



Existing Programs

CAN:

Caring About Nutrition provides healthy and child-friendly food for students on weekends throughout the year. The food is donated and purchased in bulk based on donations from individuals, churches, organizations businesses, etc... Every week volunteers sort and log donations before pulling items for that week's bags. Then each Thursday, a group of volunteers packs the food, and other volunteers distribute it to our schools. To schedule a group to help with packing or distributing, contact Kristi Patterson at kristipatterson123@gmail.com

Coat Drive:

Country Club Bank sponsors a coat drive for children in need of a warm winter coat. These are delivered to the school counselors and distributed as needed.

Stuff the bus:

Each year, during the month of July, Community Bank of Raymore sponsors this school supply drive. The supplies collected are distributed during back to school nights and via our school counseling department.

Holiday Adopt a family:

Families in need can sign up for "adoption" for the holidays. This is coordinated through each school's counseling office. Families provide clothing sizes and wish list. Each school seeks individuals, families, groups, churches, businesses to adopt the families and provide gifts.

Holiday Meals:

Price Chopper of Raymore partners with Caring About Nutrition to provide holiday meal vouchers to families in need.

Refuge:

The Refuge is an outreach effort to inform teenagers of the safe options for connecting with peers available in our community. In addition to informing about all safe options in our community, Refuge teen nights are hosted approximately once a month at the First Baptist Church of Raymore. These nights are full of fun activities and are free to attend.

Girl Talk:

Girl Talk is a mentor program designed to empower High School girls to mentor Middle School girls. They meet weekly to discuss topics such as friendship, resisting peer pressure, body image etc.....

Hygiene closet:

The Hygiene closet is housed at the Ray-Pec Academy and helps provide hygiene items to students in need

Programs we would like to get going:

1000 book club:

The 1,000 Book Club a reading program that provides, on loan, FREE books for families with children ages 2-kindergarten. The families read together and there are incentives along the way to reaching 1000 books read by the end of kindergarten.

Activity fee assistance:

High school students in need of help with activity fees are matched with local businesses or other opportunities to earn the money for their sports or other activity fees.

Back to school fair:

Families can sign up to receive back-to-school assistance - school supplies, clothing, shoes, hygiene items, haircuts - at the Ray-Pec Cares Back-to-School Fair which is held in August. Families receive applications for the fair prior to the end of the school year. Volunteers are needed prior to the fair to organize and stuff school supply backpacks and volunteers are needed the day of the event as well.

Class fee assistance:

This is a fund set up to help students afford dual credit tuition and other advanced learning opportunities that charge fees.

Clothes Closet:

Gently used and new clothes are collected for distribution to families in need within the school district.

Instrument closet:

Instruments donated to the Instrument Closet ensure all students who want to participate in band have that opportunity.

Mentor programs:

Research shows that one to one mentoring is the most effective way to build resilience in kids. Adult mentors are continually needed in our schools to regularly come and eat lunch, read to kids, play games and other activities that so many students need.

Parent university:

Parent University is an event that provides parents, care providers, teachers and others that work with children access to community resources and experts in the parenting field.

Prom Closet - A Unique Boutique:

This event provides an opportunity for high school students to shop for Prom attire including dresses, shoes, suits, and jewelry at a greatly discounted rate.

Sports Closet:

Ray-Pec Cares collects new and gently used youth sports equipment to ensure that children who want to participate in youth sports have that opportunity. The donations could then sorted and distributed to the local youth sports organizations or school sports teams as needed.

Teen MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers):

Teen MOPS provides a supportive, nonjudgmental environment where teen moms can come together for mentoring and encouragement. In Teen MOPS, the teaching, activities and friendships are all focused on the very distinct needs of young moms. Teen MOPS helps young moms become more self-sufficient, confident, and gain valuable parenting skills. Contact raymoremops@gmail.com for more information

Other ideas:

We are open to new programs and ideas. If you know of a program in our community that serves our youth we would love to know about it! Also, if you have other ideas, we would love to hear them! Contact us at allison.scott@raypec.org, jodie.huston@raypec.org, or abruflat@gmail.com. You can also call 816-302-5952. Follow us on Facebook @Ray-Pec Cares.