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#### Notes, thoughts & ideas!



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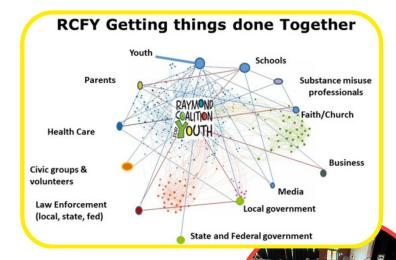


**Vision** – To build a strong Youth empowered community.

Mission - The Raymond Coalition For Youth empowers the community to promote positive youth development and reduce youth substance misuse and suicide risk.

Goals - To increase community collaboration (working together) To reduce youth substance misuse To empower youth voice To ensure the long-term sustainability of RCFY

> A coalition is a formal collaboration among community groups that maintain their identities while working together to achieve a common goal of creating a safe and healthy environment.







# Welcome Message Celeste Clark

Executive Director

We are proud to share with you the Raymond Coalition For Youth's Annual Report, a reflection of another year filled with meaningful progress, youth engagement, and community collaboration. This year, RCFY has continued to strengthen our mission of empowering young people to make healthy choices and encouraging a supportive, connected community. Through partnerships, education, and outreach, we've created opportunities for youth to lead, flourish, and thrive.

A standout accomplishment this year, and a true example of what happens when youth voices are heard, was the installation of two brand-new basketball courts at Raymond High School. This project, inspired and guided by youth input, is more than just a place to play. It's a lasting symbol of what we can achieve together when we listen, collaborate, and invest as supportive adults in positive spaces for our youth.

From prevention education and community events, to leadership development and information sharing, every initiative this year was guided by our shared goal: to create a safer, healthier, and more connected community. Thank you to everyone who has supported our mission. Your partnership makes this work possible.

Our RCFY friends and members are the ambassadors of RCFY, our best cheerleaders and the passion that keeps us moving forward! We hope this report inspires continued engagement and pride in the amazing coalition that we have built together to support our youth and communities for years to come!



#### **About RCFY**

Founded in 2002, RCFY is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that proudly holds a Gold Star rating on Guidestar.org for nonprofits.

RCFY employs the Strategic Prevention Framework, a comprehensive fivestep method designed to tackle substance misuse and related behavioral health issues. The five steps include: Assessment

Sustainability

and Cultural Capacity

Planning

- 1. Assessment (Data)
- 2. Capacity (People & Financial Resources)
- 3. Planning (Community & Youth Collaboration)
- 4. Implementation (Activities & Events)
- 5. Evaluation (Successful Outcomes)

This structured process ensures that our programs, activities, and events are effective, impactful, and a wise use of our limited and precious resources.





### Working together to Promote Positive Healthy Choices!

Coalitions and communities have proven to be highly effective in fostering change at the community level when they collaborate and work together. Using the seven strategies for effective community change provided by CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America), these approaches not only benefit individuals but also have a significant impact on the community as a whole.

#### **Provide Information**

RCFY is dedicated to delivering accurate and current information on issues affecting our youth. As the prevention landscape continually evolves, we collaborate with our partners to ensure that our youth, parents, and community remain informed. We encourage discussing prevention and emphasize that RCFY is here to be a support.

#### **Enhance Skills**

RCFY provides opportunities for youth and adults to learn about issues impacting our youth and effective ways we can work

together to address them.

#### **Provide Support**

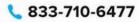
RCFY is dedicated to enhancing opportunities for youth engagement. We offer RCFY Youth Action groups at the middle and high school level and work with our schools to offer in-school leadership opportunities. In addition we offer Extended Learning and Intern opportunities for youth to acquire hands-on learning.







Free and available 24/7/365 -







#### **Increase Access & Reduce Barriers**

RCFY collaborates with our local and state partners to enhance access to services and support for substance abuse and mental health prevention, treatment, and recovery.

#### **Changing Consequences**

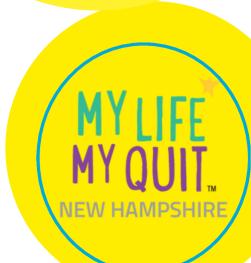
RCFY partners work together on restorative practices, which are an opportunities to find alternative discipline options that allow for students to learn from their actions and get services and supports when needed.

#### **Change Physical Design**

RCFY works to provide and promote options for our youth to get outside and enjoy a variety of opportunities. An example being the establishment of parks and facilities, such as the basketball courts that were installed at Raymond High School.

#### **Change Policies & Rules**

RCFY is dedicated to delivering accurate and up-to-date information aimed at supporting or challenging formal changes in written policies and laws. The primary objective of these initiatives is to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of young individuals.







#### **RCFY ongoing prevention efforts**

#### **RCFY monthly meetings**

Join Us for Our Monthly Networking Meetings
Our networking sessions take place on the second Thursday of
each month, from 9:00 to 10:30 am and provide opportunities for
networking, learning, sharing, and collaboration.

#### **RCFY Youth Action meetings**

Weekly Youth empowerment meetings for students in the middle school on Mondays and high school on Tuesday. The discussion at these meetings drive and inspire the efforts of RCFY.

#### **Family Fun Night**

This enjoyable evening for families takes place during the winter months, encouraging families to leave their homes for a FUN night out filled with free games, pizza, prizes, and opportunities meet others and learn about community resources, opportunities and RCFY.

#### **Operation Raymond Clean Up**

One of RCFY's most longstanding events, crafted by our Youth Action students, aims to inspire community pride in their hometown. This event serves as a day of service for high school students and provides families with an opportunity to tidy up their neighborhoods at their convenience. RCFY partners collaborate with staff and volunteers to organize cleanup kits, ensuring the success of this annual initiative.

