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Granby Education Foundation
Annual Report 2009



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 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:

In challenging economic times, nonprofit organizations can fill a critical role. They can contribute to quality of life, raise morale, and fill needs that might otherwise go unfilled.

In 2008-09, the Granby Education Foundation strove to do all of this. We hosted several incredibly successful events (GEF) — events that brought together members of our community for stimulating, enjoyable nights out. We awarded grants for some very innovative and inspiring programs — programs that would not have happened without our support. And in the face of such uncertain times, we took steps to ensure that the GEF will only grow stronger in the years to come. Looking back at the year, three things stand out in particular:

- 1) Escaped Sudanese slave Francis Bok gave a talk that left the audience feeling shock, outrage, admiration and hope, based on the amazing strength of one man's strength of spirit in the face of terrible injustices. It was a new format for the GEF: a community-wide event that focused not on the cultural arts, but on broadening our knowledge of the world around us. We hope to fund more community programs like this in the future.
- 2) We hosted The Nutcracker. More than 140 local children practiced with Connecticut Ballet's professional dancers, then put on three spectacular performances. We were extremely proud to bring this exciting event to town and we thank everyone who made it possible, from our business partners to the Friends of the GEF to our board members, who worked tirelessly to make it happen.
- 3) Our board of directors worked with a team of professional consultants to update our Strategic Plan, so that we can better usher the organization into its next successful stage of existence.

We are grateful to all of you who have supported us in the past, and we pledge to continue our work to enhance the educational climate of this community, in good economic times and bad, with your continued support. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Percival
Chair

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, 2008 and ended on June 30, 2009.

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 more than \$24,000 to benefit its General Fund in its 2008-09 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 2008-09, more than \$16,000 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.

GEF Community Mini-Grants

The Granby Education Foundation's Community Mini-Grant Program continues to grow. Between the fall of 2008 and the spring of 2009, the GEF received 20 mini-grant requests and awarded 11 grants. The recipients ranged from kindergarten age to senior citizens, from school-based programs to community groups. 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.

Science Program Study with the West Hartford Children's Museum

Matt Pinckney's 6th grade class at Kelly Lane Intermediate School received \$1,336 for the study of polymers, chemical technology, and the properties of water molecules. Mr. Pinckney divided the 6th grade into three sections and each section attended one of the three classes at the Children's Museum, then presented the information they learned to the other sections. This innovative technique, called "carousel" teaching, forces students to process information on a high level in order to act as peer tutors.

(Application submitted by 6th grade teacher Matt Pinckney.)

Calder Re-Wired

Kelly Lane Intermediate School received \$1,175 to bring participatory live theater to the students of Kelly Lane. The use of music, costuming, mime, puppetry and acting expanded both student appreciation of art and the artist, and knowledge of art history.

(Application submitted by art teacher Katie Ransom.)

Art is Ageless Program at The Granby Senior Center

The GEF awarded \$1,200 for small-class art study. Taught by members of the Granby Artists Association, older adults explored the visual arts through visual and tactile mediums such as watercolor, digital photography and beading.

(Application submitted by Sandra Yost, program director of the Granby Senior Center.)

Kindergarten Connections

The GEF awarded \$200 to fund visits by the kindergarteners of Mrs. Cathryn Kibby's class at F. M. Kearns Primary School to the Granby Senior Center. These educational, multi-age gatherings provided the opportunity for kids to connect with older community members and include the opportunity to work on literacy skills during poetry readings with new friends.

(Application submitted by kindergarten teacher Cathryn Kibby.)

Lights! Camera! Action!

The GEF awarded \$1,240 to the GMHS Drama Club, led by drama teacher Janet Spatcher, for the purchase of a scrim, a reusable lighting attachment which allows for enhanced lighting effects on the deep stage used by both the school and the community.

(Application submitted by GMHS drama teacher Janet Spatcher.)



World Languages

In 2008, the GEF awarded a grant to the World Language Department of GMHS for the purchase of iPods and accessories. After hearing how much this grant benefited select students, the GEF awarded another \$2,532 to them this year for the purchase of 10 more units. Entire classes now have access to radio broadcasts, news programs, self-recording, and self-correction exercises, increasing fluency and improving long-term retention.

