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### What Do We Do?

The Radnor Educational Foundation (REF) is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to secure and provide funding and support to enrich the educational experience, maintain academic excellence and encourage innovative opportunities for the students of the Radnor Township School District.

Through three grant cycles, REF funds projects that support STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) programs, curriculum enhancement, cultural arts, technology, professional development, and community engagement. REF also provides grants for equipment and other services when warranted.

### How Do We Do It?

When a teacher, administrator, student, member of the PTO, parent or Radnor community organization has an idea for a positive way to supplement the curriculum and encourage student growth or learning, they come to the Radnor Educational Foundation for the money needed to bring their idea to fruition. REF works closely with Radnor's school district administration team to ensure that the idea aligns with the district's mission of academic excellence.

REF evaluates and approves funding through a simple grant application process that functions three times a year – in the fall, winter, and spring. The process includes submitting a Letter of Intent and, if approved, a full grant proposal. The REF Grants Committee reviews and recommends the awarding of the grants to the REF Board of Trustees for approval.

**In the 2023-2024 school year, 21 grants were awarded, with almost \$85,000 granted for programs – the largest amount in REF's history.**

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

In addition to the funding provided to support curriculum enhancement, REF also supports school district families through our Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) Program. REF partners with district social workers to assist families facing temporary financial hardship, as this often affects a student's ability to participate fully in school life. NHN supports district families by assisting with basic life needs such as housing, utilities, food, and clothing.

**In the 2023-2024 school year, REF provided over \$7,500 to help families in need.**

*Read on for more details about the Foundation's efforts.*

## Projects Funded in 2023-2024



### Grant #1: RHS Radnor Academy Rewards \$500.00

Radnor Academy is a new program in Radnor High School that provides students experiencing difficulty coming to school each day with a full-time emotional support setting to help motivate and ensure their success. This grant has helped the Academy reward the students when progress is achieved in their courses, grades, and attendance.

**Benefitted 11 students at Radnor High School**



### Grant #2: RHS Radnor Robotics Materials Upgrade \$2,000.00

Radnor Robotics has competed in the VEX Robotics Competition since 2004. This grant was used to buy replacement materials and upgrades available for use in this competition. The robotics team is comprised of 10-20 high school students that are interested in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math). This grant provides them with a fun and challenging environment to develop skills they can use in the future.

**Benefitted 20 students from Radnor High School**



### Grant #3: Radnor Middle School Supplies \$2,260.00

This grant helps the Radnor Middle School PTO provide school supply kits for in-need families. This ensures that each student has the supplies needed to make the school year a success.

**Benefitted 60 students at Radnor Middle School**



### Grant #4: RHS Spreading Encouraging Words \$123.63

Funding helped the Radnor High School Spanish 4 Honors Class to complete a project spreading encouragement and kindness through brightly painted rocks written in Spanish with inspiring words, scattered throughout and around the school. These will prompt students who see them to be intrigued, read them, and figure out what they say. When life can be so hectic, this class is sure to make everyone reading these rocks smile!

**Benefitted 1,173 students at Radnor High School**



**Grant #5: RTSD Summer Reading Incentive \$5,120.00**

Some of Radnor's most vulnerable students attended summer camp at Wayne Elementary School to improve literacy. Funding offered an incentive for students to attend camp, as they earned "Book Bucks" for each day they attended camp. On the last day of camp, students visited Children's Book World in Haverford to purchase a book(s) using their Book Bucks. They also enjoyed a frozen treat purchased from So Fun Yogurt in Wayne.

**Benefitted 180 students in the School District: Radnor High School, Radnor Middle School, Ithan Elementary School, Radnor Elementary School, Wayne Elementary School**



**Grant #6 WES Bee-Stro \$5,000.00**

Bee-Stro is the best way to enjoy a new courtyard at Wayne Elementary School, whose school logo features a bee. Students are able to cash in their "School Wide Positive Behavior Bee" tickets for lunch outside while enjoying the courtyard. This funding provided for a table and chairs to be purchased for this purpose. The table and chairs allow for classes to be conducted and lunch to be enjoyed all while experiencing some nature during the school day.

**Benefitted 541 students at Wayne Elementary School**



**Grant #7 Weights for RHS Fitness Room \$5,000.00**

Funding allowed for an order of more weights to be purchased for the weight room. This increased the number of students able to work out at one time, allowing more of a community feel. The purchase also included some lighter weights, in hopes to empower female lifters and for athletes to condition small muscle groups.

**Benefitted 1,173 students at Radnor High School**



**Grant #8 WES Sharing Sounds \$10,000.00**

Funding allowed for Wayne Elementary School to build a sound garden on the lower playground. The garden has promoted a sense of community with all students who choose to participate in unguided music making. Listening to each other play a range of sounds will help students find their voice in an inclusive environment.

