SUPPORT FOR EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

# Helping Set Granby Apart





### Our Mission:

The Granby Education Foundation
is a non-profit, volunteer organization that promotes
and enhances educational excellence by raising
funds in support of innovative educational
initiatives for people of all ages, in both public
and private sectors, in Granby and
throughout the region.

# A Brief History:

A town's educational system should extend beyond its schools. It was with this in mind that a group of citizens established the Granby Education Foundation, a non-profit, all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) organization, in the year 2000. By increasing community involvement, expanding the capabilities of area educators, encouraging creativity in teaching, and stimulating an interest in lifelong learning, the Foundation works to foster innovative educational opportunities for area residents of all ages.

# Dear Friend of the Granby Education Foundation:

What sets Granby apart? What makes this town so special? Why do so many of us love this place so much?

I've met so many people who are new to Granby, and who feel so fortunate to live here. Many had no idea what to expect, and soon found themselves in the midst of a vibrant and active community of people who care.

Because people care, they give back—they volunteer their time for good causes, they participate in community events, they write checks in support of the things they believe in. And what happens? The town, in turn, becomes an even more special place.

Six years ago, a group of Granby citizens formed the Granby Education Foundation. They were pretty sure they could count on the people of Granby to support their cause and (thank goodness!) you proved them right. So many of you have stepped forward to volunteer your time and your money to support the GEF.

As a result, you have made Granby an even more special place. Granby now has the **Salmon Brook Ecology Center**. What other town has a living laboratory like this one, where hands-on scientific discovery takes place on a daily basis, right on their school grounds? What other towns do you know of that have an **Arts Endowment**, which exists solely to support cultural arts programs and activities in town? And how many towns do you know of that can make \$15,000 available in **Community Mini-Grants** annually to educators who want to run exceptional programs or purchase specialized equipment for their students, but can't afford to within existing budgets?

As you can see, I'm extremely proud of—and exceedingly grateful to our supporters for—the work the Granby Education Foundation has done to date. On behalf of our directors, I thank each and every one of you who has supported the Foundation in the past and I ask for your continued support.

Lastly, I encourage those of you who are new to Granby or new to the Foundation to help us set Granby even further apart by supporting this worthy cause. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Percival

Chairperson

### The General Fund

The Granby Education Foundation raised more than \$16,000 toward its General Fund in its 2006 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006). This fund supports the Foundation's Community Mini-Grant Program. In its 2006 Fiscal Year, the Foundation awarded \$10,350 in mini-grants from this fund. The balance was invested by the Foundation, putting us in a position to support worthy projects and take advantage of exciting opportunities as they present themselves. In addition, our annual fundraising success is helpful in showing potential grantors (particularly other charitable foundations) that the Granby Education Foundation has the solid support of the community and is an organization that is here to stay. We are grateful to all of you who have supported our organization, many of you on an annual basis, by making contributions to our General Fund.

### Mini-Grants



The GEF Prize Patrol surprised Frank M. Kearns Primary School students and faculty, awarding them with \$1,500 for Family Literacy Night, a program designed to encourage reading.

The Granby Education
Foundation's Community
Mini-Grant Program continues
to grow. Between the Fall of
2005 and the Spring of 2006,
we received 17 mini-grant
requests and awarded nine
grants in a variety of
disciplines. The following
grants were awarded.

# American Sign Language Club

The GEF awarded \$750 to the American Sign Language Club at Wells Road School for the purchase of start-up materials, including instructional videos, games, books and materials. The club, which had 14 members at the time, has since grown to include more than 50 members.

### Visit by Children's Author Vicki Cobb

The GEF awarded \$3,000 to fund visits to Kelly Lane, Wells Road and Kearns Schools by popular science book author Vicki Cobb.

# Folding Curtain and Frame for Drama Productions

The GEF awarded \$1,500 to the drama department at Granby Memorial Middle School for the purchase of a folding curtain and frame that will allow spaces other than the G.M.H.S. auditorium stage to be used for drama productions.

# Spanish Exchange

The GEF awarded \$1,000 to help fund bus transportation for Spanish exchange students and their hosts to visit New York City.

### G.M.M.S. Teen Read Week

The GEF awarded \$300 to the Granby Memorial Middle School Media Center to fund prizes for a special "Teen Read Week" event.

# Family Literacy Night

The GEF awarded \$1,500 to fund an exciting night out for Kindergartners and their families. The event, which featured talented puppeteer Tom Knight, was designed to encourage early literacy.

### Aeronautical Club at GMMS

The GEF awarded \$1,000 to the Aeronautical Club at Granby Memorial Middle School to fund the purchase of software and kits.

