

**GRANBY EDUCATION FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT 2007**





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.

“The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.”

- Nelson Henderson

Dear Friends,

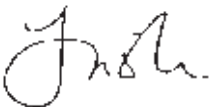
Over the last eight years, through our partnership with you, the Granby Education Foundation (GEF) has made lasting contributions to our schools and to our community. In its 2006-07 fiscal year alone, the Foundation purchased 20 xylophones for Kearns School, established literacy centers at Kelly Lane and Wells Road Schools, and purchased new uniforms for the Marquis of Granby.

Each of these funding initiatives did, indeed, “plant a tree” under whose “shade” Granby’s young people will sit for many years to come. In addition, the GEF raised nearly \$60,000 toward its Arts Endowment in 2006-07 – dollars whose interest income will, in turn, be used to fund arts initiatives in town forever!

The GEF also sponsored numerous one-time programs – programs whose lasting effects may be less tangible, but no less important, such as an artists’ workshop and a songwriting workshop, through which Granby High School students got to see, first-hand, what it means to be a professional artist; a two-day workshop designed to help young people better understand Shakespeare; and a Family Geography Night, where middle school students learned about the world outside our borders (and had fun doing it!).

Your contributions, combined with the creativity and energy of Granby’s educators – are what makes this “planting” of “trees” possible. On behalf of the GEF, I thank you for your enthusiastic support of our mission. It is truly a gift; and we – as parents, educators, and concerned citizens – are grateful for it.

Sincerely,



Patricia L. Percival

The General Fund

The Granby Education Foundation (GEF) raised nearly \$30,000 to benefit its General Fund in its 2006-07 fiscal year. In addition, the GEF received a generous bequest of more than \$17,000 from the estate of Evelyn Davis, a Granby schoolteacher who passed away in 2005. The GEF is exceedingly grateful to its supporters and to Ms. Davis for showing such extraordinary generosity.

The General Fund supports the Foundation's Community Mini-Grant Program. In 2006-07, more than \$15,500 in mini-grants were awarded. The balance was invested by the Foundation, putting the Foundation in a position to support worthy projects as they come along. It also 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.

Mini-Grants

The Granby Education Foundation's Community Mini-Grant Program continues to grow. Between the fall of 2006 and the spring of 2007, the GEF received 17 mini-grant requests and awarded 12 grants in a variety of disciplines. The following grants were awarded to recipients whose requests for funding of programs 1) demonstrated exceptional educational value and merit for the people of Granby; and 2) did not supplant items that could, in the opinion of the GEF's board of directors, be covered in existing budgets. More information on these grants and on the Community Mini-Grant Program can be found on the GEF's website: www.granbyeducationfoundation.org.

Alto Xylophones for Kearns school

The GEF awarded \$3,081 to Frank M. Kearns Primary School for the purchase of 20 alto xylophones. Christine Corcoran, the music teacher at Kearns School, applied for the grant in order to give each of her students hands-on performance, exploration and composition time.

The instruments also help children with special needs, fine motor specifications or visual limitations feel more comfortable and successful in music class.



Hartford Stage Residency

Kelly Lane School was granted \$2,000 to bring an in-school drama residency program to Granby's 200 fifth-grade students. For one week, a Hartford Stage teaching artist visited the classroom to lead drama activities based on the Newberry Award-Winning novel, *My Brother Sam is Dead*, a story of the personal and political conflicts caused by the American Revolution.

The students explored central themes found in the literature through techniques such as improvisation, role-play, tableau, pantomime and text analysis. Cynthia Gordon, a fifth grade teacher, was responsible for the program.

Visiting Artist Series

The Granby Memorial High School Art Department, led by Hollie Hecht, received \$1,000 to fund a visiting artist series at the school. The program provided enrichment experiences for advanced art students by bringing professional artists into high school classes as guest educators and lecturers. The artists taught art techniques, forms and concepts above and beyond those currently covered in regular curriculum instruction.

Songwriting Workshop

Granby Memorial High School received \$1,000 to fund a weeklong afterschool songwriting workshop for high school students, led by a professional songwriter and an associate professor at the Berklee College of Music. Mindy Shilansky, choral director at GMHS, applied for the grant.

Shakespeare Workshop

Students at Granby Memorial Middle School participated in a two-day Shakespeare Workshop. Led by Shakesperience Productions' professional artists, along with GMMS English teachers Joanne Derosiers and Pat Orlowski, the workshop stressed the significance of Shakespeare as a writer and strove to break down student anxieties and stereotypes, which often hinder a student's understanding of Shakespearean literature. The GEF granted \$1,200 to help fund this initiative.

Native American Cultural Awareness

The GEF awarded \$400 to Kearns Primary School to raise awareness of Native American culture through storytelling, drumming and singing.

Second-Grade Teacher Sue Bush and Linda Betsch, a room parent, co-authored the grant request.