**Benefitted 541 students at Wayne Elementary School**



**Grant #9 RHS Radnor Dignity Ambassadors \$11,000.00**

This funding allowed for renowned speaker and diversity, equity, and inclusion facilitator Trent Hall to come to Radnor High School to talk with and mentor students on conflict management and diversity in our community. Trent's teachings helped sow the seeds of diversity in Radnor and will indirectly impact almost all Radnor students.

**Benefitted 1,173 students at Radnor High School**



**Grant #10 RHS Student Common Seating \$8,814.40**

The High School was able to purchase the 22 chairs they needed for their high-top tables. The funding from this grant provided comfortable seating to allow students to enjoy their free time, have lunch and study.

**Benefitted 1,173 students at Radnor High School**



**Grant #11 RTSD Mobile Display Panels for Art Shows and Other Special Events \$10,690.56**

Funding provided a new set of accordion-style panels on casters that benefits students in all 5 Radnor Township schools. The boards allow a professional display of student art and other pieces during shows that enhance events celebrating visual arts and creative expression, while demonstrating the district's continued commitment to excellence in art education.

**Benefitted 3,602 students throughout Radnor Township School District: Radnor High School, Radnor Middle School, Ithan Elementary School, Radnor Elementary School, Wayne Elementary School**



**Grant #12 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Bus Trip to see the Outsiders Musical in NYC \$3,000.00**

82 students from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade were able to take a trip to New York City to see the musical The Outsiders. The impact of this trip has enhanced students' understanding of literature through a unique and memorable cultural experience, allowed students to witness a live performance and gain insight into the themes of friendship, social class and identity portrayed in the story.

**Benefitted 82 students at Radnor Middle School**



**Grant #13 RHS League of Women Voter Registration \$900.00**

Radnor High School Seniors were given several opportunities to register to vote. This grant provided funding to support voter registration activities and various events to help foster a lifetime of civic engagement.

**Benefitted 293 students at Radnor High School**



**Grant #14 RHS Multicultural Potluck \$3,000.00**

The Multicultural Club at Radnor High School was able to hold a potluck, the first one since 2020. The potluck is open to students, their families as well as faculty and staff. This event has allowed RHS students to share their individual cultural experiences and celebrate diversity. The event incorporates the student body; there were also performances by the school orchestra and band.

**Benefitted 1,173 students at Radnor High School**



**Grant #15 WES STEM Kit for Kids \$3,000.00**

Funding permitted Radnor High School's ACS Chemistry Club and volunteers to obtain supplies and assemble science kits for Wayne Elementary School students. These kits include materials, instructions, and explanations to perform grade-specific experiments that could be completed at home with adult supervision. This project provided volunteer experience to the high school students while encouraging the elementary students to do STEM-related activities to improve their skill set and development.

**Benefitted 541 students at Wayne Elementary school**



**Grant #16 Ithan Book Club \$1,500.00**

This funding allowed for an after-school book club that took place at Ithan Elementary School's Library. 10 to 20 students in grades 3-5 got together to read and discuss Pennsylvania-nominated Young Readers Choice Stories.

**Benefitted up to 20 students at Ithan Elementary School**



**Grant #17 Girls Lead at Radnor Middle School \$9,000.00**

This grant enabled the Women's Resource Center in Wayne, PA to work with Radnor Middle School to implement the Girls Lead program to 27 students. This school and curriculum-based program sought out adolescents with leadership potential and allowed them to practice leadership skills (conflict resolution, problem solving, decision making and communication) and life skills in mental health, emotional literacy, and social media practices.

**Benefitted 27 students at Radnor Middle School**



**Grant #18 WES Music Therapy and Movement \$600.00**

Wayne Elementary School was able to implement a music therapy program during the summer for approximately 300 students with various intellectual learning and mental health needs. Music stimulates all the senses and facilitates many developmental skills. Students were able to engage in music therapy for academic and emotional benefits.

**Benefitted approximately 300 students at Wayne Elementary School**



**Grant #19 RTSD Summer Camps Incentive Fun Thursdays \$700.00**

As a reward and incentive for students attending summer reading camp (see Grant #5), working hard and always doing their best, Thursdays are fun days! The students were able to enjoy multiple programs including a field day, water day, and ice cream socials. This grant helped 300 students participate in Thursday Fun Days!

**Benefitted 300 students in the school district: Radnor High School, Radnor Middle School, Ithan Elementary School, Radnor Elementary School, Wayne Elementary School**



**Grant #20 WES School Supplies \$2,800.00**

This grant helps the Wayne Elementary School PTO provide school supply kits for in-need families.

**Benefitted around 60 students at Wayne Elementary School**



### Grant #21 RHS Courtyard Classroom \$4,300.00

Providing furniture and a defined space for students and faculty of the High School to enjoy class outside in the newly renovated courtyard. Learning outside can greatly improve mental health as well as academic performance.

