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ROCK ISLAND-MILAN  
YOUTH SPORTS

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**2024**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Friends of The Organization:

As President of Rock Island-Milan Youth Sports, I am proud to present the 2024 Annual Report. This summary documents our accomplishments to date with plans for future goals and objectives.

The Organization's focus is to:

- 1. Financially support extracurricular activities and programs within the greater Quad Cities community.*
- 2. Remove economic barriers that prevent many children from actively participating in team sports and extracurricular activities.*

For a third year running Rock Island-Milan Youth Sports and specifically the Milan Harvest Festival received an unbelievable amount of community support. We, again, welcomed and celebrated more than **10,000** attendees at the Milan Harvest Festival over Labor Day weekend. This family-friendly event included live music, carnival rides, games, food vendors, a trading card show, disc golf, parade, fireworks, and more!

As we continue to grow, please know Sponsor Partnerships are vital. I look forward to exploring opportunities together which help kids thrive and reach their fullest potential.



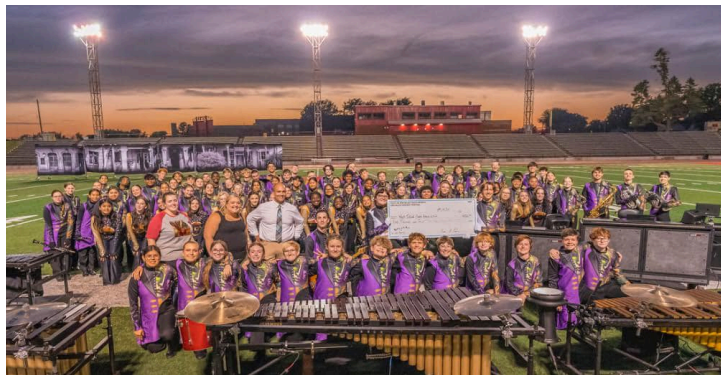
*Kevin W. Nolan*

Respectfully,  
**Kevin Nolan**  
President of the Board

# ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Founded in 2022, Rock Island-Milan Youth Sports, a 501 C 3, with a mission to empower and support children in our community. As a registered nonprofit, we rely on donations and sponsorships from the community and public to support our mission.

Our work is based on the belief that children who participate in team activities develop qualities of citizenship, leadership, respect, responsibility, discipline, confidence, self-worth, teamwork, and physical health & well-being.



# KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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2024 was a remarkable year for the Organization. Some key accomplishments include:



More than **10,000** attendees at the 2024 Festival

This family-friendly event is designed to have something for everyone. Formerly known as the Milan Indian Summer Festival, the event is about civic pride, legacy, identity, and the sense of community all while raising funds to be invested in our youth.



Positively impacting over **5,000** children in our community and counting

Recipients included Geneseo HS Band, Jr Rocks Baseball, Little Rocks Football, Midwest Sluggers '06 & '09, Moline HS Band, RI-Milan Babe Ruth League, Moline HS Girls Bowling, QC Symphony & Orchestra Youth Ensembles, RIHS Band, RIHS Baseball & Softball, RI-Milan Little League, Sherrard HS Band & Music Boosters, Sherrard Wrestling Club, and the UTHS Band.



Donations and sponsorships from nearly **100** different entities

In addition, we had more than 200 volunteers dedicate their time, showcasing the power of community teamwork. We are sincerely grateful for the generosity we've been given. Without the continued support of the community, the Milan Harvest Festival would not be possible.

