THE FOUNDATION’S HISTORY

Founded in 2000, the Andy Roddick Foundation provides children from underserved communities with high-quality learning and enriching experiences during after school, spring break and summer — times when children often need the most support. The pivotal experiences that take place during these programs include collaborative opportunities in science, technology, engineering, math (STEM), literacy, arts and sports. For nearly the last 20 years, the Foundation has impacted more than 35,000 students and has invested more than $30 million across Central Texas to transform students, their families and their communities.

THE FOUNDATION’S VISION

Working hand-in-hand within identified communities, the Foundation increases and expands opportunities for students to learn, thrive and succeed, as the Foundation’s mission envisions a world where all young people have endless chances to realize and achieve their utmost potential. At its core, the Foundation brings children together in a positive and transformative environment, giving them the chance to succeed and thrive within an uplifting network of peers, and under the influence and supervision of caring and committed adults. Additionally, the donor base of the Foundation is almost exclusively families themselves, and the support cycle for the Foundation is most easily described as “families supporting families.”

THE FOUNDATION’S MISSION

Through highly engaging and authentically uplifting programs, ARF helps young people become more connected to school, build relationship skills, develop self-management, foster growth mindsets, increase learning engagement, develop personal responsibility, and improve reading scores and school attendance. The Foundation’s ultimate focus is on the children and families it serves, and how it can continuously serve them better. Through this, the Foundation meets children wherever they are — in their school and in their community — with high-quality learning and enriching experiences outside the classroom.

THE FOUNDATION’S DIFFERENCE

ARF recognizes some children and families lack opportunities for more than one reason, and that’s why it ceaselessly works to serve underserved communities on multiple fronts. The Foundation supports communities in a multitude of ways: It provides services to children and families directly; it partners with organizations to implement programs to further support students and their families; and the Foundation advocates at the city, state and federal level for recognition of how vital high-quality, out-of-school learning and enrichment is with the goal of increasing program funding from all public sources.

Entering its 20th year, the Andy Roddick Foundation looks back on and celebrates its successful past and plans for amplifying its foundational impact through its 20x20 20th Anniversary Campaign. This campaign will showcase the Foundation’s high-quality and highly specific program initiatives, in addition to providing supportive, inspiring, encouraging and challenging programs and services for children and their families across Central Texas.
SERVICES & PROGRAMS

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

Every summer, ARF provides a free, six-week Summer Learning Program for students located in Central Texas. In 2019, the Foundation’s Summer Learning Program worked with Thomas G. Harris, Bernice Hart and Pecan Springs elementary schools in Austin. Program initiatives focused on reducing summer learning loss, summer weight gain, and building resilient students who possess the skills and traits needed to reach their potential, all while providing students with a fun and memorable summer experience. In 2019, the program garnered national recognition as it received the 2019 New York Life Foundation Excellence in Summer Learning Award.

SPRING BREAK CAMP

During Spring Break each year, ARF provides a free, three-day, two-night overnight Spring Break Camp. In 2019, a total of 36 fourth-and fifth-grade students from Harris and Pecan Springs elementary schools participated in three days of physical activities, team building and group challenges while simultaneously building lasting friendships. The Spring Break Camp’s program goals align with the Foundation’s year-round goals, including improving social-emotional learning skills, self-awareness and confidence. Additionally, the program strives to challenge students to try new experiences; encourages them to obtain new skills and knowledge at camp; thrive individually and as a team in a supportive, inclusive environment; build peer-to-peer relation skills, and transfer skills learned at each year’s camp into their daily lives to promote success in and out of school.

AFTERSCHOOL GRANTS & OST PROGRAMS

Every year, ARF partners with Austin Independent School District (AISD) and external organizations to provide grant funding to support afterschool programming at elementary schools. During the 2019-2020 school year, the Foundation invested approximately $567,000 in grant funding to Harris, Hart and Pecan Springs elementary schools. Afterschool Program providers included organizations such as Austin Film Society, Creative Action, Latinitas, Rookie Rugby and 4-H; afterschool classes included lessons in subjects such as art, choir, music, yearbook, robotics, rugby, filmmaking and dance.

In addition to providing funding for the Afterschool Programs, the Foundation also conducts quality assessments; administers constructive feedback and quality coaching; offers engaged program staff to take part in professional development sessions; provides actionable and supportive program evaluation, and helps create regular communication channels to develop consistently impactful and inclusive approaches to students and their families.
SOME FACTS ABOUT THE ANDY RODDICK FOUNDATION

FOR THE 2019 AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

86% of guardians felt involved in their children’s learning  
99% engaged with their children’s school day teacher or afterschool teacher or attended a school event at least once during the year

During the course of 2019, ARF provided 8,433 opportunities for students to engage in high-quality, OST programming (*Statistic collected November 2019 and doesn’t reflect total yearly number.)

FOR THE 2019 SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

100% of guardians said being a part of the program helped them feel more involved in their children’s learning and understand their children’s strength

88% of families attended at least one family event  
59% attended two or more of the four events offered

Students who attended the 2019 Summer Learning Program showed increases in key social and emotional learning skills, including significant gains in relationship skills and self-management

The average daily attendance during the first six weeks of the 2019-2020 school year for students who completed the 2019 Summer Learning Program was 96.9%

The Andy Roddick Foundation

Since 2000 and entering its 20th Anniversary year, the Andy Roddick Foundation provides children from underserved communities with high-quality learning and enriching experiences during afterschool time, Spring Break and the summer months. Through afterschool activities, as well as an acclaimed six-week summer program, investing in innovative summer activities and other joint initiatives with key groups throughout the city, the Foundation is creating new chances for all young people to grow in social-emotional learning, literacy, STEM, art and sports. As it envisions a world where all young people have endless opportunities to realize their potential, the Foundation works with local communities to expand opportunities for young people to learn, thrive, succeed, build self-management skills, develop growth mindsets, increased learning engagement, and form life-long friendships and relationships.

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