REF PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

College Access









The Mobile College Help Desk provided ongoing support at the Rochester Central Library's Teen Center (middle) and throughout the community. The College Access team also expanded Virtual Help Desk appointments to help students one-on-one from their homes.

Music & Arts For All





Pictured left is an RCSD middle school student playing a flute donated from REF. Pictured right: In May, we had a virtual Arts for All Music Festival filmed at Heroes Brewing Company where teachers in the district played their instruments for viewers at home. The event raised funds to send 30 students to summer music lessons at the Hochstein School of Music.

Literacy





Pictured top are parents selecting books for their children donated by REF. Pictured bottom are students at School 17 holding up English and Spanish versions of the book, 'The Dreamer'.



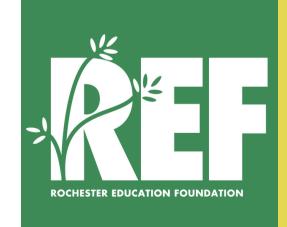
Dear Friends,

2021 was quite a year for all of us, as the pandemic continued to keep students, educators, and families at home. There was a great deal of pivoting and flexibility throughout the community, including at REF. We are proud that we were able to continue to have a positive impact during this especially challenging time.

- We celebrated 10 years of supporting the World of Inquiry School Griffin Garden.
- We supported the building of the outdoor classroom space.
- We celebrated our 2,000th book donated since the pandemic began (more than 70,000 books have been distributed since REF began).
- The College Help Desk provided ongoing support at Rochester Central Library during the summer.
- We launched our partner program, the Rochester Imagination Library.
- We hosted an online music festival which helped us support summer music lessons.

We are proud to be a constant for the students that we serve in a time when so much is in flux. We thank our supporters for your loyal generosity that makes it possible for REF to continue to offer programs focused on literacy, music, and college access.

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PARTNER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS





The Northeast High School Student Voice group built their own outdoor classroom with funds from REF. The "classroom" included picnic tables, a yoga and performance platform, and raised bed gardens.

CURRORT & DEVENUE 2024





We celebrated 10 years of supporting the World of Inquiry School's Griffin Garden! Teachers bring students here to have classes and learn about food gardening. Students eat food from the garden at a yearly celebration.

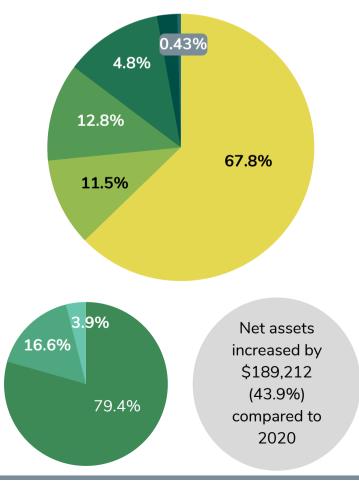




In the first three months of the **Rochester Imagination Library** pilot project in the 14605 zip code, more than 100 kids were enrolled, approximately one in every eight eligible children in the most impoverished zip code in the city.

REVENUE & EXPENSE ANALYSIS 2021

\$427,332
\$72,560
\$80,684
\$30,000
\$16,652
\$2,733
\$184
\$630,145
\$350,071
\$73,460
\$17,402
\$440,933



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