Benefitted 1,173 students at Radnor High School

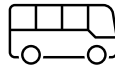
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Equipment



Transportation

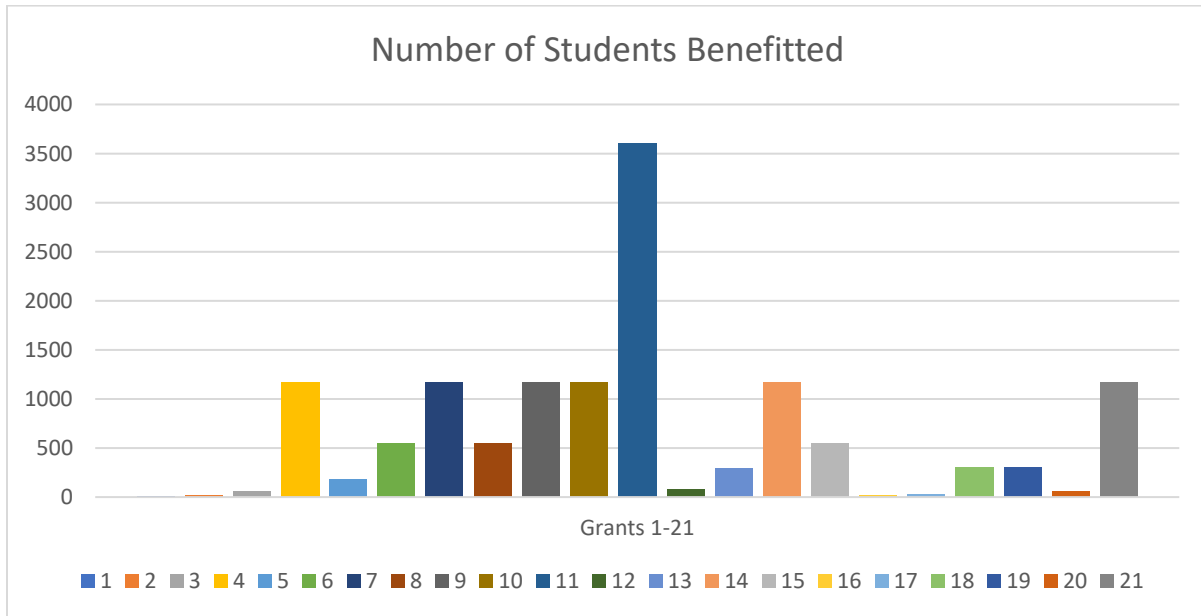


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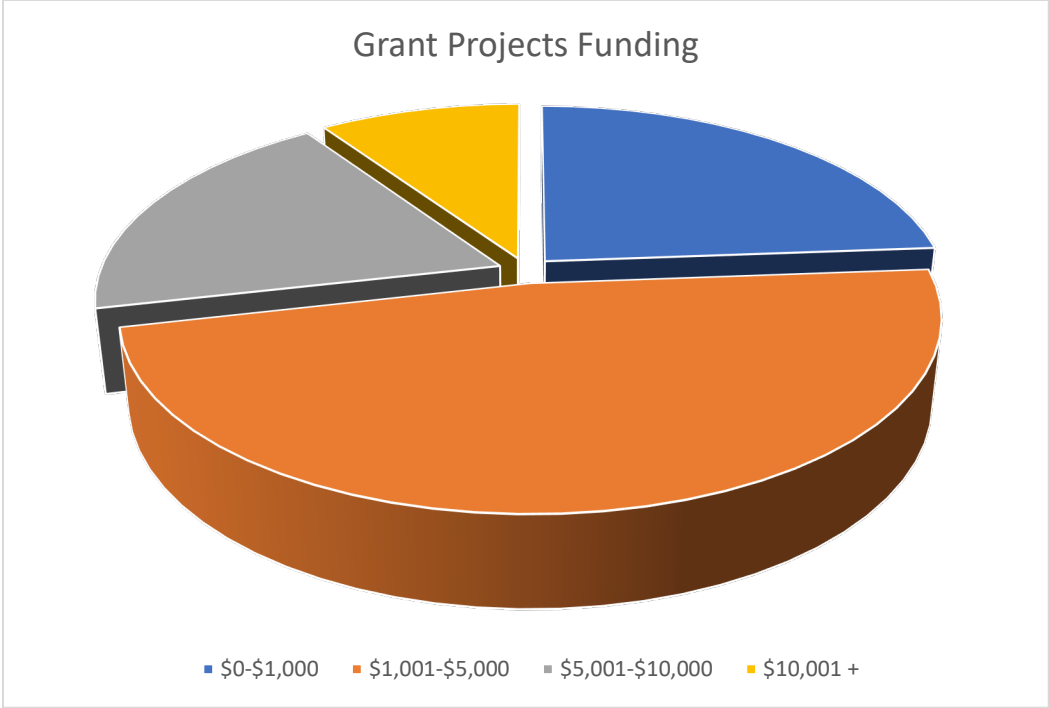
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### Additional Statistics



Total # of students benefitted = **13,616**





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