

# CRCSD FORMAL PARTNERSHIPS

*The dedicated involvement of businesses and organizations support educational opportunities in the Cedar Rapids Community Schools and help students achieve. We are proud to highlight partnership activities during the 2007-08 school year and summer/fall 2008.*

## **Arthur and Erskine Elementary Schools partner with:**

**Mount Mercy College** – There has been a mutual exchange of resources between the Mount Mercy and Arthur/Erskine partnership. The elementary schools have provided classroom experiences for student teacher placements, guided observations, and audiences for a variety of performances by college groups. MMC students have served as mentors for students, providing rich connections that elementary students would not have been able to make without the partnership. Some students also have the opportunity to travel to MMC for creative dramatics units and a college visit day. Students of all ages benefit from this partnership.

## **Cleveland Elementary School partners with:**

**Van Meter Industrial** – The most exciting part of this partnership has been the mentor program. Twenty Van Meter employees currently contribute their time on a weekly basis to have lunch with a student with whom they have been matched. Van Meter has also provided school supplies to students at the start of the school year. Recently, Cleveland students had the opportunity to visit the new Van Meter building and to share some time with their mentors at their workplace.

## **Coolidge Elementary School partners with:**

**Ridgeview Assisted Living Community and Meadowview Memory Care Village** – The partnership gives both students and residents an opportunity to build relationships that dispel age-related stereotypes and to foster respect and appreciation for each others' abilities. Through such activities as reading with residents, decorating holiday cookies, working on crafts, and partnering for spelling bees, the students learn that elderly citizens have much to offer. Staff and residents also share holiday sing-a-long programs and character education assemblies.

## **Garfield Elementary School partners with:**

**Bank of the West** – The partnership involves bank employees in the school lunch buddy program. A new banking project for fifth grade students is being developed and bank staff is assisting families of need through their emergency fund.

**Hy-Vee Oakland Road** – The partner has provided food items for the schools' Thanksgiving baskets and has allowed Garfield to put a gathering box at the store to collect donations to assist families in need. Hy-Vee has also purchased holiday gifts for many students and provided families with food boxes. Garfield and Hy-Vee have also partnered to host a successful pancake breakfast to raise funds for the PTA. Students often write cards of thanks to Hy-Vee and display classroom artwork in the store.

**Ralston Foods** – Ralston has provided school supplies and food for many students, warm clothing for distribution through the school clinic, and holiday gifts for families in need. Students send thank you notes and invite Ralston staff members to join them at school for lunch.

**Target North** – The partner donated and planted a tree at Garfield in observance of Earth Day. The partners also provide classroom tours for students and send employees to read with students during the annual AMERICA READS event. In return, students have made cards of thanks for Target employees and Garfield staff members have shared treats with the store team.

## **Grant Early Childhood Center partners with:**

**BankIowa** – This three-year partnership continues to grow. With continued sponsorship of the annual Ice Cream Social and Gotcha Program, Grant students have the opportunity to have fun and earn appropriate behavior rewards. BankIowa has also been instrumental in providing volunteers for the annual Ice Cream Social and AMERICA READS, as well as providing funds to purchase books for the school library. In return, the students enjoy creating artwork that is displayed in the bank foyer.

**Texas Roadhouse** – The partner is proud to display student artwork in their waiting area. In addition, they provide volunteers for a reading program, Gotcha prizes, and help to sponsor the Ice Cream Social. The teachers are also taken care of with rolls for their conference meals and with appreciation gifts throughout the school year.

## **Grant Wood Elementary School partners with:**

**Barnes and Noble Booksellers** – The bookstore continues to be a valuable partner. In 2008, the store donated books to second grade students, assuring that each home received a book at the student's reading level. Several Barnes and Noble employees volunteer with both the SPEAK UP and AMERICA READS programs. Fifth grade student council members visit the store annually to personally thank staff.

**Chick-Fil-A** – The restaurant corporation sponsors the Core Essentials Program that has been used for several years at Grant Wood. Each month during a special school assembly, a different character trait is introduced through songs and student-led activities. The character education program involves the entire school community. The program has helped the school to build a sense of community. Fifth grade student council members visit the store each spring to share thanks with staff.

**Hy-Vee Mount Vernon Road** – The partnership continues to positively impact student learning both in and out of the classroom. Hy-Vee graciously contributes snacks during ITBS testing season. They also send volunteers to read on AMERICA READS Day. Outside the classroom, the store supports school special events, carnivals, and the volunteer recognition. Fifth grade student council members visit the store in each spring to personally thank employees.

