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Granby Education Foundation
Annual Report 2008



Our Mission:

The Granby Education Foundation is a nonprofit, 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 Friends:

They say that when times are tough, you learn who your true friends are. They're the ones who stick with you.

At the Granby Education Foundation, we are gratified to know we have an extensive community of loyal friends who have continued to support us, even in these difficult economic times. Simsbury Bank continues to sponsor our Gran-Bee fundraiser, as does Northwest Community Bank, Granby Pharmacy, The Farmington Valley YMCA, Lost Acres Orchard, and Meadowbrook of Granby. Arrow Concrete, Goodworks Insurance, Nair & Levin, P.C., The Hartford, The New England Financial Group, and Windsor Federal Savings & Loan also have come through for us as contributors and event sponsors. And you, our neighbors, have continued to make the GEF a priority with your charitable giving. We thank each of you for supporting the GEF even when times are tough.

While the job of the Granby Education Foundation is unchanged by the recession, our role is more important than ever. We will continue to work with area businesses and individuals, with the Granby Public Schools, with the Town, and with the area's nonprofit organizations to bring exceptional educational opportunities to the citizens of Granby.

By supporting innovation in education, the GEF will do its best to help keep this community thriving, no matter what the economic future holds. Thanks to you, we have been able to build a solid infrastructure, and with your continued support we will continue to champion excellence in teaching, a love of learning, and an appreciation for the Arts.

With your ongoing support, we will continue to seek educational opportunities that benefit our schoolchildren and our citizens of all ages.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Percival

Our Annual Report to the Community

The Board of Directors of the Granby Education Foundation presents this report of the Foundation's activities for our fiscal year that began on July 1, 2007 and ended on June 30, 2008.

We are proud of the work we do to support our teachers, our fellow nonprofit organizations, our students, and our citizens, and we look forward to continuing to expand the reach and the impact of our activities in the years ahead.

The General Fund

The Granby Education Foundation (GEF) raised nearly \$22,000 to benefit its General Fund in its 2007-08 fiscal year. The GEF is grateful to its supporters for showing such generosity.

The General Fund supports the Foundation's Community Mini-Grant Program. In 2007-08, more than \$13,000 in mini-grants were awarded. The balance was saved, 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.

Mini-Grants

The Granby Education Foundation's Community Mini-Grant Program continues to grow. Between the fall of 2007 and the spring of 2008, the GEF received 10 mini-grant requests and awarded eight grants. The following grants were awarded to recipients whose requests for funding of programs 1) demonstrated exceptional educational value and merit; 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.

1. iPod Nanos for G.M.H.S. World Language Classrooms

The GEF awarded \$2,494 toward the purchase of 10 iPod Nanos with headphones and microphones for use in World Language classrooms. Until they received the GEF grant, the department had been sharing a small number of audio cassette recorders, which were clumsy and

time-consuming to use. The iPod technology has afforded Granby's foreign language students the opportunity to listen to radio broadcasts, news programs, their teachers – even each other – in their target language, be it French, Spanish or Chinese. In addition, the new technology has put Advanced Placement (AP) French and Spanish students on a more even playing field with students from other schools when taking their AP exams.

2. Collaborative Art Program

The Granby Artists Association received \$2,000 to fund a collaborative program between Granby Memorial High School art students, their teachers and members of the Artists Association. The program involved students visiting an artist's studio and



working with that artist in a chosen or suitable medium including pottery, sculpture, drawing and painting. Members of the Artists Association also visited art classes at the high school.

3. Lighting Console for Kelly Lane School

In partnership with the Granby PTO and Kelly Kids Care, the Granby Education Foundation provided funding for a SmartFade Channel Lighting Console to be used in conjunction with a permanent lighting system on the stage at Kelly Lane Intermediate School. The school's active Drama Club, which is a real jewel in Kelly Lane's crown, was in need of this equipment for their productions. In addition, a number of other school programs and functions benefit from the improved stage lighting. (The amount of GEF's award was \$1,214.)