(Application submitted by language teacher Ellen Buda.)



Intergenerational African Drumming and Dance

Granby Youth and Senior Services received \$1,500 to bring the "Drum Unity Program" to town. Granby youth participated in formal instruction on the history and art of African music and dance, in turn instructing Granby Seniors. The two groups collaborated on a final performance, celebrating diversity and building intergenerational friendships.

(Application submitted by Kerry Kielbasa, director of human services.)



Twenty-First Century Technology

The GEF awarded \$1,588 to the English Department of GMHS for the purchase of 10 digital Flip mini camcorders and related accessories to help students learn the art and skills of filming, editing and sharing presentations.

(Application submitted by teacher Linda Touchette.)



The Revolutionary War Comes Alive

The GEF awarded \$2,000 to the award-winning Marquis of Granby Jr. Ancient Fife and Drum Corps for the repair of existing equipment and purchase of new drums.

(Application submitted by Lori Catlin Garcia.)

Study of American History

The Social Studies Department of GMHS received \$2,082 for the addition of audio and video media capture devices. Students create, edit, perform and publish video diaries of characters living during specific periods of American History, developing classroom teaching tools which bring to life historical events. (Application submitted by teacher Joe Jarvis.)

Made Possible through the Bequest of Evelyn Davis

Upon her death in 2005, Mrs. Davis, a beloved third-grade teacher at Wells Road Intermediate School for more than 20 years, bequeathed more than \$17,000 to the Granby Education Foundation. In 2008-09, GEF made the following grants in honor of her love for learning.

Reaching for the Stars

Teachers James Janski and Kierstan Pestana and the Astronomy Program at Wells Road Intermediate School received \$1,268 for the purchase of telescope gear, including filters, mounting equipment, and protective devices. Students in grades 3-6 now can study light as a form of traveling energy and the predictable movements of objects in the solar system.

The GEF Presents: An Evening with Francis Bok

On October 24, 2008, more than 400 people gathered at GMHS auditorium to hear the story of Francis Bok, escaped slave, refugee and abolitionist from the southern region of war-torn Sudan. His appearance was made possible through the efforts of GMHS 9th grade resource teacher, Elaine Chagnon and the GEF Community Grant Program.

The evening began with a brief history and geography lesson focusing attention on Sudan but quickly turned to the story of Mr. Bok and his journey. Mr. Bok's escape from a ten-year enslavement and search for freedom brought him through refugee camps and prison, to a new community in Cairo, Egypt and ultimately, to the United States, where he began to speak nationally about his experience in the hope that the world would address the plight of the 27 million people worldwide who live in bondage.



Grant around the World

The GEF's very own mascot Grant quenched his thirst for culture and learning with a splash in Bujagali Falls, Uganda, the source of the Nile.

Photo courtesy of Courtney McGuire, Grant's travel partner.



The Gran-Bee

And the Winner Izzzz....

At the sixth annual Gran-Bee, 35 hopeful teams gathered at the GMHS auditorium with one common goal: to win the title of Grand Bee. True, this was a charitable event. And yes, the 105 participants and approximately 500 attendees were lighthearted as they gathered. But let's "bee" honest: from emcee Bill Percival's Rocky inspired opening video through scores of questions, to the championship-round battle, this was a competition.

The questions covered a wide variety of topics, from rap music to English literature, from historical and scientific fact to American politics. The final questions separated the workers from the drones, and established a new championship team in town. "By what name were the New York Yankees originally known?" The crowd was quiet until the victory of The Bee S's, Tony Bussman, Janis Gilmore, and Gail Altschwager. With their response of "The Highlanders," applause and cheering ensued, the Gran-Bee Grand Bee Trophy was awarded, and another Norman Rockwellian fun-filled GEF evening came to a close. The GEF is grateful for the support of all sponsors and supporters, as the evening raised more than \$12,000.

The 2008 Gran-Bee was sponsored by:

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The Arts Endowment

The GEF has continued to work to raise funds for its Arts Endowment by hosting high-quality artistic programming for Granby school students and area residents. Past annual events such as the Hartt School Music Theater Program On Broadway (Way Off Broadway) music revue, The Connecticut Ballet's presentation "The World of Dance" and concerts by Tom Chapin, Livingston Taylor and Cliff Eberhardt have attracted residents of all ages to workshops and performances that have expanded awareness of the arts and arts education. At full funding, the Arts Endowment will generate approximately \$10,000 annually, which the GEF will devote solely to the arts here in Granby.