# Shakesperience at GMMS

The GEF awarded \$800 to fund a performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by the professional acting troupe, Shakesperience. The performance was given for all 7th and 8th graders.

# Opera Express at Granby Schools

The GEF awarded \$1,000 to bring Opera Express, the educational outreach arm of Connecticut Opera, to Granby for a number of performances in the schools.

### The Arts Endowment

The GEF continues to work hard to raise funds for its Arts Endowment, In October of 2006, the GEF brought the music and magic of Broadway to Granby when it hosted students from the Hartt School Music Theatre Program for a musical revue entitled, On Broadway (Way Off Broadway). More than 600 people attended the event. In addition, a group of the Hartt students conducted a workshop with Granby High School students.

The previous year, renowned singers/songwriters Livingston Taylor and Cliff Eberhardt were the talk of the town after hosting an entertaining evening for area residents; and students of all ages got to act alongside the professional



Students from the Hartt School Music Theatre Program performed a musical revue of Broadway hits as part of the GEF's annual Arts Endowment programming.



More than 600 people filled the G.M.H.S. auditorium at the On Broadway! (Way Off Broadway) GEF Arts Endowment event.

actors of the Freestyle Repertory Theatre to create improvisational theatrical performances that made audiences howl with laughter.

The Foundation will continue to sponsor this kind of high quality artistic programming for Granby school students and area residents through its Arts Endowment. Once fully funded, the Arts Endowment will generate at least \$10,000 a year, which the GEF will devote solely to the arts here in Granby.

# Salmon Brook Ecology Center

The Salmon Brook Ecology Center continues to hum with activity. The students raise rainbow trout, native brown trout, and native brown trout fry in the Eco-Center. They also raise lettuce and basil in the hydroponics tanks. Seventh graders use the Eco-Center to study bacterial decomposition, plant photosynthesis, UV light and dehydration for food preservation, and human body systems. In addition, they get hands-on practice following directions, making observations, and recording and using data. Each spring, the seventh graders help release some of the fry into local streams. The FishKids Club, a group of dedicated volunteers who work after school, on weekends, and vacations to provide additional care for the fish, work with DEP staff to release the remainder of the fry and the larger trout.

# A Fun Night Out...and More Than \$12,000 Raised!

#### Unbeelievable!

The GEF's Gran-Bee trivia bee has become an annual tradition in Granby. Teams arrive from all over town in zany costumes (such as the Three Faces of Johnny Damon) with creative team names (such as the Wannabees), and silly antics (such as the Hillbilly Bees). Emcee Bill Percival, who wears his own zany costumes (in 2006 he was The Great Carnac), entertains the crowd and



The Holcomb Farmers, winners of the 2006 Gran-Bee: Lloyd Graves, Jonathan Kirschner and Chris Riley.

keeps the competition lighthearted. Those who don't want to compete turn out in droves to support their favorite teams—sometimes with signs and prepared cheers and swarms of loud children screaming for their teachers... or their moms and dads.

The third annual Gran-Bee was held on Friday, April 7, 2006. Forty teams, representing town



Members of the Simsbury Bank Stingers, Samantha Dileo, Chris Gates and Cathy Miller, have some fun for a good cause at the 2006 Gran-Bee.

boards, churches, businesses, schools, neighborhoods, sports teams, and groups of friends, competed. Nearly 600 people attended the event, which raised more than \$12,000 for the Foundation's General Fund.

One by one, teams were eliminated until The Fabulous Faculty, made up of Granby Memorial High School faculty Ann Puzzo, Lauren Shafer and John Crand, and The Holcomb Farmers, made up of Lloyd Graves, Jonathan Kirschner and Chris Riley, were left to battle it out for the title of Grand Bees. The question was "Where are 47 czars buried?" With the answer of "the Kremlin," The Holcomb Farmers walked away victorious carrying with them three shiny trophies and three six-month memberships, courtesy of the Farmington Valley YMCA.

# How You Can Help

There are a number of ways in which you can support the Granby Education Foundation, both financially and with the donation of your time. The following is a list of some of the ways in which you can get involved.

### Support the General Fund

The General Fund helps fund the Foundation's semi-annual Community Mini-Grant Program. It also provides a financial base from which the GEF can draw when unexpected educational opportunities arise. We accept tax-deductible donations to this fund year-round.

# The 2006 Gran-Bee was sponsored by:

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#### Give to the GEF Arts Endowment

The Granby Education Foundation is building a permanent arts endowment that will generate at least \$10,000 annually to support cultural arts programs and activities. We accept tax-deductible donations to the Arts Endowment year-round.