# SPONSORS

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## Harvest Sponsors

Ecogistics

XPAC

## Biergarten Sponsor

TBK Bank

## Main Stage Sponsor

Rexroat Sound

## Community Partners

A1 Morris Heating & Cooling

Grant & Virginia Brissman Foundation

PowerExpress

## Friends of the Festival

Backwater Gamblers  
Fortress Bank  
Group O  
Knights of Pythias  
Metrolink

Metronet  
QC Press  
Rich Bassford  
RILCO  
Riverside Family Dentistry

Rock Island Township  
SFS Strategic Financial Solutions

## Maple Sponsors

Allmakes Office Furniture  
Blackhawk Bank & Trust  
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Central States Development  
Crawford Company  
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Hurst Manufacturing  
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IHMVCU  
IL Casualty Company  
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Performance Foodservice

PerMar  
Sexton Ford  
South Rock Island Township  
Sports Depot  
Streamline Architects  
Wheelan-Pressly  
Xtream powered by  
Mediacom  
Zimmerman Honda

## Bronze Sponsors

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Assoc. General Contractors  
B&B Drain-Tech  
B&B Hardware  
Brian Neff & Greg Weber  
CIMCO Recycling  
DJR Remodeling  
Euclid Beverage  
IBEW Local 145  
IMEG

Independent Ins. Systems  
JL Brady Co.  
LMI Electrical Contractor  
McLaughlin Body Company  
MidAmerican Energy  
Midwest Bank  
Milan Blacktop  
Milan Black Top  
Milan Chamber of Commerce  
Mitvalsky, VanVooren, & Fox

QC Coffee & Pancake House  
Quad City Pet Care  
Ray Turkmani, Farmers Ins.  
RIEMR  
SFT Financial  
The Acri Company  
The Bedding Group  
Wooley Trucking, LLC

## Donors

4 City Cornhole  
Atomic Sports Cards  
Electronic Engineering QC  
Goetz Concrete Construction  
Hughes Tire  
Iron Lion

Joe Fackel  
L&M Accounts  
Larsen & Worner Dentistry  
Milan American Legion  
Milan Lion's Club  
Millennium Waste Inc.

Quality Group  
RI Conservation Club  
Skinner Landscaping  
Sunbelt Rentals  
Village of Milan  
WRMJ Country 102.3

# MEET OUR DIRECTORS

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**Mike Bell** is a life-long Rock Island Resident and the Quad Cities Market President for Midwest Bank. He has been employed in various Bank Lending, Operations and Management positions for 35 Years. Mike and his family are passionate about providing community health, wellness and growth initiatives and opportunities, especially for youth, focusing on maximizing dreams and potential.

**Reza Fardi-Turkmani** was born and raised in the Quad Cities and attended Moline High-School where he wrestled and played football. He is the owner of Solutions for Tomorrow, an Insurance Agency selling Life, Health, Property and Casualty insurance and is the current Player Agent and Scheduling Coordinator of Rock Island-Milan Little League. Reza and his wife have four kids who are actively involved in various youth activities.

**Mark Hemphill** holds many fond memories of the Milan Indian Summer Festival as a native of Aledo, Illinois; today he is happy to be involved with the Milan Harvest Festival. He is a graduate of Augustana College, majoring in Accounting and Business Administration, and is the Senior Managerial Accountant at Ecogistics in Moline, Illinois. As a parent – and now grandparent – of young people involved in many extracurricular activities over the years, he understands the importance of supporting these vital programs. Mark and his wife Kim reside in Delmar, Iowa, where he is a member of the Delmar Lions and actively involved in many community projects and activities.

**Tina Imes** was raised in the Quad Cities and entered the field of education early on in her career. Tina currently serves as the Assistant Principal of Student and Staff Supports for Galesburg School District #205, bringing 28 years of experience in education and administration. With a passion for student success and a commitment to fostering a positive learning environment, Tina works closely with faculty, staff, and students. In 2018, she formed the Fearlessly Girl Club at Galesburg High School and works with dedicated staff to bring leadership skills, student voice, and community involvement to girls in grades 7-12. She resides in Rock Island with her husband Rick. She is the proud parent of a daughter, two sons and two grandsons.

**Kirk McKnight** was born and raised in Milan, IL. He and his wife, Anita have been married for 39 years and counting. Kirk had a great career at MidAmerican Energy and retired after 44 years. He is the current President of Rock Island-Milan Little League and former Boy Scouts of America Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster in the Illowa Council. He is also a member of Davenport Valley Archers and enjoys family time, the outdoors, boating, fishing, and archery hunting.