Marquis of Granby Uniforms



The Marquis of Granby Jr. Ancient Fife and Drum Corps received \$2,000 for the purchase of new uniforms. The award-winning Marquis is an historic recreation of a Revolutionary war unit, and has long been a source of pride for the town of Granby and a wonderful, unique educational experience for its participants and audiences alike.

“Fired Works: Art from Long Ago”

Holcomb Farm Learning Centers received \$2,000 to support “Fired Works: Art from Long Ago,” a cross-curricular art program for middle and high school-age students. The program taught students to create clay artwork using the fundamental principles utilized by early civilizations. Students learned about primitive design and the use of symbols by ancient cultures, as well as the ancient art of pit firing.

Literacy Curriculum Enhancement

The Kearns School Kindergarten Team (teachers Kate Dumas, Cathryn Kibby, Beth Spellman, and Betsy Wilken) received \$2,000 for literacy curriculum enhancement at the school through the use of a model of *Guided Reading* that is widely used, with great success, throughout the country. *Guided Reading* is a means of teaching literacy skills to a wide range of learners, from emergent to fluent readers.

Salsa!

Two Granby Memorial High School students – Joseph Caron, President of the French Honors Society, and Alexandra Beaudoin, President of the Spanish Honors Society – applied for and received a \$1,000 grant to help bring “Alisa’s House of Salsa” to the school during Language Week. Through the unique experience of salsa dancing, students experienced Latin culture firsthand.

Literacy Centers

Kelly Lane and Wells Road schools received \$500 in seed money to fund Literacy Centers at the two schools. Having attended a workshop that cited the value of using picture books in teaching reading comprehension and writing strategies, School Reading Consultants Deborah Pattison and JoAnne McLeod determined the need for such books in their schools. By purchasing a set of them and cataloguing them in a Literacy Center, they have provided teachers with immediate access to these useful teaching materials.

Family Geography Night

A Family Geography Night at GMMS received \$450 to fund an evening of exciting and stimulating geography activities for seventh-graders and their families. The event gave parents an opportunity to interact with the school and with their children; and gave children an opportunity to learn, with their parents, about the world outside of the United States – an increasingly important lesson in a global era.



Salmon Brook Ecology Center

The Salmon Brook Ecology Center continues to hum with activity. The students raise rainbow, native brown 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 during vacations to provide additional care for the fish, work with DEP staff to release the remainder of the fry and the larger trout.

The Salmon Brook Ecology Center, a self-sustaining “green” building, opened its doors in 2004. The Granby Education Foundation helped raise the \$360,000 needed to build the center.

Grammy Award Winner Tom Chapin Performs



The Granby Education Foundation brought Grammy Award-Winning Artist Tom Chapin, known for his unique and inspirational songwriting, to Granby in November. Heralded by *The New York Times* as "one of the great personalities in contemporary folk music," Chapin, along with collaborators Michael Mark and Jon Cobert, engaged the audience with their energetic and life-affirming music. One of the evening's many highlights was when the entire audience signed the words to "Family Tree," led by students from the Wells Road School American Sign Language (ASL) Club. (The

ASL Club was, by the way, a recipient of a GEF Community Mini-Grant in 2006, when the GEF awarded funds for the purchase of instructional materials for the group.)

The event was preceded by an art show featuring the winning entries of the Granby Land Trust's juried art show: *Granby's Natural Landscapes*; as well as the artwork from a corresponding children's plein-air art show, organized by Holcomb Farm Learning Centers. By partnering with the Granby Land Trust and Holcomb Farm in this manner, the GEF strove to create an even richer artistic experience for its audience.

A special "Meet the Artists" gathering provided the perfect ending to a fabulous evening. The event raised nearly \$15,000 for the GEF Arts Endowment.

The GEF thanks the following area businesses for their support of Tom Chapin & Friends:



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Miami String Quartet Performs

In November, the Foundation held a fundraiser featuring the music of the renowned Miami String Quartet. The event, which was held at the home of Dave and Sandy Schupp, raised more than \$20,000 in cash and pledges for the GEF Arts Endowment. Praised by *The New York Times* as having “everything one wants in a quartet,” the Miami String Quartet is one of the most sought-after quartets in chamber music. The Schupps were generous to donate not only the use of their home for the evening, but the quartet itself, as they had bid on the performance in a silent auction (which was held to raise money for another important cause – the University of Hartford!).



The GEF Arts Endowment

Tom Chapin and Friends was the third event presented by the GEF to raise awareness of – and funds for – its Arts Endowment. Previous events included performances by Livingston Taylor, Cliff Eberhardt, the Freestyle Repertory Theatre, and students from the Hartt School Music Theatre Program.

The Foundation will continue to sponsor this kind of high quality artistic programming for Granby school students and area residents of all ages 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. To do this, the GEF must raise at least \$200,000 in endowed funds.

Evelyn Davis Bequeaths Generous Gift to GEF

The late Evelyn Davis inspired all who had the fortune of knowing her. A beloved third-grade teacher at Wells Road School for more than 20 years, Davis had an insatiable appetite for education and a passion for learning. Upon her death in 2005, Mrs. Davis bequeathed more than \$17,000 to the Granby Education Foundation. The gift was presented by Mrs. Davis’ longtime friend and neighbor, Barbara Berkowitz. “This is her legacy,” said Berkowitz upon presenting the gift, “A legacy of love for learning.”

