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Granby Education Foundation
Annual Report 2010



Our Mission:

The Granby Education Foundation enhances the educational climate in our schools and in the broader community by:

- Raising funds in support of educational excellence,
- Supporting innovative educational initiatives,
- Celebrating great teachers, and
- Encouraging community involvement in educational endeavors

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 nonprofit, 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:

The Granby Education Foundation (GEF) celebrated its tenth anniversary in 2010! Thanks to the generous support that we have received from our community, the GEF has been able to make a significant impact on the educational environment here in Granby.

Ten years ago, our initial donors funded the building of the Salmon Brook Ecology Center, a premier facility in which Granby students at both the high school and middle school get hands-on experience in ecology and related fields. The state-of-the-art facility is an excellent example of "green" building and an ideal location for students to learn about alternative energy sources.

Seven years ago the Community Grant program began, providing funding for innovative educational initiatives for residents of all ages. The Gran-Bee Trivia Contest was soon established as a fundraiser for the program and quickly became a favorite annual event in the area. Thanks to those businesses, organizations and individuals who support our general fund or participate in the Bee, the GEF has been able to award more than 80 grant requests, thereby distributing more than \$100,000 across our community for educational programming!

The GEF then turned its attention to establishing an Arts Endowment, in order to make exceptional artistic programming available to all members of our community. To raise funds for the endowment, the GEF has brought renowned performers to town each Fall, including: Livingston Taylor, Tom Chapin, CT Ballet, the Hartt School, Fred Wilhelm, Lori McKenna, Catie Curtis, and Mark Erelli. The GEF is pleased to announce that it has reached the initial funding goal of \$200,000 for the Arts Endowment!

The GEF would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have supported our mission these past 10 years. Please join us in making the next decade as productive and successful as the last. Rest assured that we have already begun planning our next exciting project and are looking ahead with renewed purpose and commitment to bringing extraordinary educational opportunities to our community.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Brewer
Chairperson

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, 2009 and ended on June 30, 2010.

We are proud of the work we do to support our teachers, our fellow nonprofit organizations, our students, and our citizens. 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 \$29,000 to benefit its General Fund in its 2009-10 fiscal year. The GEF is grateful to its supporters for showing such generosity.

The General Fund supports the Foundation's Community Grant Program. In 2009-10, more than \$17,000 in 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 Grants

The Granby Education Foundation's Community Grant Program continues to grow. Between the fall of 2009 and the spring of 2010, the GEF received 23 grant requests and awarded 12 grants. In 2009-10, the recipients ranged from kindergarten age to senior citizens, from school-based programs to community nonprofits. 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 within existing budgets. More information on these grants and on the Community Grant Program can be found on the GEF's website: www.granbyeducationfoundation.org.

First Robotics

The GEF awarded \$3,000 to the newly formed First Robotics Club of Granby Memorial Middle and Granby Memorial High Schools to help fund participation in the First Robotics Program and National Competition. This "tremendous platform for interdisciplinary curriculum opportunities" partners students with a parent, a past GMHS student, and community mentors to work with real life applications of math, science, technology, project management, and team building in a six-week timeframe to build a common kit robot which they then take to national competition. For their participation in the program, schools receive licenses for more than \$60,000 worth of application software which will be available to all students.

(Application submitted by teachers Caron Kempf, Margaret Bastiaanse, Sue Alender, Tim Barnett)



Hartford Stage Residency

The GEF provided a grant of \$1,500 to Kelly Lane Intermediate School to benefit fifth grade students who will integrate Language Arts and Social Studies during a week-long in-school theater and literacy residency with a teaching artist from Hartford Stage. The Newbury Award-winning novel My Brother Sam Is Dead is a story of personal and political conflict in the American Revolution as witnessed by a young man who places freedom before his family. Students explore the central themes of the story through techniques such as improvisation, role-play, tableau, pantomime, and text analysis. Upon completion of the residency, students read the novel and complete response journals which "were detailed and thoughtful, and showed evidence of critical thinking and reasoning at a far more sophisticated level than previous classes."

(Application submitted by 5th grade teacher Cynthia Gordon)



Hands-On Computer Learning

In a separate focus of the fifth grade curriculum, students learn a basic understanding of how a computer works and how information is processed. To address student need for spatial or kinesthetic "hands-on" learning, the GEF awarded Wells Road Intermediate School \$325 for the equipment and program through which students build a computer and explain the process to their classmates, facilitating the effort to provide a "new method of making learning dynamic and challenging, and hopefully stimulating an interest in lifelong learning."

(Application submitted by 5th grade teacher Kathy Waddington)



Live Strong

"Loss is a life experience that can be very troubling, not only to adults but children as well." The "Live Strong Gang" of Wells Road School began three years ago as a way to offer support to students who were experiencing grief. To date, the group has had 15 members who have lost a parent or sibling. It has become obvious, through the requests of students and families, that more information is needed to better support all students who experience loss and the adults who are in their lives. The GEF was pleased to grant \$500 to establish a lending library which will assist the existing group and those who may not be comfortable in a group setting. It will also allow faculty access to materials which will teach techniques that may help students and families on a day-to-day basis.

