

# **FEBRUARY 2025**



This image of volunteer Marcia Van Ee and student Serenity, is from the Rehoboth 2025 school calendar. You can request a free calendar by emailing advancement@rcsnm.org

# Dear Friends,

The relationship between Rehoboth Christian School and its volunteers is something truly special. One of the most enjoyable parts of my job is meeting the different individuals, couples, whole families, and groups who travel to our school to give of their time by serving our needs. These people come from all over the country (and sometimes further), representing all walks of life. They may have a personal or church connection with the school, a shared passion for our mission, an encounter with one of our touring bands or choirs, or even just a tug of curiosity as they passed our exit on the interstate. No matter what brings our volunteers to campus, their presence is a manifestation of the kind of Kingdom hospitality we strive to model. This month's page of the Rehoboth calendar features Marcia VanEe, who has been coming to serve with her husband, Gary, for 20 years. Her affection for our students runs deep, and she jumps at the chance to read with them to spark their imaginations and kindle the flame of learning in them.

Other volunteers help our maintenance and transportation departments. Some lean into administrative tasks or serve as special consultants and advisors for our big-picture planning. There's really no end to the way we can use your gifts. Scripture teaches us that the Body of Christ has many parts, serving different individual functions but united in their overarching purpose. We're able to see that truth lived out in front of us when we welcome visitors to our school.

If you're one of our volunteers, thank you for blessing us with your time. It's my prayer that your experience shaped you as much as it did us. And if you'd like to come use your talents with us for the first time, we're ready to welcome you with open arms.

> With gratitude, Dan Meester Executive Director

#### Praise & Prayer Requests

- Re-enrollment season has officially begun here at Rehoboth, and soon the window will open for new families to apply to our school. Please join us in praying that God brings us the right families and students—ones who would both benefit from and bolster our educational endeavors.
- We will soon post our open staff positions, and in similar fashion, we ask for you to pray that the Lord stirs the hearts of the teachers, counselors, and staff who will be fulfilled by our mission and pour into the lives of our students and their families.

# **Current Needs**

### Keith Kuipers Gym Project

We are excited to have the final design package and updated budget for the Kuipers Gym Project. We will be encouraging gifts to finish this campaign over the winter months, with the hope of breaking ground later in the spring if the financial need has been met. The remaining campaign need as of January 21 is \$549,073.

Please visit our project webpage at:

www.rcsnm.org/support/kuipers.cfm for more detailed information.

# **Tuition Assistance Need**

As we begin the second semester, we are thankful for the abundance of gifts that we received in the past two months. Our annual tuition assistance need for the 2024-2025 school year is \$1,910,000. Through January 21, we have received \$1,348,484 for which we are grateful! Please consider helping us meet the remaining financial need of \$561,516 for this school year.

## SALT Program

This school year we are working hard to maintain the great programming and support that we have been able to implement over the past year. We are currently able to offer speech, occupational, and physical therapies, as well as life skills experiences through community work study placements. We are actively working to expand the mental health and counseling support for our students as well. The total remaining need to fund the SALT program for the 24-25 school year is \$78,359.

### Volunteer at Rehoboth

If have any questions or feedback about our volunteer program, please give our Groups & Guests Coordinator, Laura Blystra, a call today at (505) 726-9603 or email lblystra@rcsnm.org.

### Support our Teachers & Staff

Teachers and staff continue to regularly update the Amazon Wishlist. They appreciate your help!



# We are thankful for your support and prayers! If you have any questions, please contact us:

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