#### Honor a Teacher or Student

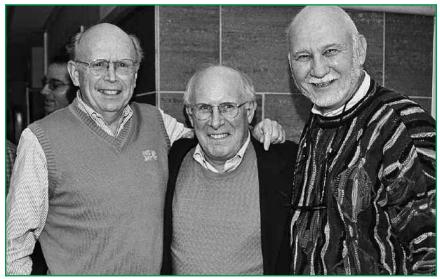
You can honor a graduating senior or a favorite teacher through a tax-deductible donation to the Granby Education Foundation. Each honoree will receive a special gift card from the GEF, noting that a gift has been made in their name.



"Miss Honeybee" Emma Percival collects donations to the GEF at the 2006 Gran-Bee.

#### Get Involved

The Granby Education Foundation is led by a dedicated board of directors, and we're always looking for people to assist us with our many activities throughout the year. If you'd be interested in volunteering your time to this worthy cause, please contact Chairperson Trish Percival at 653-7095.



GEF supporters Lowell Johnson, Donald Wilmot and Sam Paul enjoy a night out in support of the GEF at the "On Broadway" event.

### The Future

With your help, the Granby Education Foundation will continue to help set Granby apart by nurturing educational excellence in Granby. We thank you in advance for your support.

# Administrators, Teachers, and Students Honored

During and at the close of the 2005-2006 school year, donations were made to the Granby Education Foundation in honor of the following administrators, teachers and students. As part of the GEF's mission to encourage educational excellence, the Foundation is thrilled to recognize the efforts of these individuals. Please join the GEF in congratulating them and applauding their hard work and dedication.

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The Granby Education Foundation thanks the following people for their contributions to the Foundation during our 2006 fiscal year. This list includes those gifts received between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006. Gifts received after June 30, 2006 will be reflected in our next annual report.

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May 2, 2007

The Board of Directors Granby Education Foundation, Inc. c/o Mr. J. Callender Heminway, Treasurer P. O. Box 351 Granby, CT 06035

I have compiled the accompanying statement of fund balances of the Granby Education Foundation, Inc., for the year ended June 30, 2006, and the related statement of cash receipts and expenditures and changes in fund balances for the year ended June 30, 2006, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The financial statements have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting, other than generally accepted accounting principles.

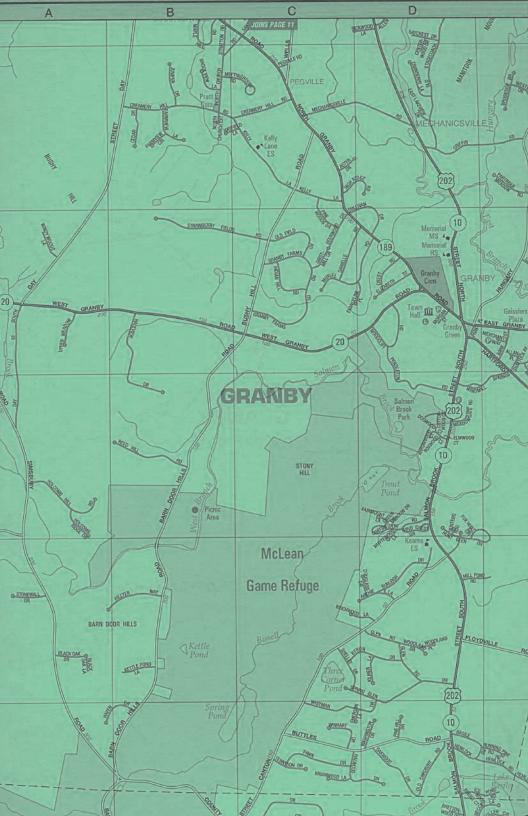
A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements, and, accordingly do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Ronald J. Begansky

Certified Public Accountant

# Statement of Cash Receipts, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances for the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Assets	Fund Balance
Interest Income \$2,719	July 1, 2005
Cash ReceiptsContributions - Restricted	See Accountant's Compilation Report
Total Cash Receipts\$82,403	Statement of Fund Balances for the Year Ended June 30, 2006
Expenditures	Simsbury Bank- Money Market A/C 6
Administration Licenses and Permits25	Simsbury Bank- Certificate of Deposit 96,874
Postage and Delivery	Wachovia Securities- Money Market A/C
	Simsbury Bank- Checking32,959
Printing and Reproduction3,195  Dues and Subscriptions75	Total
Total Administrative Expenditures	Note: \$26,768 of restricted contributions is included in these accounts. They are restricted for use in the Arts Endowment.
Programs Aquaculture Project	Notes to Financial Statements
Total Program Expenditures\$25,075  Grants Granby Public Schools	The entity is a Connecticut non-profit corporation organized under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. As such, there are no income taxes paid on net cash receipts of the entity.
Total Expenditures\$43,800	
Excess Receipts over Expenditures \$38,603	



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