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## Family Resource Center receives \$5000 donation from successful Turkey Trot

**Tuesday, January 16, 2018 - Ridgefield, Washington -** The Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation (RPSF) announced today that it is donating \$5000 to Family Resource Center after its first annual Turkey Trot exceeded fundraising expectations.

The first annual RPSF Turkey Trot presented by Krippner and NW Funding Group was held on November 23, 2017. More than 300 race participants showed up on Thanksgiving morning and braved the rain to run in the 5k/10k race. The event raised over \$12,000 for the Foundation and brought in a large amount of food donations for the Family Resource Center. Georgianna Jones, RPSF board member and lead event coordinator said, "The Ridgefield community, in both participation and sponsorship, showed us in record numbers that gratitude and giving back go hand in hand. I am beyond proud to have played a part in organizing the Turkey Trot."

Nearly 20 local businesses and organizations stepped up to sponsor the race, showing Ridgefield's exceptional commitment to it's community and public schools. "We were surprised and grateful for the success of the event, given it was it's first year.", said Jeff Vigue, RPSF President. "And in return, we wanted to donate a significant amount of the proceeds to the Family Resource Center." The remaining amount will go to fund RPSF programs and grants for Ridgefield schools.

The Family Resource Center, which is located on Ridgefield School District property, provides Ridgefield students and families with food, clothing and basic necessities. The RPSF believes in the importance of whole child development within the educational system. The support provided by the Family Resource Center is making a difference in the lives of more and more Ridgefield students every day.

To learn more about the Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation or attend an event hosted by the Foundation, please go to <a href="https://www.ridgefieldpsf.org">www.ridgefieldpsf.org</a>.

The Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation is a privately funded, non-profit organization, established in 2009. Our mission is to advance programs and activities that support whole student development for which public resources are insufficient or unavailable.

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