(Application submitted by School Psychologist Dr. Heidi MacDonald)



Let's Bowl!!

In his grant proposal, Physical Education Teacher Karl Gates wrote that "kindergarten through second grade levels are the most critical when it comes to physical and mental growth." Bowling can greatly improve hand-eye coordination, mental processing, and body movement through muscular development and spatial and self awareness. For those reasons the GEF granted \$600 to F.M. Kearns Primary School, for the purchase of carpet lanes, balls, pins, and related instructional materials.

(Application submitted by Physical Education teacher Karl Gates)



The Power of Agriculture

To support the GMHS commitment to community involvement and to further the Vanguard mission of promoting diversity and awareness, the GEF is pleased to grant \$735 for continued participation in the lecture series "The Power of Agriculture," which consists of monthly lectures and luncheons. The lectures, hosted in partnership with Bloomfield High School, focused on "how individuals, alone and in small groups, can take action on seemingly intractable environmental issues" such as sustainability. These lectures were presented by professional scientists, policy makers and journalists who are nationally recognized as experts in this field. The luncheons were prepared by GMHS culinary students using locally grown produce.

(Application submitted by GMHS Science teacher Baokhanh Paton)



From Farm to Table

Holcomb Farm Learning Center has received \$5,026.40 to build a greenhouse to support farm-based education programs. Through a combination of formal school programs which include Granby, Hartland, and Hartford schools, preschool programs, farm camps, and community events, Holcomb Farm reaches approximately 1900 Granby students, 1350 Hartford students, and 800 local community members. Programs will take students from the planning and planting of gardens, through maintenance, composting, harvest, and preparation of healthy snacks from the produce grown.

(Application submitted by Holcomb Farm Program Coordinator Lucy Eyre Lindeyer)



And Then There Were Two... Robotics Clubs

The GEF has awarded Granby Memorial Middle School \$1,500 to fund Team #3146 Granby Grunts, registered with FIRST, a national program with over 90,000 student participants worldwide. Students work together, along with a parent and community mentors, to build a robot in a six-week timeframe. Culminating in a competition, this process essentially teaches students to create and run a small business. The "LEGO LEAGUE" program is designed specifically for middle school students, to increase interest in math, science, and technology, and "to emphasize the idea of gracious professionalism as a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizing the value of others and respect for individuals."

(Application submitted by teachers Caron Kempf and Ann Buckley)



Click to Learn

The GEF awarded \$2,420 to Wells Road Intermediate School for the supplemental purchase of elnstruction's hardware and software package "Classroom Performance System" (CPS). The software allows teachers to create curriculum relevant questions, while the radio frequency response pads and receiver unit allow students anonymity as they answer questions; results can be quickly compiled and addressed within the remainder of the lesson, ensuring that no student "leaves the class with an unsettling feeling of the chance of failure or uncertainty or with an inaccurate sense of comprehension."

(Application submitted by Math teacher Rob Faber)



The Art of Welding

The GEF awarded \$250 to the AP Art program at Granby Memorial High School for the materials and machine costs associated with a mig welding program. "We are providing the ambitious future artist an opportunity to experience a real working sculpture studio while learning about both welding and plasma cutting." This program would not have been possible but for the collaborative effort between a dedicated teacher and Mr. Brad McDougall's donation of time, labor, and studio.

(Application submitted by AP Art teacher Holly Hecht)



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 2009-10, GEF made the following grant in honor of her love for learning.

Destination ImagiNation

Kelly Lane Intermediate School, at the request of Principal Bob Gilbert, has received \$1,500 to introduce a new afterschool enrichment opportunity. "Destination ImagiNation" is an innovative organization that teaches creativity, teamwork, and problem solving to teams of students in more than 30 countries. The two teams will work to create solutions to Team Challenges, which can have theatrical, structural, improvisational, scientific, or technical focuses. Instant Challenges provide creative quick thinking exercises. Teams of seven students compete regionally with the goal of advancing to the Global Finals.

(Application submitted by 5th grade teacher Sarah Chapple)

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, Connecticut Ballet's presentations "The World of Dance" and "Nutcracker," 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. This past year proved to be the year in which perseverance pushed the fundraising effort over the initial \$200,000 goal, allowing the GEF to present its first application period for \$10,000 in Arts-designated funding. The GEF looks forward to reviewing the success of this long-anticipated award in the 2010-2011 Annual Report.

The "Songwriter's Showcase"

On December 4, local boy and critically acclaimed singer/songwriter/musician Fred Wilhelm brought his fabulously talented friends Lori McKenna, Catie Curtis, and Mark Erelli to Granby, filling the ears and hearts of 500 listeners. It was exactly the kind of evening that the Granby Education Foundation had hoped to present, drawing a cross section of the community to the auditorium. All left the show with the feeling that they had engaged with the artists and had learned something about their lives and the experiences that shaped them through the words and music the artists shared. The Commons was packed at the after-show "Coffee House," as CDs quickly sold out and the performers mingled with the Granby community and loyal fans who had traveled from across New England and as far away as Washington, D.C. to see them perform.



