RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL
WONDER LIVES HERE



2025/26
COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

One community.
Endless possibilities.

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VISION

We spark a love of learning in every child through the discovery of their individual best.

MISSION

We ignite the natural wonder of childhood by cultivating personal connections and rich opportunities for learning.

VALUE STATEMENT

We value social and character development as much as academic achievement. We believe children thrive when they are deeply known, meaningfully supported and appropriately challenged.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

Carolyn Breland



As I reflect on another year at River Valley School, I am reminded that what makes RVS special is not simply what we provide, but what we make possible together. This is a community where childhood is cherished, curiosity is encouraged, and every child is known, supported, and inspired to discover their individual best.

The generosity of our families, grandparents, donors, volunteers, and community partners helps bring this to life. This year, we saw that support take shape in new opportunities for STEAM learning, from hands-on experiences and innovative tools to the development of our new STEAM Studio.

These opportunities invite students to ask questions, test ideas, create, and try again. They build confidence and curiosity while helping children experience the joy that comes from discovering something for themselves.

Thank you for helping make these experiences possible. Together, we continue to preserve the *wonder* of childhood while preparing our students to engage confidently with the world around them.

Wonder lives here because of the community that brings it to life.

With gratitude,

Carolyn Breland
Head of School
River Valley School



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

Haley Commodore

It is my pleasure to share River Valley School's 2025/26 Community Impact Report and celebrate what our community made possible this year.

At RVS, philanthropy is about more than giving. It is about participation and connection. We saw that throughout the year as families supported the Annual Fund, grandparents shared their time and experience, students picked up the phone to thank donors, and community partners helped bring new opportunities to life.

Your generosity is also helping us look ahead. Our investment in STEAM is giving students more ways to explore, experiment, collaborate, and turn their ideas into something real.

What I value most about Advancement at RVS is the relationships behind every contribution. Every gift, volunteer hour, conversation, and connection strengthens our school.

Thank you for being part of it. As you turn these pages, I hope you see not simply what was given, but what your support helped make possible.

When our community comes together, *wonder* grows.