**Chuck Layer** is a lifelong resident of Milan/Big Island. He grew up playing Little League, Babe Ruth and Connie Mack baseball in the Milan area and is a proud graduate of Rock Island High School. He and his wife Deb have 3 wonderful daughters between them. Chuck has great memories of past Milan Indian Summer Festivals and has been deeply involved in the Milan community serving in numerous clubs. He has been a staunch advocate for the residents and youth of the area: serving as president of the Big Island River Conservancy District and as Supervisor of Blackhawk Township for the last 20 years.

**Ella Nolan** is a full-time student set to graduate with an AA in Communications in May, and holds a sales position with Your Tanning Bar, Bettendorf, IA. In addition, she is pursuing a license in esthetics from Capri College.

**Kevin Nolan** is President & CEO of Ecogistics a Moline, Illinois - based third-party logistics company he founded in 2009. Kevin is a skilled supply chain expert who has led organizations in manufacturing, procurement, transportation, and logistics positions. Kevin loves music of all kinds and could be described as a life-long learner. He has a particular love of his community, where he heavily supports youth activities primarily through Rock Island-Milan Youth Sports, The Milan Harvest Festival, and Little League Baseball and Softball.

**Stephanie Purdy** was born and raised in the Quad Cities. In addition to being a Board member of Rock Island-Milan Youth Sports, she is the current Treasurer and Assistant Coach of Firebirds USA '13. She and her husband Andrew have two children that keep them highly active and involved in their various activities and over the years have volunteered their time at organizations such as Junior Achievement, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Relay for Life, Orion Little League, Rock Island-Milan Little League, and various youth wrestling organizations. Stephanie has a spirit of stewardship and thrives on sharing this with others through her community involvement.

**Jillian Spragg** has over 15 years of experience in community-focused roles. She is passionate about behavioral health and is a dedicated advocate for greater awareness and support. Born and raised in Rock Island, IL, and a proud graduate of Rock Island High School, Jillian is committed to making a positive impact in her community. She currently serves as the Vice President of Rock Island-Milan Little League Softball program, helping to create meaningful opportunities for young athletes. A proud mom and aunt, she enjoys supporting and cheering on her daughter, nieces, and nephew in their academic and athletic achievements. Jillian also has many fond memories of the Milan Indian Summer Festival; she strives to build lasting experiences for her family and the community.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following is the organization’s financial statement for the year 2024.

	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Corporate and Community Support	128,078.60
Festival Revenue	56,970.29
Vendor Support	<u>2,340.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>187,388.89</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Contract Services	9,000.00
Facilities and Equipment	43,834.54
Festival Expenses	31,767.70
Operations	3,575.79
Other Types of Expenses	3,752.00
Promotion	14,839.10
Travel and Meetings	<u>128.85</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>106,897.98</u></b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>80,490.91</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Expense</b>	
<b>Program Support</b>	
06 Midwest Sluggers	
09 Midwest Sluggers	
Geneseo High School Band	
Jr Rocks Baseball	
Junior Board of Rock Island	
Little Rocks Football	
Milan Chamber Cops & Kids	
Moline Girls Bowling	
Moline High School Band	
QCSO Education Program	
RI Milan Babe Ruth League	
RI Milan Little League Baseball	
RI Milan Little League Softball	
RIHS Band	
RIHS Baseball	
RIHS Softball	
Sherrard High School Band	
Sherrard Music Boosters	
Sherrard Wrestling Club	
UTHS Band	
<b>Total Program Support</b>	<u>66,720.40</u>
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b><u>66,720.40</u></b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b><u>-66,720.40</u></b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u><u>13,770.51</u></u></b>



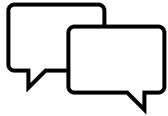
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