



Growing in Giving

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Emily Anaya

A message from our Executive Director

Welcome to our *Growing In Giving* newsletter. I invite you to experience all the amazing things happening right here in our community.

As we kickoff the new year we are pleased to introduce two new board members while honoring one of our own who passed away.

As you read through our newsletter, you will witness the generosity of our local businesses, individual donors, and local nonprofits. We are privileged to showcase how we support our community as well as how the community supports us.

You are personally invited to affirm such support by attending an upcoming event on Wednesday April 24, 2024 at Salt 251 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. We will once again be showcasing our nonprofit partners through the allocation of grant checks. We hope you can join us in celebrating those who serve our community.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we wouldn't be able to do what we do without you.



Giving Made Easy

Rochelle Area Community Foundation (RACF) makes it easy to give. Many donors give generously through monthly donations to RACF. There are two ways to set up a recurring gift.

Give through our website

rochellefoundation.org

- Click "Donate"
- Choose a Fund you want to support
- Click "Donate" under the appropriate fund
- Click "Make this a monthly donation"
- Fill out the secure information via PayPal
- Now your gift will be successfully sent each month to that fund

Give through Online Banking

- Go online to your bank account
- Login to your account
- Set up "Bill Pay"
- Add Rochelle Area Community Foundation" PO Box 74 Rochelle, IL 61068
- If an account number is required, please contact our office at 815-561-3600 or email director@rochellefoundation.org.
- Set up the monthly donation
- If you have a specific fund you wanted to support, please contact RACF prior to your first donation to establish the fund recipient.
- All gifts without an established fund recipient will go to the RACF Endowment Fund.

Should you have any questions, would like to set up your own fund, or have difficulties with the process please contact us and we will be happy to assist you in any way.

Thank you for being a supporter who truly cares for your community!



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Visit our website to learn more about our members. Do you have an interest in joining our board? We have several different committees where you could best use your skills and talents to make a difference in your community. Help us know more about you by filling out a questioner on our website to see if this could be a good fit for you.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE FOUNDATION



2023 Community Events



canned food drive



letters to Santa



light up Lincoln parade



Grant Cycle Begins- Feb 1-March 10 at 4pm

Non-profit Partner Meeting- Feb 15 at Presbyterian Church

Community Open House- April 24 4-6pm at Salt 251

#GIVINGTUESDAY

November 27th

#GivingTuesday is a day of global generosity that unleashes the power of philanthropy to help transform communities. Through the generosity of local businesses and organizations, we were able to raise over \$10,300 which will be given back to the community through a competitive grant process in the Spring. Thank you to all who donated.





DENNIS BERG

Our dear friend and board member Denny passed away on December 25, 2023. He was a proud graduate from RTHS and went on to attend WIU. Denny retired from a 33 year career with Contel/GTE/Verizon. Denny served ten years on Rochelle City Council and served eight years on the RACF Board of Directors. He married the love of his life Avis Berg. Thank you to everyone that donated to the Berg-Berkholder Family Fund. Your generosity will continue his legacy leaving an everlasting impact on our community.

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FEATURED DONOR

WASTE CONNECTION

On October 5th, Waste Connection Inc presented RACF with a check for \$40,000.

This contribution was a part of their ongoing commitment to support organizations that make a positive difference and RACF was honored to be the recipient of such a generous donation.

"We're proud to stand with RACF as they continue their incredible work. Together, we can create a more sustainable and prosperous future for everyone," says Thomas Hilbert of Waste Connections.

Support from local businesses make such a difference in continuing to help our community. If you have an interest in payroll deduction through your employer, please reach out to Emily Anaya and she would love to talk to your company about options.





Spotlights

KAY AND JIM BEARDIN COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

RACF is honored to announce this new Field of Interest fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide support for evolving needs that impact the community through the power of change towards the advancement of the Rochelle area. "This fund is in honor of Kay's beautiful life and love for her family and community." said Jim Beardin. "Often, I drive around Rochelle and it brings up so many memories of the things we did. I realize that these things are in the past and now we must plan for the future.

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As a Field of Interest fund the donor is supporting an area of interest. They will rely on the Foundation's experience and expertise to annually recommend community needs grants to projects, programs and services that enhance our community while supporting the fund's stated purpose

If you want to help grow this fund or any other fund here at RACF you can do so by donating online at rochellefoundation.org click on **DONATE** and select the fund of your choice.

As always we are here to offer those with a philanthropic heart a simple way to make a positive difference in the community.



If you would like to nominate a resident of Ogle County for 'Good Neighbor of the Week' please contact the Rochelle Area Community Foundation at (815) 561-3600 or at admin@rochellefoundation.org

GOOD NEIGHBORS

October:

Rene Lampley, Jason Harper, Earl Flemming, Sandy Eyster, Rick "Zip" Zimmerman

December:

Tom McDermott, Carolyn Brown, Joe McKinney, Tom and Beth Becker

November:

Trena Thompson, Sandy Sullivan, Jimmy and Jacob Chadwick, Noah Hayden, Gavin Smith, Alison Vrana

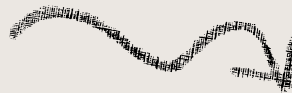
Meet our new 2024 Board Members



Yazmin Nambo.



Originally born in Guanajuato, Mexico, Yazmin moved with her family to Rochelle at age 4 and has lived in the area since then. Yazmin graduated with a Bachelors in education from Northern Illinois University and then a Master’s in Educational leadership from Aurora University. Yazmin has worked at the Rochelle Elementary District since 2013 in multiple roles from Paraprofessional to special education teacher and now, director of special programs and preschool. Yazmin enjoys spending time with her family, watching her 4 kids play sports or instruments and giving back to her community by coaching, volunteering and serving where needed.



Kathleen Isley



Originally from Chicago, Kathleen has called Rochelle home since 2005. She lives here with her husband Tim and their family. Kathleen earned her B.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2000 and her J.D. from Northern Illinois University in 2005. After several years in private practice, Kathleen was appointed Ogle County’s Chief Public Defender in December 2020, and continues to serve in that role to date .

MISSION

To offer those with a philanthropic heart a simple way to make a positive difference.

PURPOSE

Be a vehicle for philanthropy and empower community nonprofits through donor stewardship.

VISION

A generous, Vibrant, and sustainable community where a helping hand is always within reach.

NON-PROFIT SPOTLIGHT

Community Action Network **CAN**



The Rochelle Community Action Network (CAN), was established in 1992 and is funded by grants, donations and local fundraising efforts. CAN acts as a bridge between family and community by providing resources to assist children and families in becoming successful community members.

Their goal is to facilitate a network of area organizations and individuals focused on meeting the needs of children and families. They address basic needs for low-income families in Rochelle by providing clothing, outerwear, backpacks and school supplies along with children's books.

There are many wonderful activities throughout the year that provide for these basic needs and more with events like: The Children's Holiday Shopping Trip and Spaghetti Dinner, Winter Coat Drive, CAN Food Truck Festivals and School Backpack Program for Elementary and Middle School students.

CAN was a 2023 Community Needs Grant Recipient and RACF was proud to grant out \$3780 for their program "Shoes for Kids." Those shoes were given out at the annual Christmas shopping trip.

"I can do things you cannot. You can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things."-Mother Theresa

If you would like to learn more about CAN or find out how you can help, you can contact:
Michelle Pease at mpease@rochelleil.us

We are *Growing* because of you!

Thank you to our Donors September 1, 2023-December 31, 2023

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