4. Shakesperience

Another class of Granby Memorial Middle School students gained exposure to Shakespeare in 2008, through the program Shakesperience. English teachers Joanne Desrosiers and Pat Orłowski received \$1,500 to bring the interactive program to seventh and eighth graders in an effort to stress the significance of Shakespeare as a writer and to break down student anxieties and stereotypes.



“Student response to Shakesperience is always enthusiastic,” says Orłowski. “Following these workshops, many students are excited to read and perform scenes in class. The most compelling aspect of the program is watching student attitudes towards the study of Shakespeare change – from dread...to delight!”

5. GECC Parent Workshops

The Granby Early Childhood Council (GECC) received \$990 to help fund a series of parent workshops to help ensure that in Granby “all children arrive at school healthy and socially and emotionally prepared for academic success and life-long learning.” The workshops addressed early childhood growth and developmental milestones, literacy, numeracy and special needs education.

6. Spotlight for High School Auditorium

The Granby Memorial High School Drama Club received \$2,500 for a new spotlight in the high school auditorium. While the old spotlight had become “nearly inoperable,” there was no money in the budget for replacing it. In addition to the Drama Club, numerous other school functions and community groups (including the Granby Education Foundation!) use the auditorium and benefit from this new piece of equipment, making this a gift that has served a broad community.

7. Hartford Stage Residency Program

Cynthia Gordon, a teacher at Kelly Lane Intermediate School, received \$1,500 towards funding of a Hartford Stage residency program for students at both Kelly Lane and Wells Road Schools. This program, which reached approximately 200 fifth graders, provided students with the opportunity to work closely with an artist from Hartford Stage while reading *My Brother Sam is Dead*, a novel set during the American Revolution. Since being introduced to Granby students two years ago, the program has been extremely well received and has significantly deepened students’ reaction to the book.



8. Holcomb Farm Link and Learn Equipment

Holcomb Farm Learning Centers, Inc. received \$1,000 to purchase scientific equipment that will “promote science inquiry, real-life scientific observation and encourage active learning” for its acclaimed Link and Learn program. Link and Learn is a curriculum-based program that brings urban and suburban students, kindergarten through sixth grade, together to engage in environmental, science and arts programs on the grounds of Holcomb Farm. Nearly 1,200 students participated in the Link and Learn program at Holcomb Farm during 2008.



The 2008 Gran-Bee was sponsored by:

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The Gran-Bee

It was a dark and stormy night...yet hundreds of area residents came out for the Granby Education Foundation's 5th Annual Gran-Bee Trivia Contest. Those who braved the rain and mist enjoyed an evening of laughter, suspense, controversy, friendly competition and family fun.

Master of Ceremonies Bill Percival did not disappoint as he made his entrance accompanied by the Manchester Regional Police and Fire Pipe Band. Costumed as a female school teacher, he skillfully directed the Bee with humor, wit and unflinching energy.

In a repeat performance, The Drones (Lanie Neumann, Nancy Buter and Tom McGuire) were able to conquer a field of 37 highly competitive teams.

The following businesses showed their community spirit by stepping forward and becoming event sponsors: Simsbury Bank, The Farmington Valley YMCA, Granby Pharmacy, Lost Acres Orchard, Meadowbrook of Granby, Arrow Concrete, Goodworks Insurance, Nair & Levin, P.C. and The New England Financial Group. Their generosity, combined with that of local donors, team sponsors, competitors and audience members, helped the Gran-Bee raise more than \$16,000 for the Granby Education Foundation's Arts Endowment.



A World of Dance

On November 9, 2007, more than 700 people witnessed a celebration of movement, costumes, and culture, and the result could not have been more spectacular, invigorating the audience through the power of The Arts and raising more than \$3,000 for the GEF Arts Endowment.



The program, a presentation of the Connecticut Ballet, was entitled, "The World of Dance." The Granby Education Foundation, in conjunction with Granby Public Schools and with support from the Connecticut

Commission on Culture and Tourism, Holcomb Farm Learning Centers, Adams & Knight, Inc., Nutmeg's Dance and Theatre Company, and New England Financial Group, brought the performance to Granby Memorial High School as the culminating event of an artist residency program conducted for four weeks at Kearns, Kelly Lane, Wells Road, and Granby Memorial Middle Schools.