## **Harrison Elementary School partners with:**

**Noon Lion's Club** – This year the partner has graciously donated funds to allow the school to purchase memory cards for digital cameras for every teacher and VISA gift cards to allow teachers to order photos online. Also, the school has been able to purchase Frisbee Golf for student enjoyment in the gymnasium. The partner continues to collect box tops, Campbell's soup labels, and Swiss Valley milk caps for student use, as well as ink cartridges. Harrison students and staff are also fortunate to have some Lion's Club members as classroom volunteers. Twice each year, the school hosts Lion's Club members for lunch. Students serve the lunch and provide entertainment, including singing and puppet shows.

**Verizon Business** – The new partnership is off and running! Several partner employees visited the school to read to students on AMERIC READS Day, participate in a new Lunch Buddy program, and volunteer to help with the Read Naturally program. Verizon hosted a book drive that provided two books for each student to take home and an additional 500 books for the media center. The partners will work together to host a special event commemorating the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. and to do campus landscaping in the spring.

### **Hiawatha Elementary School partners with:**

**Rockwell Collins** – Rockwell provides funding and program support for LEGO League which allows students to develop teamwork and problem-solving skills. Students also interact positively with engineers and other Rockwell employees as part of Engineers Week activities, PenPal experiences, rocket building, and general classroom support. Students write letters of thanks to their Rockwell friends. Involvement at school allows Rockwell employees to better understand current educational strategies and learning.

### **Hoover Elementary School partners with:**

**Fareway** – Students benefit from items shared by Fareway, including donations to Carnival Night and Open House events. Fareway also provides an Angel Tree during the holiday season to help support families in need. In return, Hoover students visit the partner to help clean up the property, and decorate grocery bags to share with store patrons as a way to promote the spirit of the partnership.

### **Jackson Elementary School partners with:**

**Hy-Vee Johnson Avenue** – One of the most significant partner events is the promotion of the “Five a Day the Color Way” program. The program educates students on how to select a variety of healthy foods each day using food colors as their nutritional guide. Hy-Vee also supports the AMERICA READS Program and Family Ice Cream Social with contributions and participation.

**Wells Fargo Bank** – The involvement of Wells Fargo benefits the school in the areas of social skills, literacy, and mathematics. The partnership fosters academic and social interactions correlating with the school mission. Because partner volunteers contribute 16 hours each month, students are better able to meet school improvement plan goals. Wells Fargo mentors make a difference in each child’s life. Students regularly write letters of thanks.

### **Johnson Elementary School of the Arts partners with:**

**Boys and Girls Club** – The assistance of this partner does not go unnoticed. The Boys and Girls Club supports after-school activities by helping to extend student learning, but it is their tireless work to support the whole child that nurtures the partnership. The partners make frequent visits to the school; help with bridging the gap between parents and school; and support teachers and staff.

**Children of Promise** – The partnership team helps to ensure that students who may have a parent incarcerated are not without an advocate at school. From helping with recess duty, to mentoring large groups of rising leaders, and being a support for family and communities members, the Children of Promise mentors help students maintain access to high quality education regardless of family situations. The mentors meet at school to conduct workshops, host family social events, and build community with families.

**Hy-Vee First Avenue** – This partner has supported the school community in many ways, including helping to sponsor a reading program, providing meals for staff meetings, and assisting with the fruit and veggie grant. Since receiving the grant, the partners have worked together on a daily basis to provide nutritious fruits and vegetables to students and their families. Hy-Vee also works to make sure that students are exposed to high quality meals and resources.

### **Kenwood Elementary School partners with:**

**Kenwood Park United Methodist Church** – The partner supports the school in many ways. They donate day-to-day clothing for children in need, provide Thanksgiving baskets for families, and contribute winter wear to further support families. Mentors are also available to work one-on-one with students, ensuring continued academic success. Last year, church members made chair pockets as a way to help students better organize the desk space and personal classroom area and several teacher “wish list” donations were made, each directly benefiting students by supporting teachers.

### **Madison Elementary School partners with:**

**Veridian Credit Union** – This partnership is enjoying a wonderful first year! At least 20 Veridian employees visit Madison on a regular basis to enhance education. Some work side-by-side with students on reading and mathematics. Some enjoy lunch in the cafeteria. All are building positive relationships. The partner volunteers are excellent role models. Veridian has also supported the PTA by contributing resources for various programs. In addition, they provided hams for 15 holiday food baskets for families in need. At the holiday season, the school and business teamed to design and create a special corporate holiday card – featuring Madison student artwork - for Veridian to send to its patrons.

