



**Ray-Pec Cares is a state registered prevention coalition and an outreach of the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation. We strive to provide a system of care for the students and families of the Raymore-Peculiar School District by meeting physical, emotional and social needs that allow our students and families to live successful and meaningful lives.**

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**CAN:**

Caring About Nutrition provides healthy and child-friendly food for students on weekends throughout the year. Every week volunteers sort and log donations before pulling items for that week's bags. Each Thursday, a group of volunteers pack the food, and other volunteers distribute it to our schools.

**REFUGE:**

The Refuge is an outreach of the YouMatterRayPec program and focuses on creating a safe environment for our 7th-9th graders to connect with peers. 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.

**Panther Closet:**

Gently used and new clothes and hygiene items are collected for distribution to families in need within the school district. The closet is housed at Raymore Elementary.

**Good Neighbor, Strong Community Education Initiative:**

This is a community education initiative centered on developing and enhancing the skills and actions needed to be good neighbors and build a strong community

**You Matter Ray-Pec:**

This project strives to grow community awareness and make resources more visible for families, especially regarding suicide prevention and other risk behavior prevention.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters:**

One to one mentoring is the biggest resilience factor a community can give a kid! Ray-Pec Cares is partnering with Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Greater Kansas City to facilitate matches for our students. More information can be found at their website:

<https://www.bbbskc.org/>

**Adopt a Family for the Holidays:**

Ray-Pec Cares volunteers coordinate holiday assistance for Ray-Pec families. If you know of a family in need or a family that wants to adopt for the holiday's please have them email their school counselor or [allison.scott@raypec.org](mailto:allison.scott@raypec.org).

**Resource fairs:**

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. In addition to August, Ray-Pec Cares will host mini-resource events right before large school breaks where families can access food, clothing and other key resources.

**Advance Course Fee Assistance:**

Ray-Pec Cares provides assistance for students who need help with advance course fees and activity fees.

**Social Emotional Learning Initiatives:**

Ray-Pec Cares helps secure funding and other resources to provide social emotional training for the staff of the Ray-Pec School District.

**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](mailto:allison.scott@raypec.org), [jodie.huston@raypec.org](mailto:jodie.huston@raypec.org), [abrufat@gmail.com](mailto:abrufat@gmail.com), [djermain@deloitte.com](mailto:djermain@deloitte.com), [Jamie.Bogner@raypec.org](mailto:Jamie.Bogner@raypec.org), [phil.vandeusen@ni.com](mailto:phil.vandeusen@ni.com). You can also call 816-302-5952.