
ANNUAL REPORT

2021



Rochester
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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A feeling of safety . . .

If you are at all like me, there have been several times over the last couple of years when you have needed to slow down, give yourself a chance to look around, and decide what is truly happening in the world and why it is important. It seems like people are constantly telling us what we should be thinking and how we should be feeling about this or that. For a while, all the focus seemed to be on the change in government leadership and the all-consuming pandemic. Now, attention has shifted to the unrest in parts of Europe and the implications it is having on the global economy. Once that gets cleared up, I'm sure there will be some other topic or event that the media will tell us we need to prioritize and be concerned about. I've often wondered what it would be like to live through these situations without a Christian upbringing and belief system. I think it would be terrifying.

It's been nearly 50 years since I graduated from RCS and I still occasionally see former classmates. They seem to be doing well and leading happy, fulfilling lives. I have to think you might find some common themes if you talked with them and took a deeper dive into their life journeys. I am not suggesting the road has been smooth for all RCS alumni. I am sure there are stories of hardship, pain, and trial that virtually any of these people can share. We all know that being a Christian doesn't mean life will not throw you some curve balls. Our current world situation is a good example. As we move from pandemic to endemic, we are all feeling a bit drained and, to some extent, uncertain.

Through it all there is one word that we have heard a lot lately. That word is "safe". Goodbye and farewell have been replaced by "stay safe" and "be safe". Politicians and news anchors justify actions in the name of public safety. I don't think believers have the same ideas about safety as those who have not yet come to Christ. Being safe has risen to be the number one priority for many. In reality, if we are honest with ourselves, we discover that obsession with safety can have unintended consequences. There needs to be a balance as we decide for ourselves where we stand on the issue of being safe.

RCS teaches children that nothing can happen to them without the will of God. They graduate and leave the school knowing that God is always with them and will never leave their side, no matter what. RCS alumni have the gift of knowing a level of safety that goes beyond anything we can find on earth. I can't tell you how many times over these many years I have wondered why something is happening and have always come back to feeling better with the knowledge that God is with me and that "He's got the whole world in his hands". Little did I know when I walked out those RCS doors so many years ago that I had been given a gift of this knowledge that would keep giving to me for the rest of my life.

For all these reasons and so many more, I want to thank our supporters for your steadfast backing of the Rochester Christian School Foundation. Many people have contributed to this effort over the years by serving on the RCSF board, donating time, donating money, and including the Foundation in their prayer life. We thank God for his leading and guiding of these efforts and for the people he placed in our path at just the right time.

For the RCSF Board,
Greg Chambery



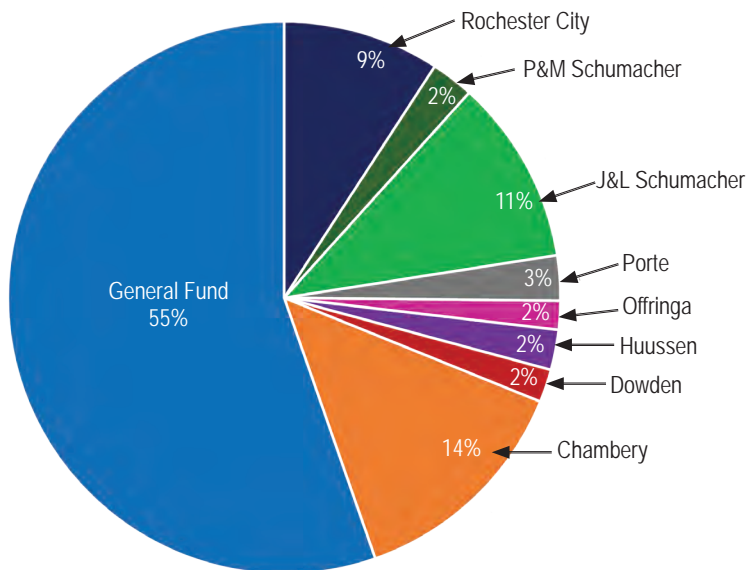
FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

RCSF General Fund.....	\$792,809
Total RCSF Restricted Scholarship Accounts.....	\$515,260
Total RCSF Assets.....	\$1,308,069

RCSF Scholarship Accounts (Detail)

James & Judy Chambery Scholarship Fund.....	\$156,031
George & Ethel Dowden Scholarship Fund	\$22,235
Jan R. & Judy V. Huussen Scholarship Fund	\$27,097
Ken Offringa Memorial Scholarship Fund.....	\$19,450
Taeke & Grada Porte Scholarship Fund	\$30,469
John & Loraine Schumacher Scholarship Fund	\$125,255
Peter & Myra Schumacher Scholarship Fund.....	\$28,815
Rochester City Scholarship Fund	\$105,908
Total RCSF Scholarship Accounts	\$515,260

NOTE: Balances reflect contribution distribution and changes in market value over the past year.



A MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE SELVAGGIO, RCS PRINCIPAL



I feel as though I say this often, but truly I stand amazed at God's faithfulness to Rochester Christian School. Faced with another year of uncertainties, I have seen God work in marvelous ways. Most of the activities that had to be cancelled last year due to COVID have returned to the building, from volleyball and other sports, to the Arts Gala, to field trips, to parent volunteers coming in to help with class projects. By God's Grace and the incredibly hard work of our faculty and staff, our students are thriving. Our enrollment is up a bit from last year, and based on the number of building tours and applications coming in so far, we are planning for increased enrollment next year.

In addition to the academic and spiritual growth of our student body this school year, students are also growing in their desire to serve others. Earlier in the year we made fleece tie blankets for Keeping Our Promise, an organization that helps relocate families from Afghanistan who were fleeing after the US withdrawal. The blankets are given to children when they disembark in Rochester. More recently, we started a Unite with Ukraine campaign. The donations of socks, underwear, diapers, wipes, and toothbrushes has been overwhelming. The enthusiasm with which our students are meeting these challenges and their true hearts of service toward those in need are exciting to see.

Many times in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, I found myself praying that God would show us what to do. He gently reminded me, "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8). That has become the focus verse for 2021-2022.

We are so thankful for the continuous support of the Rochester Christian School Foundation and its supporters. Please continue to pray for our board, staff, and students. Please pray that we will all grow more and more like Christ each day and learn what it truly means to live out God's requirement to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with him.



MEET THE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The RCS Foundation Board of Directors is a group of dedicated volunteers who have lifelong connections to the RCS community. They share their time and talents to lead the efforts of the Foundation and help ensure Christian education is available to every family.



Greg Chambery
President

Greg helped create the Foundation over 28 years ago to build a lasting support for future generations. He has served in the

role of President all these years, leading the way to successfully achieving strategic goals and bringing the community together in support of Christian education.



Ronald Van Harken
Vice-President & Secretary

Ron has served on the Foundation board since 1998, holding leadership positions for most of that time. In addition, he has been overseeing the annual golf tournament since 2021.



Kurt Schumacher
Treasurer

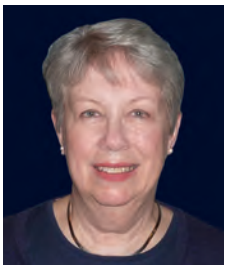
Kurt has served as Treasurer for 3 years. He shares his diverse business background and technical skills to help with strategic

planning and to bring new financial reporting processes to the Foundation.



Gail Barbour
Finance Manager

Gail has been an integral part of the Foundation for 28 years. In addition to providing guidance and support, she does the accounting/bookkeeping and manages the donor information system.



Linda Hovey
RCS Liaison

Linda joined the board in 2016. Her role includes working with the RCS Scholarship Committee and

facilitating communications between RCS and the Foundation. In addition, Linda is the 2022 incoming RCSF Treasurer.



Jeff Machiele
Financial Advisor

Jeff brings the Foundation over 30 years of experience in the financial industry. He stays in close contact with the Foundation's investment firm, Armbruster Capital Management, and provides financial guidance and advice.

Farewell and Thank You to Hans Porte

Hans moved to Michigan last Spring and thus retired from RCSF Board of Directors after 18 years of service. He was also involved with RCSF in 2000 in his role as Liaison to the Foundation Board for the RCS Board of Directors. His



countless contributions as a Foundation board member include running the annual golf tournament for many years. Heartfelt thanks to Hans for all your hard work and dedication to the Foundation, and to RCS and its families.

Welcome Tony LaPolla

We are delighted to welcome Tony LaPolla to the RCS Foundation Board of Directors. RCS has been a big part of Tony's life, since moving to Rochester in 1990. His three children all graduated from RCS.



Over the years, he has given financial support to both the school and the Foundation. He served on the school board for two 3-year terms, taking on different roles including Finance Chair and Facilities Manager. He brings extensive business and management experience to the Foundation. Tony is the 2022 incoming RCSF Secretary.

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NEW Jan R. & Judy V. Huussen Scholarship Fund

Jan and Judy Huussen established a new scholarship fund in 2021 to serve as a lasting legacy of their commitment to advance Christian Education. The Huussens have had a long history of support for RCS, the RCS Foundation and Christian education in general. They had no children but felt called to serve the Lord in this endeavor as well as in many others at the Rochester Christian Reformed Church. Judy served for 7 years as a volunteer in the school's library in the 1970's. Jan was instrumental in starting the RCS Foundation and served as a board member and treasurer for 25 years.



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NEW Ken Offringa Memorial Scholarship Fund

This new scholarship fund was established in 2021 by the RCS Foundation and contributions from the RCS community to serve as a lasting tribute to honor the life's work and commitment to Christian education demonstrated by Kenneth Offringa, a RCS teacher who unexpectedly passed away while still a staff member of RCS. Ken Offringa, known as Mr. O., taught at RCS for over 43 years. He was a dedicated and beloved teacher who touched countless lives.



*For the Lord is good ...
His faithfulness continues
through all generations*

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