



**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.**

**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.

**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. You can ask to join the Panther Closet Information Group on Facebook for up-to-date information on open shopping dates and closet needs.

**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 mental health, 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 holidays please have them email their school counselor or [allison.scott@raypec.org](mailto:allison.scott@raypec.org).

**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 families and staff of the Ray-Pec School District.

**Adopt a School Program:**

This program provides a structured pathway for partnerships between Ray-Pec schools and our community of supporters. This program is intended for businesses and community organizations interested in building relationships with schools and programs that support student success for a minimum of one academic year. Partners and schools will work together to determine how to best connect partner resources and interests with the school's unique needs. This relationship is a joint effort led by the school and partner and supported by the Raymore-Peculiar School District.

**Care Portal:** First and foremost, CarePortal exists to help vulnerable children and families. Requests submitted through CarePortal come from caseworkers at government child welfare agencies or other child-serving organizations approved by CarePortal to vet needs. Ray-Pec Cares is a registered requesting agency in partnership with this organization

**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 [michelle.houston@raypec.org](mailto:michelle.houston@raypec.org) or [jodie.huston@raypec.org](mailto:jodie.huston@raypec.org).