Sincerely,

Haley Commodore
Director of Advancement
River Valley School

EVERY GREAT DISCOVERY BEGINS TOGETHER

Measuring the impact of a community that believes in ***Wonder***

$537,898 *
Total Raised

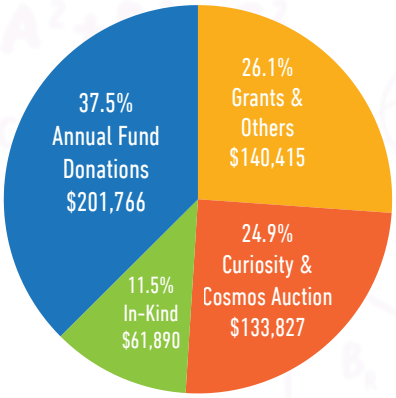
32.1%
Family Participation

26
Corporate Sponsors

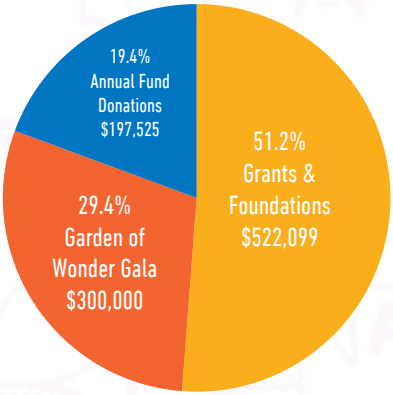
151
Volunteers

6
Advancement-Led Initiatives

2025/26 Total Raised



2024/25 Total Raised



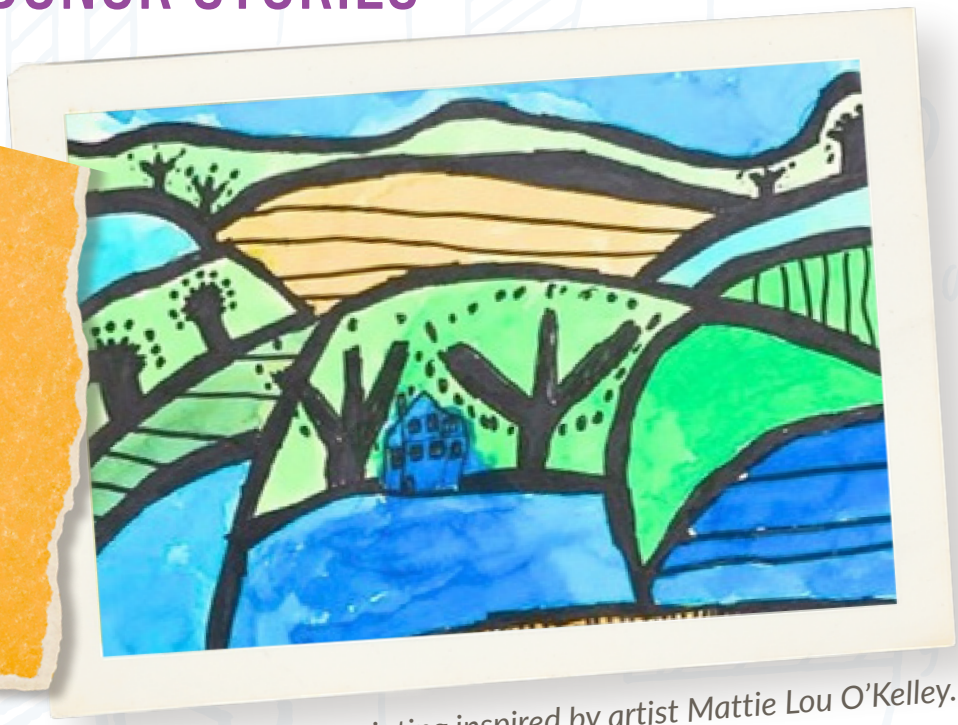
Your generosity moved us forward.

This year, Annual Fund Donations increased by 2.1%, creating even more opportunities for our students to ***wonder***, explore, and thrive.

**Total giving includes $476,008 in cash donations + grants and $61,890 in in-kind contributions.*

FUELING *WONDER* & CURIOSITY
DONOR STORIES

Three families. One shared purpose. Together, they create extraordinary possibilities.



Isaac's landscape painting inspired by artist Mattie Lou O'Kelley.

The Lewkowicz Family

"Our family's journey with River Valley School began at our very first RVS Gala, where the generosity and enthusiasm of the community inspired us to get involved. Our commitment has continued as we've watched our children grow and thrive. We believe investing in a child's early years can have a lasting impact, and we hope other families can benefit from the same meaningful experience.

We chose RVS for its commitment to whole-child development and for nurturing curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning. Isaac especially thrives through STEAM and the opportunity to explore alongside his friends. For our family, supporting RVS is about helping nurture ***wonder****, curiosity, and connection for all students."*



The Roberts Family

"We have deeply enjoyed being part of the RVS community and value a school culture where every child is known, supported, and encouraged to grow in their own way. We're grateful for opportunities to contribute our time and resources to experiences that enrich student life.

We are especially proud to support the STEAM initiative. To us, STEAM encourages curiosity, creative problem solving, and exploration. When children have opportunities to question, collaborate, and create, they develop not only valuable skills, but also confidence and character. We are proud to support a community that invests so meaningfully in its students and their future."

The Cunning Family

"Over the years, we've enjoyed being part of the River Valley School community and supporting the school in many different ways: from helping connect RVS with Gala sponsors and volunteering at student activities to joining field trips and supporting programs and experiences that benefit the whole school community. What has always stood out to us is seeing how these opportunities directly enrich the students' experience and bring the community together.

