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RAUCH FAMILY FOUNDATION I AWARDS 2026 GRANTS

The Board of Directors of the Rauch Family Foundation I has awarded a total of \$75,685 to 58 nonprofit organizations that serve Rock Island residents.

The Mission of the Rauch Family Foundation I is “The enhancement of the lives of the citizens of Rock Island.”

The Foundation was founded in 1987 thanks to bequests from the estates of Albert and Lester Rauch. The brothers were long-time Rock Island residents who each left more than \$1 million to establish two separate foundations.

The Rauch Family Foundation I has made grants totaling more than \$1.2 million to more than 105 nonprofit organizations that serve the citizens of Rock Island.

The Board of Directors, all Rock Island residents, includes Damon Colvin, Dayl Empen, De’Andre Robinson, Kelly Thompson, and Dr. LaShante Williams.

The 2026 grant recipients are:

ORGANIZATION	GRANT AWARD	PURPOSE
Ballet Quad Cities	\$1,000	Academic, social, and arts enrichment for RI students
Bethany for Children & Families	\$2,000	“Give Kids a Smile” mobile dental van
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley	\$1,000	One-to-one youth mentoring
Children’s Therapy Center of the Quad Cities	\$1,000	Assistance with fees for RI families
Christian Care	\$880	New lockers for homeless men
Christian Friendliness	\$1,000	Summer camp for RI youth
Church of Peace	\$2,000	Food pantry services
Clock, Inc.	\$1,000	Access to LGBTQ counselling services
Common Chord	\$1,000	Youth instruments & music education
Community Caring Conference	\$1,000	“Significant stories for 50years of CCC services”
Community Home Partners	\$1,800	Public transportation for the elderly and disabled
Family Resources, Inc.	\$1,522	Assistance with basic needs for victims of violent crimes in RI

Figge Art Museum	\$1,000	Big Picture outreach in RIN schools
Fresh Air Movement	\$1,000	Healthy home kits for 20 RI families
Fresh Films	\$1,50	Internships for older teens and young adults
Friends of Hauberg Civic Center	\$1,000	Plant & art-based educational programming
Genesius Theatre Foundation	\$750	Costuming for the 2026 season
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois	\$1,250	Financial support for Girl Scouts programs in RI
Heart of Hope Ministries	\$2,000	Food & essential supplies for RI residents
Humble Dwellings	\$1,500	New mattresses, bedding, and equipment for RI families
Humility Homes & Services	\$2,000	Veterans housing stabilization services
Immanuel's Grace Ministries	\$1,5200	Meals for homeless persons in RI
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois	????????	Services for children in RI
Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Services	\$1,500	Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial service and awards
Multigenerational speaker series	\$500	Educational sessions about Black history
Nahant Marsh Education Center	\$1,000	Nature-based training opportunities for RI youth
NAMI	\$1,000	Peer mental health services at Augustana College
Narratives	\$1,500	Tables for meeting spaces for young adults
New Kingdom Trailriders	\$500	Volunteer training & equipment
Nika Loves Charities	\$750	Literacy kits for children in RI
One Eighty	\$1,500	Transportation for RI students
Planting Books—Seeds 4 a Better Future	\$1,000	Rock Island Kids Read
Prairie State Legal Services	\$2,000	Legal services for low-income RI students
Project NOW, Inc. CAA	\$2,000	Senior nutrition home-delivered meals
Putnam Museum	\$1,000	Putnam Community Access Fund
Quad Cities Open Network	\$2,000	Supplemental Emergency Assistance Program
Quad Cities Marathon—Shoes for Kids	\$750	Shoes for low-income children in RI
Quad Cities Open Network (SEAP)	\$2,000	Financial assistance for low-incomer residents
Quad City Arts	\$1,000	2025-2026 Visiting Artists Series
Quad City Botanical Center	\$1,000	Temperate, succulent, & cacti garden
Quad City Symphony Orchestra Association	\$1,000	Music engagement for RI students
River Bend Food Bank	\$2,000	RI schools pantry purchase program
Rock Island County Extension & 4-H Foundation	\$500	Access to food preservation equipment
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	\$2,000	-Shelving for the food pantry
SAL Community Services	\$1,500	Winter outerwear for low-income children in RI
SBC Music Academy	\$1,500	Learning through music and art
School Health Link	\$1,000	Promotional materials for clinic at RIHS
Snaith Family ASD Sensory Program	\$1,000	Services for persons on the autism spectrum
Special Olympics Illinois	\$1,000	Regional bowling competition in Illinois
Soles for Children	\$1,500	Coats & shoes for children in RI
Spring Forward Learning Center	\$2,000	Sustained after-school support for RI students

St. John's Lutheran Church, Rock Island	\$1,000	Food pantry and Wednesday evening meals
Tapestry Farms	\$1,500	Housing assistance for immigrant families in RI
Testimonies of Hope—Argrow's House	\$2,000	Hygiene materials for mothers & children
The Third Place QC	\$2,000	75, 30-Metrolink bus passes for homeless persons
World Relief	\$1,500	Family literacy program for immigrants & refugees
WQPT First Book Club	\$1,000	First Book Club in RI
WVIK, Quad Cities NPR	\$1,000	Augustana Public Radio Information Services (APRIS)
Youth Service Bureau of Rock Island County	\$2,500	Counseling for low-income children & families
TOTAL GRANT AWARDS	\$75,685	