



# Rochester Christian School Foundation



## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

## A MESSAGE FROM The Board of Directors



*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.*  
~ Proverbs 22:6

Your Foundation Board continues to be heartened by the outpouring of support and commitment to the words of the Proverbs. We see the on-going progress and success that we hoped and prayed for when the Foundation began over 25 years ago. We didn't know what would happen when a couple of us came together in the 1990s and decided it was time to get serious about putting another leg under the stool of support for Rochester Christian School. It was clear that the annual candy sale (in my day it was the Fanny Farmer chocolates) and the year-end appeal letters that made ends meet were not going to be a complete solution for the future.

Blessings on all of the efforts over the years have continued to abound. 2019 was another year filled with growth for the Foundation. In addition to strong financial market forces, we saw a surge in our donor base as well as a strengthened relationship between the Foundation board and the RCS school board. We are thankful for all of this because we know it improves our ability to offer a Christian education for more children, regardless of their family's ability to pay full tuition.

As we move through the first quarter of 2020, we are marking a 26 year history since we began our Foundation journey together. Our progress toward furthering our mission continues faithfully. The Foundation role has become critical in assisting Rochester Christian School to stay viable from both a financial perspective and educational quality standpoint. Our designated scholarship fund programs have continued to expand with one added in 2019 and another one freshly minted already in 2020. We praise God for these scholarships and thank those that have set up these programs to benefit students and families that come to the school and ask for some financial assistance. Our memorial gifting program has also expanded in 2019 with several families designating the Foundation as the recipient of gifts in memory of the recent passing of a loved one.

Now more than ever, we see the challenges that young people face as they try to sort out what will be important in their lives. Knowledge of God and his faithfulness is central in helping to answer this question. Bringing young people to know God's love for them has been the mission of RCS for so many years. Your continued support to the RCS Foundation is making a difference to assure that Rochester Christian School will be here to offer a unique educational experience that is flavored by showing God's hand in all that is taught.

For the RCSF Board,

*Greg Chambery*



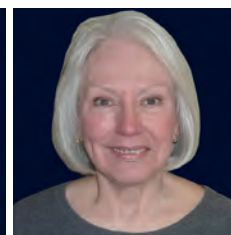
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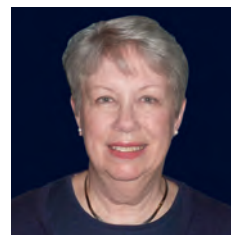
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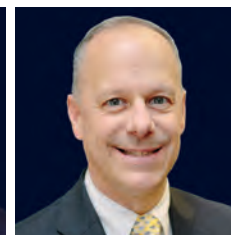
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Hans Porte

## A MESSAGE FROM Michelle Selvaggio, RCS Principal



During 2019 we were blessed with incredible support from our RCS Community. The RCS Foundation makes so many things possible each year. From helping to cover school operating costs, to providing scholarship tuition assistance for families, to collaborating with our school board and administration, the Foundation's role continues to make an enormous difference for RCS. We were also blessed with generous donations from our RCS community including funding for a new playground, new lockers for our middle school, new entry doors and a significant technology update. God is amazing and we see his hand at work in his school every day.

# Financial Summary

As of December 31, 2019



RCSF General Fund.....	\$621,218
Total RCSF Restricted Scholarship Accounts.....	\$234,067
Total RCSF Assets.....	\$855,285

## RCSF Scholarship Accounts (Detail)

George & Ethel Dowden Scholarship.....	\$18,735
John & Loraine Schumacher Scholarship.....	\$108,241
Peter & Myra Schumacher Scholarship.....	\$22,888
Rochester City Scholarship Fund.....	\$64,153
Taeke & Grada Porte Scholarship Fund.....	\$20,050
Total RCSF Scholarship Accounts.....	\$234,067

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

## Meet the Porte Family

The Porte family joined the RCS Community over 60 years ago, when Grada and Taeke immigrated from The Netherlands to the United States with their three sons, Josh, Hans and Rene. They immediately sought Christian education for their children and soon discovered Rochester Christian School, which was located on Jersey Street at the time.

And so their legacy with RCS began. All three boys graduated from RCS, as well as the children of Hans and Rene. They speak of the strong sense of community and lifelong friendships that came from attending RCS .

Grada and Taeke embraced the RCS community and worked closely with the other parents to help the school. Taeke helped build and install the wooden cubbies in the current school. While Grada passed away about 6 years ago, Taeke, who celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2019, continues to support the school and Foundation today.

Hans and Rene both served on the RCS school board while their children attended RCS and they continue to support the school as donors to the Foundation. Hans has served on the



Grada and Taeke Porte

Foundation Board for many years and runs the annual golf tournament. “My work with the Foundation led to our family’s decision to create the Grada and Taeke Porte Scholarship Fund,” says Hans. “I see firsthand how important it is for us to offer financial assistance to the young families who seek Christian education for their children.”

The Porte’s value the Christian perspective of education provided by RCS and are pleased to honor their parents by creating this scholarship fund as a lasting memory to their commitment of Christian education. The goal of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to families who may not be able to afford the cost of sending their children to RCS.

*“I have fond memories of teachers, classmates and families from RCS. Mrs Tryon was one of my favorite teachers and is the reason I majored in chemistry in college ... I’m very thankful for the education I received at RCS. Not only was it academically excellent but taking Bible class and memorizing scripture provided a good spiritual foundation for my life.”*

~ RCS Alumni, Class of 1978

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