For us, supporting RVS is about investing in the experiences, opportunities, and sense of belonging that help children learn, grow, and thrive. This year feels particularly meaningful as William begins his own journey at RVS, and we're excited to continue being part of a community that has meant so much to our family."



WONDER ACROSS GENERATIONS

Our grandparents bring stories, wisdom, and meaningful connections that inspire *wonder* in the generations that follow.

Marla Cohen

Grandparent Ambassador

"My grandson's school means so much to me because it has become more than just a place where he learns. It's a community that truly cares about its students and families. I feel very fortunate to be part of the community and to see firsthand the wonderful experiences, friendships, and opportunities the school creates for its students. Being involved allows me to give back, connect with other grandparents, and play a small part in making the school an even more special place for my grandson and his classmates. It is incredibly meaningful to me to be able to share in this important part of his life."





Holly Pietrus

Grandparent Ambassador

"As all grandparents know, being a grandma, a grandpa, a nana, an oma, or whatever our grandchildren call us, we've signed up for the best job in the world. To be able to see their growth as learners, classmates, and friends is what the opportunity to volunteer at River Valley School gives us. It gives us insight into their world, with all of the takeaways that help us understand them, see where they've been, and where they're going. On top of that, it's simply a huge amount of fun being with curious young kids!"

GRANDPARENTS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM:
WHERE STORIES, WISDOM & *WONDER* MEET

SHARE
Stories, wisdom and experience

CONNECT
Building relationships across generations

INSPIRE
Curiosity, learning and *wonder*

82
Grandparent Ambassadors

55
Student Families Connected

9
School & Community Events





Experiences shared. *Wonder* encouraged.
A love of learning passed from one generation to the next.

GRATITUDE IN ACTION

THANK-A-THON





91
Calls Made

10
Students Participated

100%
Smiles Delivered

"Receiving a call from a student absolutely made my week. It was so sweet to hear their appreciation."
-RVS Donor

WHERE CURIOSITY COMES TO LIFE

The STEAM Studio will create more opportunities for RVS students to *wonder*, explore, design, build, and discover through hands-on learning.



In the 2026/27 school year, RVS students will have even more opportunities to *wonder*, explore, create, and learn as our growing STEAM program takes its next step. With the new STEAM Studio preparing to open, students will soon have a dedicated space to ask big questions, test ideas, solve problems, and discover that sometimes the best learning begins with *"I wonder..."* Equipped with robotics tools, 3D printers, a laser cutter, digital media equipment, engineering materials, and maker supplies, the Studio will give students new ways to turn their *wonder* into ideas, and their ideas into something they can design, build, and bring to life.

Helping bring that sense of *wonder* to life is Mr. Mike Enman, RVS's STEAM Facilitator. Working alongside RVS teachers, Mr. Enman will create hands-on experiences that invite students to think creatively, experiment, and see themselves as capable problem solvers, makers, and innovators. Made possible through the generosity of our community, the STEAM Studio will be more than a new learning space. It will be a place where *wonder* becomes discovery, mistakes become opportunities to try again, and students have the tools and encouragement to imagine what might be possible.

STEAM INNOVATION FUND

OUR BEAKERS ARE BUBBLING



MEET THE SPARK

- STEAM Facilitator √
- STEAM Studio √
- Professional Learning √

HANDS-ON EXPLORATION

- 3D Printers √
- Laser Cutter √
- Robotic Tools √
- Innovation Tools √

WONDER TAKES SHAPE

- STEAM Program in Every Classroom √
- Student Creativity & *Wonder* √

HEAD OF SCHOOL INITIATIVES

Facility Upgrades & Renovations

- Main Floor & Lower Level Makeovers √
- New Bulletin Boards Installed √
- Doors Upgraded √
- New Learning Support Stations √

Technology & Equipment

- New Screen in Gym √
- Improved Wi-Fi √
- New iPad Stations √

Playground & Outdoor Spaces

- Newly Refurbished Front Steps & Back Deck √
- Playground: New Wood Chips Added √
- Tarmac Stencils √