### **Monroe Early Childhood Center partners with:**

**Barnes and Noble Booksellers** – Students benefit greatly from the partner’s desire to encourage new readers. When Barnes and Noble provides the school media center with an author-signed copy of a new book, students are given the

opportunity to display artwork at the store representing the new book. This exchange presents opportunities for the partner to further the young reader's imagination with their wonderful selection of books. The partnership also continues to support the AMERICA READS Program, store tours, and fundraising for the Monroe library.

**Hy-Vee Mount Vernon Road** – Nutrition has become the key word in snack time at Monroe. The Hy-Vee partnership helps students and parents become knowledgeable about healthy snacking by providing their dietician for the school's annual Open House event. Parents receive recipes and students sample healthy snacks. Hy-Vee promotes healthy shopping by letting classes tour the store and by giving students opportunities to sample new foods. The store works with the school to provide treats for special events, including Doughnuts with Dads, Morning with Mom, and the celebration of learning new skills. Hy-Vee also sends volunteers to share stories with students in the classroom.

### **Nixon Elementary School partners with:**

**Lowe's** – Lowe's employees have had a positive impact on students, staff and families in countless ways. The business provides classroom readers on a monthly basis and regular lunch buddy mentors. The Lowes "red vest" can be seen regularly in the school hallways. The partners generously supported Nixon families in need during the holiday season. During the summer, they lived up to their motto, "Let's Build Something Together," and helped the school community to build a two-stall garage on the campus to provide much needed storage space at the school.

### **Pierce Elementary School partners with:**

**Rockwell Collins** – The relationship with Rockwell engineers and the learning supports they provide are embedded into the instruction at Nixon. Experiences start with kindergarten science class and continue throughout the grades. One highlight is a week-long space project when students and 15 engineers fill the gymnasium with a space shuttle model and then perform a mock space mission. Rockwell provides opportunities for students and teachers that enrich school curriculum, extend math and science instruction, and provide learning experiences related to careers in engineering.

## **Polk Elementary School partners with:**

**Alliance Claims Solutions** – Students benefit from new coats purchased and donated by ACS. The partner also hosted a Thanksgiving food drive for school families.

**Coe College** – The partnership provides a work-study environment for Coe students at the Polk building. Polk students benefit by the additional of helping hands in the classroom and from the encouragement provided by the college partners. The college students have an opportunity to experience the environment of the school community, including struggles and challenges. The Coe Operation Back Pack Program provides much-needed school supplies and snacks for Polk students.

**Daybreak Rotary Club** – Students benefit daily from the generosity and kindness of the partner. Rotary Club members volunteer in the classroom, help to provide classroom supplies for staff, and serve as Lunch Buddy Mentors. Polk hosts a welcome back breakfast in the fall and a holiday breakfast for their partners.

**Hy-Vee First Avenue** – The partner provides discounted healthy snacks throughout the school year to help students develop healthier eating habits.

**Intermec** – Employees of the partnership serve as Lunch Buddy Mentors and contribute as Math Buddy volunteers.

## **Taylor Elementary School partners with:**

**Matthew 25/Trinity United Methodist Church** – The partner was instrumental in supporting the creation and installation of the “You Are a Gift” mural, unveiled in the spring of 2008. Even when the Matthew 25 group lost its home to the June flood, they remained supportive of the Taylor school community and neighborhood, providing hot lunches and other resources for those rebuilding their homes.

**Metco Credit Union** – During the 2007-08 school year, the partner donated winter coats, hats, and mittens and hosted a holiday wish tree to benefit Taylor families.

**Skogman Realty** – Many Skogman employees actively participated in the Taylor Lunch Buddy Program during the 2007-08 school year. Partner volunteers also contributed as math and reading buddies, and contributed t-shirts for the Lego League team.

**Verizon Business** – During the 2007-08 school year, the partner sponsored field trips and helped with a remodeling project in the Taylor main office. The partnership helped to create a warm welcome area at the school.

## **Van Buren Elementary School partners with:**

**GE Capital** – During the 2007-08 school year, the school community benefited greatly from the generous support of their partner. Contributions included Lunch Buddy volunteers, the donation of school supplies and healthy snacks, classroom volunteers, participation in AMERICA READS Day, and helping with the construction of a new playground. A group of several students serve as members of the “Partnership Committee” that is the liaison team between the school and business. Through the committee, those students have been exposed to the business environment. Van Buren students regularly share written thank you notes with the partner and several students visited the business during the holiday season to offer personal thanks.