Gran-Bee

The fourth annual Gran-Bee began with a dramatic entrance by Gran-Bee Emcee Bill Percival. Mr. Percival was introduced by his wife, Maggie Percival, GEF Board Member and Gran-Bee Chairperson, as “a man who has become not only a legend in his own mind but in other peoples’ as well.” The crowd of 500 then fell silent as the room went dark and Mrs. Percival announced, “...and, now, straight from the British Isles...”

In a matter of seconds, audience members were on their feet clapping and cheering as a procession of bagpipers led a dark and mysterious figure around the auditorium and up to the stage. The bagpipers were members of the Manchester Regional Police and Fire Pipe Band. The dark figure was none other than Snape, the potion master at Hogwarts from the ever-so-popular Harry Potter stories (a.k.a. Mr. Percival).



Nearly 40 teams participated, and nearly every seat in the Granby Memorial High School Auditorium was filled. Costumes and characters were some of the many highlights; and the event tested the knowledge of all who participated.

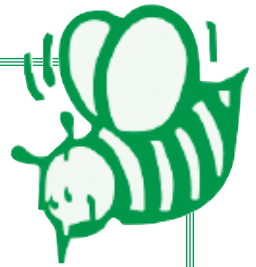
Granby resident Becky Sears played the role of the Bee, while Kelly Lane School Principal Bob Gilbert and Sixth-Grade Math Teacher Julie Hughes served as judges. Granby’s Director of Community Development Fran Armentano acted as timekeeper.

In the final swarm, The Drones (Nancy Butler, Tom McGuire and Lanie Neumann) battled it out with The Pirates (G.M.H.S. students Megan Dowling, Patrick Gatz and Reagan Grote). The Drones won with the correct answer to “Who was the Mayflower Madame?” (Answer: Sydney Biddle Barrows.) Drone team members each received a six-month membership to the Farmington Valley YMCA, along with the coveted Bee trophy.



The event raised more than \$12,000 for the Granby Education Foundation’s General Fund.

The 2007 Gran-Bee was sponsored by:



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During the 2006-2007 school year, donations were made to the Granby Education Foundation's General Fund in honor of the following teachers and parents. As part of the GEF's mission is 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 thanks the following people for their generous contributions to the Foundation during our 2007 fiscal year. This list includes those gifts received between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. Gifts received after June 30, 2007 will be reflected in our next annual report.

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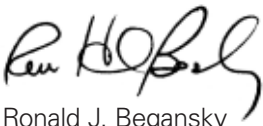
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February 27, 2008

The Board of Directors
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I have compiled the accompanying statement of fund balances of the Granby Education Foundation, Inc., for the year ended June 30, 2007, and the related statement of cash receipts and expenditures and changes in fund balances for the year ended June 30, 2007, 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, 2007

Assets

Interest Income \$5,036

Cash Receipts

Contributions - Restricted 39,427
 Contributions - Unrestricted 58,064
 Raffle Tickets 3,170
 Grants 20,000

Total Cash Receipts \$125,697

Expenditures

Administration

Licenses and Permits 25
 Postage and Delivery 1,107
 Fundraising 1,425
 Brokerage Commission 244
 Advertising 60
 Office Supplies 951
 Printing and Reproduction 3,151

Total Administrative Expenditures \$6,963

Programs

Arts Endowment 10,497
 Discovery Initiative 21,723

Total Program Expenditures . . . \$32,220

Grants

Marquis of Granby 2,000
 Granby Memorial High School 2,000
 Granby Memorial Middle School . . . 1,650
 Kelly Lane Intermediate School . . . 2,250
 F.M. Kearns School 5,148
 Wells Road Intermediate School . . . 250
 Administration Fee 45
 Holcomb Farm 2,000

Total Grants Expenditures . . . \$15,343

Total Expenditures \$54,526

Excess Receipts over Expenditures \$71,171

Fund Balance

July 1, 2006 \$137,707

June 30, 2007 \$208,878

See Accountant's Compilation Report

Statement of Fund Balances for the Year Ended June 30, 2007

Simsbury Bank-
 Money Market A/C 6

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 Certificate of Deposit 191,830

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 Checking 17,044

Total \$208,880

Note: \$39,427 of restricted contributions is included in these accounts. They are restricted for use in the Arts Endowment.

Notes to Financial Statements

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.

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 Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is what keeps the GEF in business and what funds 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.

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. Unless specified as anonymous, the donor's name will be listed as well. Donors can specify that their gift be directed toward either the Foundation's general fund or toward the GEF Arts Endowment. In addition, both the donor and the honoree will be listed in a special listing in the Granby Drummer and in our annual report. Gifts of any size are welcome.

Join the Friends of the Foundation

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 Sarah Thrall at 413-9812.

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