#### **Project Safeguard**

This full-day learning event is crafted for seventh graders to delve into critical issues impacting teenagers today, with a specific focus on substance misuse prevention, mental health resources and encouraging connections with supportive adults. Students, parents, guardians, and grandparents, along with school staff are invited to join us for this day, made possible through our collaborative partners, who help ensure that the event is not only informative but also enjoyable.

#### **RCFY Prevention Summit**

Our premier event of the year! This is our most significant gathering for all partners, showcasing inspiring guest speakers, valuable information and resources, partner recognition, and a special presentation by our RCFY Youth Action members. It's a day dedicated to celebrating the positive impact of our collective efforts as a community in promoting healthy choices for youth.











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#### A special thank you to our Coalition Partners who work together to support our youth!



























































#### Thank you to our financial supporters





































































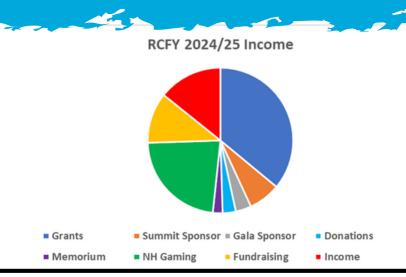




RCFY is dedicated to ensuring our lasting presence in the community for many years to come. This vision is made possible because we diversify of funding sources: grants, donations, fundraisers, memorial gifts in honor of loved ones, and NH Charitable Gaming at the Brook in Seabrook, NH. This financial support fuels our initiatives, enabling us to continue making a meaningful impact in our community. We extend our gratitude to all who support the work we do each day to make a difference.

#### 2024- 2025 INCOME

| ΤΟΤΔΙ          | 301 985       |
|----------------|---------------|
| Income         | <u>43,016</u> |
| Fundraising    | 34,008        |
| NH Gaming      | 68,875        |
| Memorial Gift  | 6,540         |
| Donations      | 8,818         |
| Gala Sponsor   | 10,500        |
| Summit Sponsor | 21,475        |
| Grants         | 108,753       |
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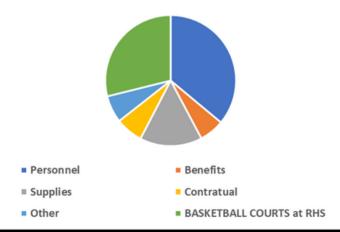


#### 2024 - 2025 Expenses

| TOTAL              | 404,987        |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Basketball courts* | <u>116,930</u> |
| Other              | 27,162         |
| Contractual        | 27,420         |
| Supplies           | 62,492         |
| Benefits           | 24,986         |
| Personnel          | 145,997        |

\*The basketball courts were an unanticipated expense at the beginning our our budget year.

#### RCFY 2024/25 Expenses, Including Basketball Court



#### In Memory of Richard "Dicky" Clark



In May, our Executive Director, Celeste Clark, faced the heartbreaking loss of her husband, Dicky, to a heart attack. He was involved with RCFY since its inception and provided invaluable support in numerous ways, leaving a lasting impact that will be deeply missed to many. The family requested that Memorial donations be made in his name to RCFY to continue his legacy of support for all that RCFY does for many years into the future.

If you would like to commemorate a loved one's memory through a donation to RCFY, please contact our office for more details, or consider designating the Raymond Coalition for Youth as the charity of choice in the obituary.







#### A special thank you for supporting RCFY!!

Blackstone Reserve, Starbucks Foundation, Deerfield Family Dentist

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boxes!

Fremont Pizzeria
Gordo's Burritos
Candia First Stoppe
Dunkin Donuts
Danielle's Diner (Epping)
Cheryl's Ultimate Bouquet
McDonalds
Lucky Corner
Jambs Jewelry
Popovers on the Square
Supreme Pizza



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THANK YOU!



RCFY's Board of Directors at the 2025 Annual Fundraising Gala

# Congratulations Awards and Recognition

2025 RCFY Scholarship Recipient
Anna Karcz





our Executive Director, Celeste Clark, was nominated and received the honor of WZID 20 Outstanding Women of 2025.



June 9, 2025 - RCFY Youth Action students from Raymond High School and Iber Holmes Gove Middle School came together to celebrate the debut of their Granite Youth Film Festival videos. Each group wrote and produced a video to raise awareness about key issues impacting teens in our community. The event took place at the historic Music Hall theater in Portsmouth NH. You can see these videos on our Youtube.com/Raymond Coalition

We are grateful for the tremendous work RCFY does in your community. You are the gold standard in prevention work! ~ Tricia Brannan, Youth Well NH

Thanks for having me! You all did such an excellent job. One of the most flawless and enjoyable events I have done in a very long time. Thank you! \_ Dr. Kevin Sabet, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and Foundation for Drug Policy Solutions



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**RCFY.ORG** 

OR

Sign up for our newsletter for up to date info

#### Do you appreciate what you see?

We invite you to help us keep RCFY progressing forward. We have many ways to get involved if you are open to sharing your time, talent, or treasure. Even being a RCFY cheerleader to help raise awareness and share information about our fantastic work is priceless!

No one can achieve this alone, but together we can thrive and continue supporting our youth!

#### Ongoing opportunities for adults and youth to get involved

- Youth Action, Middle School, Mondays, 2:35 PM
- Youth Action, High School. Tuesdays, 2:15 PM
- RCFY monthly meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 9:00 10:30am

#### SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

THE RCFY GALA

An opportunity to get dressed up, have fun, enjoy great food and company, all while supporting the great work you see in this book.

**MARCH 21,2026 - ATKINSON COUNTRY CLUB** 

