



NEWS RELEASE

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Junior Board of Rock Island Awards \$52,200 in Grants

The following nonprofit organizations have been awarded grants through JBRI.

Augustana's Roseman Center for Speech, Language, and Hearing Communication Therapy for Children with Autism	\$2,000
Azubuike African American Council for the Arts, Inc Urban Exposure Summer Film Program	\$500
Ballet Quad Cities Dance-Based Literacy, Music, and SEL Programs in Quad Cities Schools	\$3,500
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley Big Futures	\$750
Cancer Support Community Iowa & NW Illinois Kid Support Short-Term Groups	\$1,000
Children's Therapy Center of the Quad Cities, NFP Providing 100 units of therapy to children living in Rock Island whose families are unable to afford the cost	\$3,500
Clock, Inc Life-Saving High School Group	\$500
EveryChild Family Connections - Military Family Support	\$1,200
First Tee Quad Cities First Tee-Quad Cities, Equipment and Supply Needs	\$1,000
GiGi's Playhouse Quad Cities Sensory Area Updates	\$1,000





Hand in Hand Hand in Hand Summer Camp	\$1,500
Humble Dwellings FURNISHINGS FOR THE KIDS: Dressers, Desks, Bunk Beds, and Organizational Items for Children's room and living spaces	\$2,500
Humility Homes & Services, Inc. Backpacks & Beyond	\$1,800
Jordan Catholic School Literacy Project	\$1,000
Junior Achievement of the Heartland Financial Literacy Programs for the Rock Island / Milan School District	\$1,500
Junior League of the Quad Cities The Period Project	\$1,000
Martin Luther King Jr Community Center 49th Annual Children's Holiday Gift Event	\$500
NEST Café Nourishing QC kids	\$1,000
Project NOW, Inc. Project NOW Head Start Safety Initiative	\$2,000
QC Closet2Closet Underwear Inventory	\$700
Quad Cities Ballet Folklorico Summer Showcase 2025	\$500
Quad Cities Marathon Shoes for Kids Program Quad Cities Marathon Shoes for Kids	\$1,500
Quad City Arts Santa's Stars	\$1,500
Rock Island Futbol Club RIFC 2025-2026 Season	\$500





Rock Island Parks Foundation Adaptive Sports: Play for All	\$3,000
Royal Ball Run for Autism Beauty and the Books: A Community Bookstore with a Purpose	\$2,500
Safer Foundation Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) and 2025 YEP Prom	\$750
Soles For Children Inc 10th Annual Coats & Shoes Giveaway for Low-Income Children in Rock Island and Scott Counties	\$1,500
Spring Forward Expanding Literacy Through After-School Intervention	\$3,000
The Literacy Connection The Literacy Connection (TLC) Summer School	\$1,000
The Rock Island County Children's Advocacy Center Forensic Interview for Healing	\$2,500
Two Rivers YMCA Nourish Food Program for Youth	\$2,000
World Relief Quad Cities Refugee Family Literacy Childcare	\$500
Youth Service Bureau of Rock Island County Summer Coping Camp	\$2,000
YWCA of the Quad Cities Swim Lessons for All	\$1,000

AWARDS EVENT
WEDNESDAY: MAY 28, 4 P.M.
WATTS MIDTOWN LIBRARY
2715 30TH STREET
ROCK ISLAND, IL





"Since 1935, members of Junior Board of Rock Island have been supporting children's organizations in the Quad Cities area. We are women joined in friendship, working together to support children in our community through direct volunteering and fundraising to be able to give back through grants that support the amazing work that is happening in our community." JBRI

"MRCF is honored to partner with Junior Board of Rock Island as they continue their organizational legacy of generously supporting our community." Paul Plagenz – President/CEO



About Moline Regional Community Foundation

Founded in 1953, MRCF partners with generous individuals who genuinely care about our community by establishing any number of grantmaking funds, including donor-advised, nonprofit endowments, scholarships, field-of-interest, and donor-designated funds. Serving a six-county region, including Rock Island, Henry, Mercer, Henderson, and McDonough Counties in Illinois, and Scott County in Iowa, MRCF helps donors put their *Giving Into Action!*