Classroom Enhancement

- New PE Office √
- Freshly Painted Classrooms √
- Girls' Changing Room Lower Level √




SPORTS









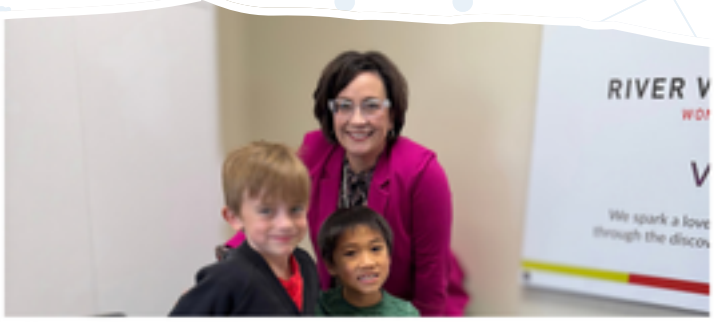
Curiosity & Cosmos AUCTION

Our Community Online Auction by the Numbers

114	261	7
Auction Items	Participants	Committee Members

19	$133,827
Sponsors	Raised













Our family's primary motivation for supporting the RVS Annual Fund, beyond tuition, is our belief in the school's mission and the meaningful impact it has on students' academic, personal, and character development. We are grateful for the opportunities RVS provides and want to help ensure that those opportunities remain strong and accessible for current and future students.

- Dora Wang





We felt River Valley School was the right fit for our family because of its clear focus on who children are becoming, not just what they are achieving. The emphasis on emotional intelligence, curiosity, and community aligns closely with the values we try to reinforce at home. Supporting the "Curiosity & Cosmos Auction" felt like a natural extension of that commitment. We're grateful to be part of a school that prioritizes both learning and character.

- The Crisanti Family





Our family foundation chose to support the STEAM Programming at River Valley School to help ensure that students have the opportunity to learn about these very important subjects in a hands-on environment with up-to-date teachings. We look forward to exploring other opportunities to support the school through our foundation.