## **Viola Gibson Elementary School partners with:**

**Sam's Club** – The partner's contributions of time, talent, and resources have ranged from helping at the school carnival and planting flowers in the spring to providing a monthly celebration cake for student groups that support the mission of the school. Students enjoy making cards for Sam's Club employees, bringing entertainment to the business, and displaying seasonal art in the store. Last summer, Sam's Club helped to support the Red Cross shelter established at the school during and following the June flood.

**Wendy's** – Now in its sixth year, the partnership includes special Family Night events at the restaurant. The partner also contributes funds to support PTA and awards for educational success recognitions. Last summer, Wendy's delivered several hundred Frosties to flood victims at the Red Cross Shelter located at Viola Gibson.

## **Wilson School partners with:**

**Rockwell Collins** – Rockwell supports the Wilson Science Club with both financial support and engineers who volunteer their time to work with students. Activities in science and math encourage students to continue their interest in these subject areas. Rockwell volunteers also support the seventh grade reading program, leading classroom discussions. Additionally, the partner supported the Title One Reading Club, allowing students to purchase literature for only \$1 a book.

## **Wright Elementary School partners with:**

**Rockwell Collins** – Students benefit from the numerous volunteers that share their time. The Rockwell liaison meets with teachers to help develop enthusiasm for new projects. Rockwell volunteers also support the LEGO League team and spend time in the classroom during Engineers Week, bringing students a snapshot of the work world.

## **Harding Middle School partners with:**

**USBANK** – This well-established partnership benefits students in many ways, including donated school supplies at the start of the school year and pencils for ITBS testing and other assessments. Bank professionals make classroom presentations and offer tours of the bank, serve as mentors and pair up with students as book and writing buddies. Support is provided for the school coin war, Dollars for Dogs Campaign, and Teach Children to Save Day. Many students have benefited over the years from the scholarship awarded annually to one 8<sup>th</sup>

grade boy and one 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl. In return, Harding students provide art work for display at the bank and entertainment for staff and patrons throughout the school year. Bank employees are also invited to be guests at Harding school events.

### **McKinley Middle School partners with:**

**Mercy Medical Center** – Mercy and McKinley renewed their commitment to a partnership and supported one another through the summer flood disaster and into the school year. When the hospital was partially flooded, McKinley offered meeting and training space for hundreds of Mercy employees, enabling hospital staff members to also experience the school environment, many for the first time. Mercy staff members generously responded to the needs of McKinley students by developing an ongoing mentoring service where hospital volunteers serve as role models and work directly with students to support academic growth. Mercy also provides classroom speakers on a variety of curriculum topics. During the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years, Mercy staffers worked with sixth grade students to develop a brochure on cardiac health that was distributed at Mercy offices.

### **Roosevelt Middle School partners with:**

**Quaker Oats** – Each year, the partner provides snacks for students during ITBS testing and for other school programs. Even while dealing with flood recovery, Quaker made sure that all Roosevelt students had something to eat each day during the fall testing period. Each trimester, Quaker Oats employees collaborate with students for the “Partnership Reading Program.” The business provides new books for students to read with their partner. The popular staff and student all-school breakfast remains the cornerstone partnership project, bringing partners together with the school community to share a meal.

### **Taft Middle School partners with:**

**Rockwell Collins** – The partnership supports a variety of educational programs, through the contribution of volunteer time and financial assistance. Rockwell engineers and staff also share their knowledge and expertise to support the FSEA Club, LEGO League, and Future Cities. Volunteers serve as mentors for individual students. Other school programs that are supported by the partnership include MATHCOUNTS and speech competition. Additionally, the Rockwell REACT Center has donated computers for the Taft Science Club and the Rockwell Roadshow has helped Taft students learn science basics in an entertaining way.

## **Kennedy High School partners with:**

**Hall Bicycle** – This 11-year partnership helps to support the Electric Car Program by offering design advice and deep discounts on the purchase of needed parts.

**Rockwell Collins** – The partnership provides valuable work experience for students and an established work environment for students to practice job skills.

## **Metro High School partners with:**

**Downtown Rotary** – This partner functions as the school's PTA, providing guidance and help with the annual school garage sale. Proceeds from the sale are used to fund Metro graduates who continue with their education at college. Members of the organization provide tour sites, and job shadowing and internship experiences for students. They participate in the Junior Achievement Small Business Entrepreneurship Project by providing a site for sales products. They participate in the annual Thanksgiving meal by helping to prepare food. They also participate with the Service Learning Class.