The "Songwriter's Showcase" was sponsored by:

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GEF Celebrates \$200,000 Goal by Granting One-Time Special Grant

The Granby community has played an integral role in facilitating the success of the previous years of Arts programming brought to Granby by the GEF. From music to dance to spoken word, all these performances have had one thing in common: they all utilized the space and sound system of Granby Memorial High School Auditorium.

With this in mind, members of the GEF Grants Committee met with Bill Morgan of the GMHS Music Department, Michael Morgan, drama club director, and Janet Spatcher, drama club assistant director to discuss Ms. Spatcher's grant proposal for the funds to purchase a wireless microphone system for the stage.

The proposed sound system is comprised of several elements, the first being a sound "board" or mixer which allows sound control by a technician and adjustments during a performance. Body microphones, transmitters, receivers, a distribution system, a power conditioner, case, snake, and hanging microphones complete the package, which has a retail value of over \$20,000.

The GMHS representatives offered several compelling reasons for this proposal, the last of which focused on the role that the auditorium plays in Granby. "Other than the Drama Club, countless school functions, community groups, town events, visiting performers...are among the users," wrote Ms. Spatcher. "Additional beneficiaries of this sound system will be the countless attendees of performances and functions who will now be able to properly hear performances and presentations."

For these many reasons, and in recognition of the many instances when the GMHS facility has provided benefit to the town of Granby, the GEF Community Grants Committee and Board voted to grant \$12,516 for the purchase of the wireless microphone system.



Tribute Program

At the close of the 2009-10 school year, donations were made to the Granby Education Foundation (GEF) in honor of the teachers, administrators, parents, and students shown below. 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 Gran-Bee

New Winners in Town


Thirty-one teams gathered at the 7th Annual Gran-Bee Trivia Contest during an evening which raised a staggering \$15,000 to benefit the GEF's Annual Fund, the primary source of funding for the Community Grant Program. Changes took place this year: Carolyn Taylor took on the role of Master of Ceremonies with cool composure, filling many tense post question silences with soft crooning, while a format change led to significantly faster game play. Questions in the final round ranged from the ingredients of Mexican dishes to the names of the couple that married on the December 17, 1969 "Tonight Show," chipping away at the teams until only Bob Wielgoszinski, Jim Pillow, and Duncan Rowles, aka team "BEEEn There, Done That" remained standing behind their whiteboard to collect the coveted Gran-Bee Grand Bee Winner's Trophy. Once again, the GEF is grateful for the continued support of the sponsors and supporters who combined to far exceed the financial expectations of this yearly event.

The 2010 Gran-Bee was sponsored by:

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The Granby Education Foundation thanks the following people for their generous contributions to the Foundation during our 2009-2010 fiscal year. This list includes those gifts received between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010. Gifts received after June 30, 2010 will be reflected in our next annual report.

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March 8, 2011

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, 2010, and the related statement of cash receipts and expenditures and changes in fund balances for the year ended June 30, 2010, 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, 2010

Assets

Interest Income **\$2,003**

Cash Receipts

Contributions: Restricted \$5,114
 Contributions: Unrestricted
 (Undesignated) 7,443
 Contributions: Unrestricted
 (Annual Appeal) 12,804
 Contributions: Unrestricted
 (GranBee Event) 4,525
 Contributions: Unrestricted
 (Honor Teacher/Student) 1,507
 Arts Endowment:
 Gross Receipts 16,415
 Arts Endowment:
 Expenses - 3,896
 12,519
 Fundraising -
 Gran-Bee Gross Receipts 10,342
 Fundraising -
 Gran-Bee Expenses - 1,786
 8,556
Total Cash Receipts \$54,471

Expenditures

Administration

Conference \$435
 Bank Service Charge 66
 Filing Fees 50
 Stewardship 600
 Website 90
 Postage & Delivery 1,967
 Laptop Computer 1,176
 Printing & Reproduction 6,276
 Miscellaneous 100

Total Administrative

Expenditures \$10,760

Grants

Granby Memorial High School . . \$18,001
 Kearns School 600
 Kelly Lane Intermediate School . . 3,000
 Wells Road Intermediate School . . 3,246
 Holcomb Farm 5,026

Total Grants Expenditures \$29,873

Total Expenditures \$40,633

Excess Receipts

Over Expenditures \$13,838

Fund Balance

July 1, 2009 \$259,614
June 30, 2010 \$273,452

See Accountant's Compilation Report.

Statement of Fund Balances for the Year Ended June 30, 2010

Fidelity Brokerage Account \$85,931
 Simsbury Bank:
 Certificate of Deposit-1 52,001
 Simsbury Bank:
 Certificate of Deposit-2 28,106
 Simsbury Bank-Checking 107,414
Total \$273,452

\$206,108 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 nonprofit 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 semiannual Community 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 has established 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.

Tribute Program

Honor a student, teacher, administrator, or community member who has made a difference in education 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.

Planned Giving

Provide additional support through a planned gift such as appreciated securities or leave a lasting legacy in support of our mission through a bequest.

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.

Please visit our website at www.granbyeducationfoundation.org for further information regarding these programs.