

## 2014 Annual Report

FORWARD's third full year was another successful out pouring of support for our mission of providing funding for innovative teaching programs and pilot projects outside of the RFSD's core budget. FORWARD is independent of the RFSD and has 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.

FORWARD was able to award a total of \$19,500 to 20 teachers and different innovative projects in 2014. Grants were awarded to all three elementary schools, Meyer Middle School, RFHS, Renaissance Academy and the RF4C pre-kindergarten program. Projects ranged from sustainability to health to math to music education as well as many other programs like intramurals and internet mentoring. For a complete overview of all the grants, please visit our website [www.forwardrf.org](http://www.forwardrf.org).

Since our inception in July 2011, the FORWARD Foundation has awarded a total of \$46,000 to staff in the RF public schools. We could not have done this without the generous work of our completely volunteer board as well as all the monetary and in kind donations from individuals, businesses and groups. Thank you for supporting our children and the RFSD!



January 2014 Grant Recipients

\$ 10,000

Awarded

June 2014 Grant Recipients

\$ 9,500

Awarded



We would like to recognize all donors based on our various giving levels for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014:

<b>Gold Society</b> —Gifts starting at \$10,000
<i>Still looking for our first \$10,000 donor!</i>
<b>Blue Society</b> —Gifts starting at \$5,000
<i>Anonymous Donor</i>
<b>1855 Founder Circle</b> —Gifts starting at \$1,855 (Founding year of the RFSD)
<i>Jen &amp; Panu Zoller; Mike &amp; Lisa Thompson; River Falls Municipal Utilities</i>
<b>FORWARD Circle</b> —Gifts starting at \$1,000
<i>Pierce Pepin Cooperative; Todd &amp; Shanna Rowekamp; NCCM Company; Ameriprise Matching donation from Richard Gerczak; River Falls Community Arts Base (CAB); Family Fresh, River Falls; Byron &amp; Vicki Dopkins; Tom &amp; Sue Meinz; Sara &amp; Mike DeNardis</i>
<b>Wildcat Supporter</b> —Gifts starting at \$500
<i>In memory of Paul Proescholdt, former superintendent of the RFSD; Steve &amp; Vicky Schroeder; Jeanne Zirbel; Nate &amp; Linda Jackson Future Fund; DeAn &amp; Bob Krey; Richard &amp; Sandy Bowen; Bye Goff &amp; Rohde Ltd.; First National Bank of River Falls; River Falls State Bank; Westconsin Credit Union</i>

<b>Fund Builders</b> —Gifts starting at \$250
<i>Steve Preisler, in the name of his wife Diane; Melissa &amp; Greg Godden; Lorraine &amp; Michael Davis; Sam &amp; Barb Chapin; Leslie &amp; Cindy Ray; Alan Tuchtenhagen &amp; Cindy Gandrud; Wayne Wulf; Joe Donnelly &amp; Becky Thorson; 3M Foundation—Matching Volunteer; Sally Haskins; Cindy Haskins</i>
<b>Sponsors</b> —Gifts starting at \$100
<i>Bill &amp; Sue Ammerman; Grant &amp; Nancy Hanson; Steve &amp; Betsy Goff; Chuck &amp; Dotty Bye; Jamie &amp; Jan Benson; Matt Fitzgerald; Juli &amp; Jon Okal; Faye Perkins; Ken &amp; Ruth Lee; Connie Foster; Ann Meitz; Anonymous (2); James &amp; Donna Miller; ANJ Financial Services, H&amp; R Block, Mike Miller; Cashman Hill Funeral Home; Rita &amp; Mick Humbert; Cindy Kleven; P.E. O. Chapter DW, Community Sisters; Anthony &amp; Anne Jilek Donor Advised Fund; John Tuchtenhagen; Kit &amp; Jenny Luedtke; Nik &amp; Kerrie Been; Matthew Mancl—in memory of Ava Mancl; Keith Getschel; Leitch Agency</i>
<b>Friends</b> —Gifts starting at \$50
<i>Ogden Engineering; Emily Lyon-Hansen; Carole Mottaz; Annissa Lesmeister; Bob &amp; Anna Marie Gustafson; DeWayne &amp; Gerda Benedict; Peggy Steinmetz; Kay Wilson; Evan &amp; Pam Ballard; Phil &amp; Mary Betzel; Tim Baumann; Gretchen Stoffel—in honor of all her children’s Meyer Middle &amp; RF High School Teachers; Nate Schurman; Darleen MacBride; Tom &amp; Beki Morrow</i>

Financial Statement Summary

As of June 30

<b>Checking/Operating Income Account:</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013-2011</b>
Starting Balance	\$ 13,823	\$ 0
Contributions	35,192	51,370
Grant Awards	(19,500)	(26,500)
Expenses	(4,746)	(11,059)
Transfers to Long Term Endowment Fund	(12,500)	0
Ending Balance	\$ 12,269	\$ 13,812
<b>Long Term Endowment Fund at St Croix Valley Foundation</b>		
Starting Balance	\$ 19,104	\$ 0
Contributions & Transfers	21,656	19,350
Investment Activity	5,183	(163)
Fees	(568)	(82)
Ending Balance	\$ 45,375	\$ 19,105

The Investment gains on this particular long term fund were 17.29% for the last 12 months and 13.66% annualized for the prior 5 years.

Jen Zoller  
President, FORWARD Foundation

Melissa Godden  
Treasurer, FORWARD Foundation