunities for the Royal Oak Public School Community.