



Rochester Christian School
Foundation

Annual Report 2018



A MESSAGE FROM Greg Chambery, RCSF Board President

When we were kids and someone asked our age, we never answered with an even number. It was always something like “I’m 9 and a half” or “I’m almost 11”. We wanted time to speed up. We had the idea that being one year older would make things so much better. That tends to wear off fast once you hit your teens. I don’t even like to answer the inevitable age question as my birthday approaches. Things tend to speed up too much as we get older.

I can hardly believe how time passes us by so quickly. For those of us born in the baby boom generation, there is another factor that makes the world turn a whole lot faster compared to when we were kids. As you probably guessed, I’m talking about technology. For me it all started in 1984 when I saw a desktop PC. Now, 35 years later, things have advanced very quickly. We all have computers in our pockets that are the size of a deck of playing cards. Who would have thought a generation ago that this would even be possible?

My kids and grandchildren have all been born into this “new normal”. Instant communication, social media and access to unlimited information are all aspects of everyday life for them. They are part of the group of digital natives that are now coming of age and taking over our society. I suppose each generation sees things like this going on and wonders if the world will survive the trends and culture that comes with the next succeeding generation.

I can’t help but think that with the speed of today’s society it is critical that we don’t leave it to our children to figure things out for themselves. With so much information coming at them so quickly, it is important that they are able slow things down and reboot every once in a while. I see so many youngsters get confused and frustrated, and sometimes it manifests itself in harm to themselves or others. That is why Christian education still has a place in our world and why I believe RCS is more relevant than ever.

Rochester Christian School has always been a place that helps children understand and be nurtured in a way that anchors them to believe that they have been placed in this world for a purpose that goes beyond themselves. With the speed of society and the changing culture we see going on around us, the students at RCS learn that there remains a constant that will never change. For them, that constant is God’s love for his children and his ever present control of what happens to them. What a comforting thought this is as we experience the inevitable trials and blessings of this life.

As I close this message, I am pleased to share that the school and the foundation remain strong. Look for our monthly email updates as we try and keep you informed about RCS and RCSF activities. Most of all, please accept our sincere thanks for helping us assure that Christian education remains strong and readily available in our rapidly changing world.

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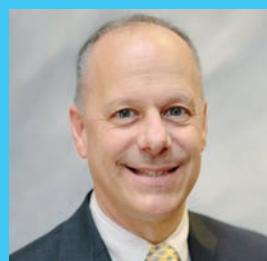
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ROCHESTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Principal Update

I’m happy to share that RCS continues to thrive and grow. Some highlights for the 2018-19 school year are:

- Enrollment is up nearly 10%, with 185 students attending this school year.
- Over 50 local churches are represented in the student body.
- The new Transitional Kindergarten Program has had a fantastic first year! The kids are growing in independence as well as growing academically. We are creating future leaders!



I am currently working with the RCS board on future planning and we are exploring ways to expand and improve our facility so we can continue to increase enrollment and offer additional programs.

We are thankful to the RCS Foundation and all of its supporters for all of your blessings.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

As of January 31, 2019

RCSF Checking Account.....	\$46,688
RCSF General Fund.....	\$501,612
Total RCSF Restricted Scholarship Accounts.....	\$167,783
Total RCSF Assets.....	\$716,083

RCSF Scholarship Accounts (Detail)	
George & Ethel Dowden Scholarship.....	\$14,803
John & Lorraine Schumacher Scholarship.....	\$85,482
Peter & Myra Schumacher Scholarship	\$17,843
RCSF General Scholarship Fund.....	\$13,935
Rochester City Scholarship Fund.....	\$35,720
Total RCSF Scholarship Accounts	\$167,783

NOTE: Balances reflect contribution distribution and changes in market value over the past year.

MEET THE SCHUMACHER FAMILY

Our RCSF Community is filled with families who have been involved with Rochester Christian School and the RCS Foundation for several generations.

The Schumacher family's history with Rochester Christian School spans five generations and began many years ago with John W. Schumacher serving on the Board for the young Christian school. The children of John and his wife, Jessie, attended RCS, as did their grandchildren and several of their great-grandchildren. There are even a few of John and Jessie's great-great-grandchildren attending RCS today. Not counting the youngest generation, each prior generation had individuals who served on the RCS board. A family member also taught at the school for 20 years.

In addition to being students and alumni of RCS, the family has a long and active history in supporting the efforts of the school and foundation. Two important RCS Foundation scholarship funds were established to honor John and Loraine Schumacher (established in 2007) and Peter and Myra Schumacher (established in 2012).

The Schumacher's have enjoyed their RCS connections with classmates, teachers and staff, with relationships that have endured long after they graduated. Many are dear friends even today. They



The great-great grandchildren of John and Jessie Schumacher

have also been blessed with vivid memories of teachers who helped shape their lives, prior school buildings, and memorable school experiences. Upon reflection, the family has clearly been blessed through the educational ministry of Rochester Christian School.

What is even more amazing than a family with a five-generation connection to Rochester Christian School is the Lord's faithfulness to that school through the ups and downs of its 100-plus year history. The Lord has provided faithful administrators, teachers, staff, Board members, and volunteers to serve the school. The Lord also moved the hearts of supporters to create the RCS Foundation 25 years ago to provide valuable endowment support for RCS. Praise God for his care and blessing of RCS!

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