



25TH ANNUAL SHINING STARS GALA A NIGHT IN OLD HOLLYWOOD

Event Report

On March 8, 2025, RRISD PIE Foundation celebrated 40 years of public education service at its 24th Annual Shining Stars Gala, presented by Texas Children's Hospital, at Kalahari Resorts & Conventions.

The event showcased impactful grant-funded initiatives, including a book vending machine that promotes literacy and a coffee and treats delivery service that helps elementary students with special needs develop social skills.

"It means so much that you chose my project," said Celia Johnson, special education teacher at Elsa England Elementary School. "I'm so thankful I got to do this with my kids. [The coffee cart] provides valuable social interaction—not just for my students, but for their general education peers, who get to connect, interact, and build friendships."

During the 2024-25 school year, the PIE Foundation has distributed over \$165,000 in grant funding, benefiting 40 campuses and supporting 25 department projects and initiatives.

The gala also honored Round Rock ISD's 2024 Teachers of the Year: Kimberly Correa, a fourth-grade teacher at Caraway Elementary, and Chris Mihealsick, the 2025 Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year and a science teacher at Westwood High School. As well as Principals of the Year, Monica Collins of Pearson Ranch Elementary, and Jenny Strong of Brushy Creek Elementary.

"The Foundation has been incredibly fortunate to have the steadfast support of community leaders, business partners, and PTAs," said Marianne Reap, PIE Foundation Executive Director. "These contributions enhance education from Pre-K through 12th grade and help address essential needs for students and staff."

More than 520 community, corporate, and District leaders from around the Round Rock & Austin area joined in support of excellence in education for approximately 47,000 Round Rock ISD students and over 6,400 staff members and raised more than \$468,00 to support innovative classroom projects throughout the District.

Superintendent Hafeedh Azaiez expressed gratitude for the community's ongoing generosity. "We are deeply grateful to the PIE Foundation, our community partners, and everyone who contributed to this incredible event," he said. "Their support makes a profound difference in the lives of our students and educators. Together, we ensure that every student at Round Rock ISD has the resources and opportunities they need to thrive."

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\$468,000	GROSS REVENUE
\$53,700	PADDLES UP DONATIONS
520	TOTAL GUESTS
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43,000+	REACH ON RRISD PRESS RELEASE





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