

# ROCKWOOD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Community Members, Organizations, Businesses, Family and Friends:

Teachers and staff members of Rockwood Area School District are going to do something really crazy for the second time this fall to support local students in need. On October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, we're running a 150-mile relay race on the Great Allegheny Passage Trail. Yes, 150 miles! Eight members of our staff will each run about 20 miles--day and night, rain or shine—and every mile will help our district's kids. Our team name is "RocketsRunForKids." In 2018 our team finished the race in 22 and ½ hours and raised over \$17,000 for our kids in need.

We are using this race opportunity to once again demonstrate our commitment to two programs that help our kids: "Kids Come First" and the "Rockwood Rocket Fuel Backpack Program", and we are requesting the support of community members, local businesses, organizations, family and friends. These two programs, solely funded by donations and grants, serve to provide our kids in need with everything from winter coats to fuel oil to shoes to nutritious food. Each year, we have found there is an increased need for these programs in our school population. During the past school year we spent nearly \$9,000 on food for the backpack program and close to \$3,000 supporting kids and families in need through "Kids Come First." This presents an ongoing funding challenge.

**This is where you come in, and where this crazy idea to run the GAP Trail Relay for a second time comes from. We are reaching out to you and requesting that you "sponsor" our team with a donation to the programs that directly support our kids in need. Every dollar raised will be spent on kids!**

**We have set a 2019 goal of raising \$10,000!**

The school district fully supports our efforts. The school board kindly donated funds to cover our entire race registration fee. Our students also support our efforts. Students, if able, will be donating amounts ranging from a few cents to a few dollars in the classrooms of the teachers participating in the race.

**We're hoping that you will get on board and kindly make a donation.**

**If you would like to "go the distance" for Rockwood kids in need, please make checks payable to...**

**Rockwood Area School District: Kids Come First**

Donations are tax deductible and all donations will be handled by the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies.

Please send checks to team members or mail directly to...

Community Foundation for the Alleghenies  
116 Market Street Suite 4  
Johnstown, PA 15901

Thanks for your consideration of this request and for your support of our kids!