- Karen Sproule - Angel 82 Foundation

WONDER, MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU

CELEBRATING THOSE WHOSE GENEROSITY HELPS CURIOSITY, CREATIVITY, AND *WONDER* FLOURISH*

Aleem Kassam & Rukhsana Merali
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Alexander Nguyen & Serena Liu
Alicia Nahmad Vazquez
Allison Dawrant
Alyssa Keay
Amanda Bentley
Amanda Zhang
Andrew Fowler & Jacqueline O'Toole
Andrew Pucci
Angel 82 Foundation
Angela Nicholls
Angela Paulson
Annabelle's Kitchen
Anonymous
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Anonymous
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Arman Kiani & Yasaman Mozafari
Ayaaz Sachedina & Faranak Esmaeilbeigi
Bao Bao Pottery
Bow Cycle
Bradley Sidorsky & Susan Fenske
Brooke Spencer
Buchanan's Whisky Bar
Butterfield Acres
Calaway Park
Calgary Fine Dentistry
Calgary Flames Hockey Club
Calgary Jewellery
Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra
Calgary Stampede
Calgary Vein & Laser
Cameron & Jennifer Doepker
Canadian Rocky Mountain Resorts
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Coach Bre
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Cory Tang
Cory Wilson & Gina Thornton
Crowfoot Wine & Spirits
Crystal Chan Hair
Curo Chiropractic
Cyril Elbers & Elaine Fung
David Cadotte & Clare Toguri
David Chaulk & Lindsay May
Distilled Beauty Bar & Social House
DOPO An Italian Joint
Doreen Ezeife & Tony Truong
Dr. Murray Matheson & Nicole Voss
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Element by Westin Calgary Downtown
Eric & Heidi von Engelbrechten
Erika Worger
Erin Corbett
Face Forward Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Fareed & Fatmeh Kamar
Farhad Pour & Nazli Fardhoshmand
Farrah Gabrielle Bajnok
FS8 West District Calgary
Ga Young (Lacey) Kim
Genesis North Calgary
Gonen Kinstlich
Grant Nahirniak
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Gurmeet & Rashika Sidhu
Haley Commodore
Harmanjit & Jaspreet Buttar
Harpreet & Priya Sethi
Heather Cowie
Hedkandi Salon
Holt Renfrew
Hussein Abdallah & Sazan Baban
Illuminate Skin Therapies
In School Wear
Isabel Hamilton
Ivan Ho & Jaime Hung
Jake & Trina Jones
Jason Bednar & Laura Mann
Jaspreet & Manpreet Gharial
JECT Medical Aesthetic
Jeremy Van Staalduine
Jessica Davis
Jian Yi (Tommy) Tang & Yan (Wendy) Wu
Jinhee Kang
John & Mary Lou Ediger
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Kathy Harmon
Keith Ferrel
Kelly Schmitt
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Khalilullah Morady & Ferishta Rezai
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Lara Towill
Laser City
Laura Brows
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LR Helicopters Inc.
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Mad Science of Southern Alberta
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Mandi Sim
Mary Amantea-Klukas
Mary Oddie
Master Chocolat
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Ms. Sobey & Ms. Tannis
Ms. Towill & Mrs. Scott
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Nolan Regier & Indah Suprayitno
Northland Eye Care
Nursing Soles Inc.
Olga DeSantis
Parmeet Kaur Mangat
Paul Heatlie
Paul Izzard
Paul Mereau & Audrey Bouffard-Nesbitt
Pauline Chan
Pauline Medina
Peel Wellness Retreat
Penny Crown Tavern
Pritma Dhillon-Chattha
Proof
Pulse Studios
Rachel Greenwood
Ralph & Genevieve Trenke
Rapula Tlhape & Bulelwa Mpisi
Ravdeep & Gagan Sekhon
Ravinder Minhas
Renee Farrell
Rich Lee & Joost Krijnen
Richard Black & Kristin Sims
Richard Diep & Jennifer Vuong
Richard Hares & Jeanette Rostad
Rizwan & Natasha Shajani
Rodrigo Chavez
Rosebud Theatre
Roy Xin & Dora Wang
Royal Tyrrell Museum
Ryan Oddie & Tamara Zimmerman
Salma Karim
Salt & Brick
Sarah Friesen
Sarah Sheppard
Savraj & Sharonjit Bhangra
Scott Crews
Sean R. Sutherland
Shaheed Moledina & Farah Bhimani
Shannon Duthie
Simon Lam & Lily Khoang
SKN Loft Medical Aesthetics
Sonya Hope
St. John's School
Stacey Fergusson
Steve & Marla Cohen
Steve Elliott
Stumpcraft Puzzles
Subtle Beauty Inc.
Tatum Woywitka
TELUS Spark Science Centre
The Adlington Family
The Bong Family
The Burton Family
The Carrington Family
The Chiu Family
The Cunning Family
The Darichuk Family
The Dhaliwal Family
The Drozduk Family
The Elder Family
The Hoque Family
The Horsley Family
The Kielbasinski Family
The Kolozetti Family
The Laws Family
The Lewkowicz Family
The MacNeil Family
The Nayyar Family
The Pilarski Family
The Reid Family
The Roberts Family
The Robertson Family
The Schultz Family
The Shibley Family
The Somani Family
The Swinton Family
The Telford Family
The Thorogood Family
The Totem Foundation
The Ward Family
The Waslen Family
The Wing Family
Theresa Klepak
Tonya & Kyle Moore
Tooth Express
U.S. Consulate General Calgary
Valentine Volvo
Vanessa Scott
Vicky Ji
Whitecap Resources
Will Navikenas
WinSport
Wired Wireless Orthodontics
Your Home Concierge
Yueyi Gu
Yulia Pronchenko
Zhe Wei

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