**International Paper (Formerly Cedar River Paper)** – The partner meets annually with the Metro teacher committee to coordinate real-world work exploration experiences for students through tours, job shadowing, and internships. They provide assistance with the annual Langford Training and the annual Thanksgiving meal. They also provide holiday gifts for children at the Metro on-site Daycare facility and for other students and families in need. Their generosity provided Achievement Awards for graduates who completed a semester of post secondary training. The partner also funds a reception cake for each Metro graduation.

**Optimist Club** – The Cedar Rapids Marion Optimist Club serves as Metro's fundraising organization. The partner has donated funds to help Metro graduates continue their education beyond high school and guidance and help with the annual school garage sale. Members of the organization provide tour sites, and job shadowing and internship experiences for students. Students and staff volunteer to help at the two annual Pigman Triathlons where the Optimists provide clean-up support as a way to earn funds for the Metro Achievement Award account. Students and staff also speak at club meetings several times during the year.

## **Metro Care Connection partners with:**

**Abbe Center for Community Mental Health** – The partnership provides school-based mental health services to District students. Abbe Center therapists provide assessments, consultations and education, crisis intervention, educational groups, anger management programs, and therapy for students. These services are provided at the students' school in a confidential manner with parental involvement. Students and families are able to access the services without regard to inability to pay.

**Area Substance Abuse Council** – The partnership provides for substance abuse assessments, treatment services, family support, and prevention programs for District students and their families. Substance abuse counselors are assigned to each high school and are on call to the middle schools as needed. All ASAC treatment services are confidential and provided without regard to ability to pay.

# SPECIAL SERVICE TO EDUCATION HONOREES

*Recognizing contributions made to schools and District departments during  
the 2007-08 school year, summer/fall 2008,  
by businesses and organizations not identified as formal partners.  
(This should not be considered a complete list.)*

## **Arthur Elementary School recognizes:**

**F&M Bank** – A generous supporter of the PTA Walk-A-Thon fundraising event. The event has raised funds to purchase grade-level reading materials and other classroom items for student enrichments.

**Heritage Property Management** – A generous supporter of the PTA Walk-A-Thon fundraising event. The event has raised funds to support teachers by supporting field trips beyond which the District provides and funding a summer reading program in the IMC.

**King's Materials** – This past spring, fifth grade students raised funds to purchase and install a sign in front of the Arthur Annex to better identify the building as part of the school campus. King's Materials assisted in the design, purchase, and installation of the stone sign.

**Parks and Schmit Orthodontics** – A generous supporter of the PTA Walk-A-Thon fundraising event. The event has funded such items as ceiling fans in the gymnasium and banquet tables for use at school events.

**Wasserbahn Waterpark Resort** – A generous supporter of the PTA Walk-A-Thon fundraising event. The PTA raffles many items that are used as an incentive for students to participate by collecting donations. Wasserbahn provides numerous items for the raffle.

**Zoey's Pizzeria** – The business supplies pizza for special events and is a generous supporter of the PTA Walk-A-Thon fundraising event. The fundraising event raises funds to support teacher requests, provide additional field trips, and support after-school enrichment activities.

## **Grant Early Childhood Center recognizes:**

**Campbell Supply Company** – Ready to help the school “in a pinch,” the business has helped to provide for such programs as Gardening Angels, the Ice Cream Social, and the school raffle. The business is currently storing new school air conditioners until they can be installed.

**St. Ludmilla’s Church** – The church provided free daycare for 30 families following the flood. Donated craft supplies provided children with hours of activities to enjoy. Parish members also contributed clothing, toiletry items, and cleaning supplies to help families.

**Western Fraternal Life Association** – A supporter of students affected by the flood, the group assisted with childcare, provided breakfast foods, and worked at the daycare in the days immediately following the flood. At Thanksgiving, they provided a meal for a family in need; at Christmas they adopted three families to directly assist.

## **Harrison Elementary School recognizes:**

**AEGON USA** – The business filled the school gymnasium with donations of clothing and house wares to assist neighborhood flood victims. Employees came to the school to sort, fold and organize donations for the Back to School Night event.

**Asbury United Methodist Church** – The church donated school supplies and funds for flood-affected students and their families.

**Cargill** – The business donated funds for flood-affected students and their families.

**Cedar Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star** – The organization contributed blankets, hats, and mittens for students in need.