The Nutcracker

One cold weekend in December, the resounding applause in the GMHS auditorium was matched only by the nervous giggles, the pounding hearts and the sighs of relief and exhilaration generated backstage by the 140 Granby children who participated in Connecticut Ballet's production of The Nutcracker. The Ballet's Artistic Director, Brett Raphael, and his team provided the costumes, the sets, and the expertise, but the Granby community clearly provided the heart.

This community-based event easily addressed the GEF Arts Endowment's mission: dance instruction by a professional team provided the educational element within the broader cultural scope of a full ballet production for the greater community.

The GEF board, working with the Friends of the Granby Education Foundation, hosted a Nutcracker Tea, a premium ticket, red-carpet event. Surrounded by twinkling lights, ballet slipper trees, and life-sized nutcrackers, patrons enjoyed a sumptuous Holiday Tea and the opportunity to mix with the costumed dancers of Connecticut Ballet.

Not only was this event a truly special occasion, but it raised an amazing \$19,000 for the GEF Arts Endowment.



The *Nutcracker* was sponsored by:



Teachers and Administrators Honored and Remembered

By the close of the 2008-09 fiscal year, donations were made to the Granby Education Foundation in honor of the following teachers and administrators. 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.

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The Granby Education Foundation thanks the following people for their generous contributions to the Foundation during our 2008-09 fiscal year. This list includes those gifts received between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. Gifts received after June 30, 2009 will be reflected in our next annual report.

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December 8, 2009

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, 2009, and the related statement of cash receipts and expenditures and changes in fund balances for the year ended June 30, 2009, 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 and Changes In Fund Balances for the Year Ended June 30, 2009

Assets

Interest Income **\$5,091**

Cash Receipts

Contributions: Restricted \$12,018
 Contributions: Unrestricted
 (Annual Appeal) 9,518
 Contributions: Unrestricted
 (GranBee Event) 6,554
 Contributions: Unrestricted
 (Honor Teacher/Student) 2,094
 Arts Endowment:
 Gross Receipts 21,657
 Arts Endowment:
 Expenses - 8,654
 13,003
 Fundraising -
 Gran-Bee Gross Receipts 8,247
 Fundraising -
 Gran-Bee Expenses - 2,027
 6,220

Total Cash Receipts \$54,498

Expenditures

Administration

Conference \$393
 Bank Service Charge 50
 Professional Fees 2,624
 Marketing 430
 Website 465
 Mini-grants Admin. 118
 Postage and Delivery 1,065
 Dues and Subscriptions 75
 Office Supplies 1,317
 Printing and Reproduction 3,172
 Advertising 396

Total Administrative

Expenditures \$10,105

Grants

Granby Memorial High School \$7,941
 Kearns School 200
 Kelly Lane Intermediate School 2,474
 Wells Road Intermediate School 1,345
 Granby Senior Center 2,700
 Francis Bok 4,204
 Marquis of Granby 2,000

Total Grants Expenditures \$20,864

Total Expenditures \$30,969

Excess Receipts

Over Expenditures \$23,529

Fund Balance

July 1, 2008 \$236,085
June 30, 2009 \$259,614

See Accountant's Compilation Report.

Statement of Fund Balances for the Year Ended June 30, 2009

Fidelity Brokerage Account \$83,327
 Simsbury Bank:
 Money Market A/C 1
 Simsbury Bank:
 Certificate of Deposit-1 51,236
 Simsbury Bank:
 Certificate of Deposit-2 27,787
 Simsbury Bank:
 Certificate of Deposit-3 43,460
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Total \$259,614

\$187,782 of the above funds is restricted for use in the Arts Endowment. They represent specific restricted contributions and amounts set aside by the entity for this purpose.

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.

Investment Policy

The GEF invests in accordance with its board-approved policy in order to maximize the impact our generous donors' contributions will have on providing educational opportunities in Granby and the region.

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 his or her 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 send us an email at info@granbyeducationfoundation.org.