

## R.I.C.E. Family Foundation Newsletter

Dear Partners and Friends,

### **Reaching Individuals and Communities Everywhere Foundation: A Year in Review**

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude and pride for the incredible achievements and milestones reached by The R.I.C.E. Foundation. Your unwavering support, generous donations, and heartfelt prayers made the start of 2025 a remarkable year. Let's take a moment to celebrate our collective efforts and look forward to the exciting programs ahead.

To see photos, videos, and more information on The R.I.C.E. Foundation, please visit our website:

<https://thericefamilyfoundation.org/>

### **Spreading Love on Valentine's Day**

In February, we supported over 100 children at Texas Children's Hospital with special Valentine's Day bags and treats. These thoughtful gifts brought smiles and lifted the spirits of young patients during their hospital stay. The hospital administrator expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the children and their families.

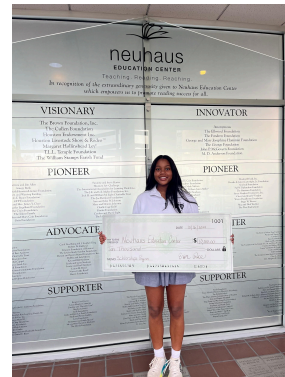


### **Dorothy Hat and High Tea: A Legacy of Education**

The "Tommy and Dorothy Rice Scholarship Fund", a program of the R.I.C.E. Foundation, reached a significant milestone this year, becoming fully endowed. This fund is dedicated to supporting first-generation students in their pursuit of higher education. The fund also sponsors a High Tea Fundraiser celebrating education and the Dorothy and Tommy Rice Foundation Scholarship recipients. We invite you to read a moving story about one of the scholarship recipients, whose life has been profoundly impacted by this generous endowment.

## Empowering Children with Dyslexia

Our commitment to early intervention for dyslexia led us to partner with the Neuhaus Education Center, a premier organization dedicated to supporting children and families affected by dyslexia in the Houston area and its surrounding communities. With an initial gift, we have helped over 20 children and their families access essential resources and support. Through this partnership, we are not only addressing the challenges of dyslexia but also making a meaningful impact on improving literacy outcomes and empowering children with the skills they need to thrive.



## Holiday Toy Drive

Our annual toy drive brings joy and festive cheer to 75 families in the Houston area, making their Christmas season brighter and more memorable. The impact on these families is profound, and we can't wait to reach even more in the years to come, spreading hope, happiness, and holiday magic to those who need it most.



## Upcoming Programs

As we approach the coming year, we have several exciting programs lined up:

- **Homeless Packs:** This summer, we plan to make packs with essential goods that people may need during the hot summer weather. We aim to create 200 packs filled with cold water, hygiene products, and a prayer card to distribute in the greater Houston area.

- **Teacher Appreciation:** We will continue to support Lockhart Elementary, a Title I school serving underserved communities, by hosting a "Thank You" reception for its dedicated teachers. This event is our way of expressing gratitude for their hard work and commitment to education.
- **Dorothy's Hats and High Teas:** Now an annual event, the High Tea Fundraiser celebrates education and the recipients of the fully endowed Tommy and Dorothy Rice Scholarship Fund, which supports first-generation college students.
- **Neuhaus Education Partnership:** We're proud to continue our partnership with the Neuhaus Education Center to support early intervention for dyslexia. This ongoing initiative helps more children and families each year gain access to vital resources, improving literacy and empowering young learners to succeed. We're excited to keep expanding this essential work!
- **Holiday Toy Drive:** Our annual toy drive aims to bring joy and festive cheer to over 100 families in the Spring Branch area this year. We are committed to ensuring that these families have a memorable and joyous holiday season and hope to have even more impact this year.

### **A Year of Impact and Gratitude**

This year has been a testament to the power of community and the impact we can achieve together. Your contributions have enabled us to support various charitable causes, with 100% of donations going directly to those in need. We are incredibly proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continuing our mission of reaching individuals and communities everywhere.

Thank you for being an integral part of the R.I.C.E. Foundation's journey. Your donations, support, and prayers enabled a remarkable year of serving the communities we support. Together, we are making a difference, one step at a time.

Signed,

Kristen Rice  
President of The R.I.C.E. Family Foundation