**Concordia Lutheran Church** - The church donated school supplies and funds for flood-affected students and their families.

**Cost Cutters** – Stylists provided free haircuts for Harrison students and their families at Back to School Night.

**Hope United Church of Christ** – Church members donated boots, mittens, and hats for students in need.

**Iowa Select Farms Foundation** - The organization donated funds for flood-affected students and their families.

**King of Kings Lutheran Church** – The summer Vacation Bible School program collected backpacks, socks, and funds for shoe gift cards for distribution at Back to School Night. Over \$2,000 in Payless shoe cards were donated! As winter came, church members collected snow pants, coats, and boots to share with students affected by the flood. Church members also adopted a family for the holidays.

**Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Anoka, MN** – Church members donated funds through King of Kings Lutheran Church to help purchase backpacks, socks, and shoes for attendees to Harrison’s Bath to School Night. Members also came to Cedar Rapids to assist a staff member with clean up following the flood.

**Premier Advisors, LLC** – The business organized donations of clothing and housewares for Back to School Night. Premier also adopted a school family for the holidays.

**Shueyville United Methodist Church** - The church provided funds to help support flood-affected students and their families.

**Stitching for Missions/St. Paul’s United Methodist Church** – The group donated handmade quilts and child-size sleeping bags for students and families displaced by the flood.

**Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** - The organization donated funds for flood-affected students and their families.

### **Hiawatha Elementary School recognizes:**

**Alpha XI Delta Sorority** – The organization contributed learning supplies for students in need, including filled backpacks. The donations went to students affected by the flood as well as others.

### **Nixon Elementary School recognizes:**

**Eagle Scout team, Jonathan Jenkins and Jonathan Warnock** – Working with the Lowe’s partnership, the team of scouts built a 24 x 24 garage at Nixon as their Eagle Project. The garage was designed, built, and painted in a month.

## **Taylor Elementary School recognizes:**

**AmeriCorps** – Helped with the Taylor Community Trail Day this summer, assisting with planning, organizing, coordinating volunteers, and making sure everyone had food and beverage.

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters** – Helped with the Taylor Community Trail Day, assisting with planning, organizing, coordinating volunteers, and making sure everyone had food and beverage.

**Cedar Rapids Kernels** – The ground crew worked with volunteers to make the Taylor Community Trail Day a success. They assisted with everything from tilling to volunteer coordination to providing the heavy roller that was necessary to make it all happen.

**Cedar Rapids Parks and Recreation Department** – The City Department generously picked up and delivered trail rock for the Community Trail Improvement Day.

**Dave and Sons Hauling and Auto Repair** – The company donated their time and a dump truck to haul away the grass and weeds cleared out during the Community Trail Improvement Day.

**Old Creamery Theatre** – The theatre troupe presented a free performance at the school for students and staff.

**Wendling Quarry** – The business was generous in donating “all the rock necessary” for the Taylor Trail project.

## **Wilson School recognizes:**

**Cedar Hills Community Church** – Church members provided backpacks for students, taking the school supply lists and filling each bag. The bags were then labeled by both grade level and gender for easy distribution.

## **Kennedy High School recognizes:**

**Cedar Rapids Symphony Orchestra** – The CRSO provided work experience opportunities for special needs students, allowing them to practice job skills.

**First Baptist Church/Church of the Brethren** – The church provides a setting for special needs students to practice life skills.

**Hiawatha Care Center** – Recognized for supporting learning activities at Kennedy.

**Kiwanis** - Recognized for supporting learning activities at Kennedy.

**Lovely Lane Church** - Recognized for supporting learning activities at Kennedy.

**Munson Electric** – Recognized for assisting the Kennedy drama department.

**Pearle Vision** - Recognized for supporting learning activities at Kennedy.

**Pet Smart** - Recognized for supporting learning activities at Kennedy.

**RuffaloCODY** – Thanks to the efforts of management and employees, the KHS student government organization was able to expand its service projects to serve more community needs. The business and school group have teamed to adopt families during the holidays and are currently working together to help restock area food banks.

**Siegel's Jewelers** – Recognized for supporting the KHS drama department.

**Spring House Restaurant** - Recognized for supporting learning activities at Kennedy.

## **The Metro Care Connection recognizes:**

**BankIowa** – An annual sponsor of the Family Day at the Ballpark event, BankIowa provides a souvenir for all participants and helps with event marketing. This year they also provided snack at the annual baseball clinic fundraiser when the original donating business was unable to participate due to the flooding disaster.