The extravaganza featured four artists from the Connecticut Ballet, who performed multi-cultural dances, along with more than 80 Granby students, who showcased what they learned by performing the Peruvian Carnivalito; traditional African drumming; East Indian Kathak Dance; and the martial arts form of Brazilian Capoeira.



Brett Raphael, artistic director of the Connecticut Ballet, praised Granby for being unique in its support for the Arts, and for providing "red carpet treatment" to him and his artists.

Administrators, Teachers, Students, and Parents Honored and Remembered

During and at the close of the 2007-2008 school year, donations were made to the Granby Education Foundation in honor of the following administrators, teachers, students, and parents. Since 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.

Administrators

Henriette Camp
Gwen Van Dorp

Teachers

Sue Bush
Lisa DiCiancia
Jeanne Horton
Cathy Joslyn
Morgan King
Karen Porter
Julie Przybycien
David Pickhardt
In memory of Tony Romano
Mrs. Nancy Shyer
Sue Sojka
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Students

Brielle Gamble

Parents

Parents of students in Room 28,
Kearns School
2007-2008 Kelly Lane Room Parents

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If you would like to honor a student or teacher through a donation to the GEF, please contact Trish Percival at 653-7095 or visit our website, www.granbyeducationfoundation.org, for more information.

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Supporters

The Granby Education thanks the following people for their generous contributions to the Foundation during our 2008 fiscal year. This list includes those gifts received between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008. Gifts received after June 30, 2008 will be reflected in our next annual report.

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December 15, 2008

The Board of Directors
Granby Education Foundation, Inc.
c/o Mr. Kevin Edwards, Treasurer
P. O. Box 351
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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, 2008, and the related statement of cash receipts and expenditures and changes in fund balances for the year ended June 30, 2008, 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, 2008

Assets

Interest Income **\$9,993**

Cash Receipts

Contributions - Restricted \$17,444
 Contributions - Unrestricted 23,837
 Raffle Tickets 1,116
 Event Tickets 7,137
 Fundraising -
 Gran-Bee Gross Receipts 16,541
 Fundraising -
 Gran-Bee Expenses - 2,286
 Gran-Bee Total Income 14,255
 Sponsorship 500
 Grants 3,440

Total Cash Receipts \$67,729

Expenditures

Administration

Licenses and Permits \$25
 Postage and Delivery 531
 Fundraising 225
 Office Supplies 1,492
 Loss on Sale of Securities 22

Total Administrative Expenditures \$2,295

Programs

Arts Endowment \$10,114
 Discovery Initiative 15,960

Total Program Expenditures . . . \$26,074

Grants

Granby Memorial High School . . . \$6,994
 Granby Memorial Middle School . . . 1,500
 Kelly Lane Intermediate School . . . 1,214
 Wells Road Intermediate School . . . 1,500
 Farmington Valley YMCA 990
 Farmington Valley YMCA -
 Granby Early Childhood Council . . . 8,948
 Holcomb Farm 1,000

Total Grants Expenditures \$22,146

Total Expenditures \$50,515

Excess Receipts over Expenditures \$27,207

Fund Balance

July 1, 2007 \$208,878

June 30, 2007 \$236,085

See Accountant's Compilation Report

Statement of Fund Balances for the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Fidelity Brokerage Account \$81,915
 Simsbury Bank -
 Money Market A/C 6
 Simsbury Bank -
 Certificate of Deposit-1 49,810
 Simsbury Bank -
 Certificate of Deposit-2 27,090
 Simsbury Bank -
 Certificate of Deposit-3 42,551
 Simsbury Bank -
 Certificate of Deposit-4 26,113
 Simsbury Bank-Checking 8,600

Total \$236,085

\$117,901 of restricted contributions is included in these accounts. They are restricted for use in the Arts Endowment.

See Accountant's Compilation Report.

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 or send an email to us at info@granbyeducationfoundation.org.