**Cedar Rapids Kernels** – The Family Day at the Ballpark fundraiser would not be possible without the support of the Kernels. The organization not only provides use of the stadium for the event but also provides valuable items for the silent

auction and raffle. Additionally, team players contribute their time to lead a baseball clinic each summer as another MCC fundraising activity.

**KCRG TV-9 Show You Care Program** – The KCRG Show Your Care partners (Collins Community Credit Union, Cedar Rapids Toyota, Carlos O’Kelly’s, and Mercy Medical Center) help to sponsor the annual Family Day at the Ballpark fundraiser, providing advertising on air and during Kernels ballgames.

### **The District’s Homeless Support Task Force recognizes:**

**Aspire Inspire Foundation** – The organization provided 200 backpacks and school supplies for flood-affected and homeless students.

**Barnes and Noble Booksellers** – Staff members delivered books donated by the store to flood affected schools’ libraries

**Chrome Divas** – The organization held a motorcycle ride to collect funds to support the homeless program. The funds were used to provide school supplies for homeless and flood-affected students.

**City PTA** – City PTA was instrumental in assisting the District in locating students affected by the flood and getting school supplies to those most in need. Members raised funds, facilitated donations and packing of backpacks, and helped to coordinate the Aug. 9 Back to School Rally. More than 3000 school backpacks, each one containing school supplies, were distributed during the event.

**Craftsmen Community Service** – The organization provided financial support for homeless programs, including the purchase of clothing and school supplies. This included both homeless and flood-affected students.

**Delta Kappa Gamma (Theta Chapter)** – This professional society of women educators in the Cedar Rapids community gathered scarves, hats, and mittens before the holidays to be distributed to District students. The group has continued to gather contributions to help assist homeless children.

**OnMedia** – Through their Shoes That Fit Program, the business facilitates a program that pairs children in need with individuals and businesses that will donate new shoes and boots. This year more than 181 pairs of footwear were provided for homeless and flood-affected children.

**Rockwell Collins Administrative Effectiveness Team** – The organization collected school supplies for distribution to homeless children. They stepped up efforts this year to assist with post-flood needs. They also provided storage space for some of the many post-flood donations the District received from across the country.

**University of Iowa Hospital, Department of Internal Medicine** – Through their annual Winter Warm-Up Drive, the department collected winter coats, hats, gloves, and boots from employees. These donations went to children who are homeless or flood-affected.

### **The Educational Service Center recognizes:**

**Serve The City** – As the flood waters rose, the organization provided volunteers to help District staff members move furniture, legal documents and files, and other items from the first floor of the ESC to upper levels of the building.

**US Corrugated, Inc.** – As the flood waters rose, the business provided cardboard storage boxes for use in packing documents, files, and office supplies to be moved from the first floor to upper levels of the ESC.

### **The Technology Department recognizes:**

**AVAYA** – Contributed Voice-over IP phones during the flood emergency.

**NACR-AVAYA** – Arranged for the contribution of replacement Voice-over IP phones during the flood emergency.

**VDN-AVAYA** – As part of flood recovery, the business provided the installation and configuration of phone system at the Blairs Ferry location and the ESC at Kingston site.

**Cedar Rapids Fire Department** – Instrumental in providing a rescue boat to retrieve the District server from the ESC during the flood so access could be reestablished from Jefferson High School.

**City of Cedar Rapids Traffic Engineering** – Allowed the purchase of available fiber for the ESC at Kingston site.

**ICN** – The business was instrumental in reprovisioning network circuits for GWAEA Internet access while District central services were located at Jefferson High School.

**IWireless** – The business provided additional cell phones for staff use during the flood emergency.

**Lambourne Environmental Diving Service** – Provided the rescue boat used to retrieve the District server from the ESC during the flood so access could be reestablished from Jefferson High School.

**MediaCom** – Coordinated provisioning of additional network services needed at Jefferson High School, the Blairs Ferry location, and GWAEA.

**Microsoft** – Provided elevated technical support to get systems functioning following the flood.

**PAETEC-McLeod** – Rerouted the main phone traffic of all District buildings to temporary emergency lines while ESC phone system was down during and immediately following the flood.

**Pioneer** – Integrally involved in developing the office setup at the Blairs Ferry location and the ESC at Kingston site. Also provided a moving team to relocate furniture and files, etc.

**Qwest** – Provided reprovisioning of District telcom circuits.

**School Messenger** – Provided access to the School Messenger Emergency calling system for several months while our system was being restored.

**Streff Electric** – The business was instrumental in getting new facilities prepared for network services.

**Structured Cabling** – Connected needed phone lines within buildings, extending services to the District on nights and weekends to get lines functioning for shelters at Gibson; repair of damaged circuits at various schools; and the installation of network drops at the ESC at Kingston site. All of this after the business itself had been flooded.

**Yellowbook** – Donated Voice-over IP phones during the flood emergency.

**The District's School Flood Relief Fund (established through the CRCSD Foundation) recognizes the following businesses and organizations for contributions to support the needs of students, staff, and schools affected by the flood.**

**Advance Technology Solutions**

**Benchmark, Inc.**

**City of Hiawatha**

**Clipper Windpower**

**Community of Christ VBS**

**Dakota Red Corp.**

**E-F Paving LLC**

**Encounter Christian Church**

**First Construction Company**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**Harding Middle School**

**Hiawatha American Legion Post**

**Hi-Crew Kiwanis**

**International Paper (Formerly Cedar River Paper)**

**Jim Sattler, Inc.**

**LOMA Society of Cedar Rapids**

**Lovely Lane Methodist Church**

**Pioneer Workspace Solutions**

**Rockwell Collins Flood Fund**

**United Methodist Women**

**USBANK**

**Van Meter Industrial**

**The following businesses and organizations were recognized by  
the Planning Committee as sponsors of the Aug. 9  
BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY, supporting children in need.  
We are pleased to again thank them.**

**ABBE Center**

**Area Substance Abuse Council**

**Back-to-School Rally Committee Members**

**Cedar Rapids City PTA**

**Cedar Rapids Community Schools Foundation**

**Cedar Rapids Hy-Vee stores**

**Cedar Rapids Kernels**

**Children of Promise/Youth Leadership Diversity Focus**

**HACAP**

**Hawkeye Labor Council**

**Homeless Children's Trust**

**Linn County Extension**

**Media Outlets - 94.1 KRNA, 98.1 KHAK, 104.5 KDAT, 107.1 KRQN,**

**The Gazette and KCRG TV-9**

**Metro Care Connection**

**National Black Engineers of Cedar Rapids and Iowa City**

**Polk Elementary School Encounter Christian Church**

**Project Recovery of Iowa**

**Rockwell Collins**

**Serve the City**

**Staples**

**Teamsters Local 120**

**Teamsters Local 238**

*The following District schools and departments are recognized for providing space and support for other community needs during and following the June flood.  
(This should not be considered a complete listing.)*

**Arthur Elementary** – Provided space for the Gibson daycare, and the District departments of Superintendent, Association Superintendent, Community Relations, and TV-Media.

**Coolidge Elementary** – Hosted District PE teachers.

**Erskine Elementary** – Provided space for Waypoint Services.

**Grant Early Childhood** – Hosted GWAEA and the Grant/Wilson staffs for daycare.

**Johnson Elementary** – Hosted the Boys and Girls Club.

**Polk Elementary** – Hosted the YMCA.

**Viola Gibson Elementary** – Served as a shelter for flood-displaced residents of the community. Also hosted the Serve the City organization and a food-cleaning and clothing supplies outlet. Additionally, the school was the command central for the Red Cross and the Palo Recovery.

**Harding Middle** – Hosted the Cedar Rapids Recreation Department and members of the ESC staff.

**McKinley Middle** – Hosted Mercy Hospital staff and the Royal Plus Cleaning.

**Roosevelt Middle** – Hosted Serve the City, the Boys and Girls Club, St. Patrick's Church, and FEMA.

**Taft Middle** – Hosted members of the ESC staff.

**Wilson** – Hosted District summer school, AEA teacher re-certification classes, the Corridor Recovery Agency and the displaced ESC staff members from OLL.

**Jefferson High** – Hosted the District ESC staff during June and July.

**Kennedy High** – Hosted District courts, Lovely Lane UMC, YMCA, Quaker Oats, and Coe College.

**Metro High** – Hosted the Oakhill Jackson neighborhood members.

**Washington High** – Hosted the Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre, CR Aquatic Association, Theatre Cedar Rapids, CRPD, Academy for Personal and Academic Success.

**Kingston Stadium** – Hosted the District Buildings and Grounds department, City of CR vehicles, Linn County vehicles, and the Freedom Festival Barbeque Round Up. Currently serving as the location of District central services at the ESC at Kingston.