

How You Can Help

There are many ways to support the Granby Education Foundation, both financially and with the donation of your time. Here are some of the ways in which you can get involved:

Support the General Fund

The General Fund is what keeps the GEF in business and what funds the Foundation's 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.

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. In addition, donations to the Tribute Funds in honor of Nannie Brown and Cal Heminway are also accepted year round.

Give to the GEF Arts Endowment

The Granby Education Foundation has established a permanent Arts Endowment to support cultural arts programs and activities. We accept tax-deductible donations to the Arts Endowment year round.

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.

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We accept financial contributions on our website via PayPal, a safe and secure payment platform. www.granbyeducationfoundation.org

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**GRANBY
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2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The Granby Education Foundation presents this report of the Foundation's activities during our last fiscal year (July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018). We are proud of the work we do raising funds in support of educational excellence, lifelong learning, and arts initiatives with our school district, local non-profit organizations, and citizens. We will continue to expand the impact and reach of our activities in the years ahead as our community continues to change and grow.



Granby Education Foundation
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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
- Encouraging community involvement in educational endeavors

A Brief History

A town’s educational system should extend beyond its schools. It was with this objective that a group of citizens in 2000 established the Granby Education Foundation, a non-profit, all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) organization.

The GEF works to foster innovative educational opportunities and art initiatives for residents of all ages by:

- Increasing community involvement
- Expanding the capabilities of area educators
- Encouraging creativity in teaching and the arts
- Stimulating an interest in lifelong learning

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Cover photos (clockwise from top): Irish dance workshop at GMHS, new FVYMCA Gaga Pit, DECA at the national conference in Atlanta, a new violin for the Granby Public Schools Strings Program

Community Grant Program

The General Fund

The Granby Education Foundation (GEF) raised \$40,647 to benefit its General Fund during the 2017–18 fiscal year. The GEF is grateful to its supporters for showing such generosity.

The General Fund supports the Foundation’s Community Grant Program. In 2017–18, a total of \$8,272.50 in grants was awarded. The remaining balance will position the Foundation to support worthy special projects as they come along, such as the new Strings Program in the Granby Public Schools. It also is helpful in demonstrating to potential grantors (particularly other charitable foundations) that the Granby Education Foundation has the solid support of the community.

Community Grants

The Granby Education Foundation’s Community Grant Program continues to make an impact on our educational environment. Between the fall of 2017 and the spring of 2018, the GEF received six grant requests and awarded five grants. In 2017–18, the recipients ranged from elementary schoolers to senior citizens; and from school-based programs to community nonprofits. More information regarding these grants and the Community Grant Program can be found on the GEF’s website: www.granbyeducationfoundation.org.

Inflatable Gaga Pit

The Farmington Valley YMCA (FVYMCA), which partners with community organizations to provide specialty programs for children, received a GEF grant of \$2630.00 to purchase an inflatable Gaga Pit. Gaga, a game like dodgeball, is played in a fenced-in octagon called a pit with a group of individual players, with teams, or one-on-one. The FVYMCA has set up the Gaga Pit (at no cost) at school functions, community events, and local fundraisers, such as Celebrate Granby, the PTO Jog-a-Thon, and the Safe Grad Party. According to Brian Liss of the FVYMCA, “I have seen firsthand what a positive effect the Gaga Pit can have on a community event. The game of Gaga allows children or young adults to play together without the label of being in a specific group. It allows a common opportunity to enjoy a simple game.”

(Application submitted by: Brian Liss, District Executive Director of the Farmington Valley YMCA/ YMCA of Greater Hartford)



Virco Zuma Rockers

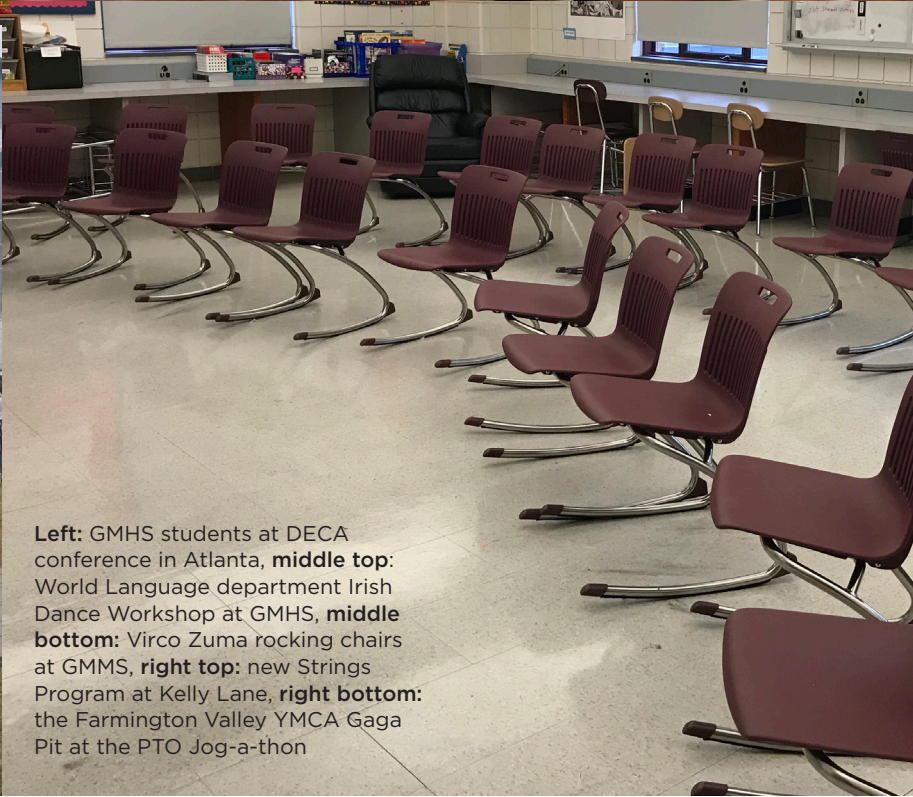
The GEF awarded \$1,992.50 to Granby Memorial Middle School for the purchase of 25 Virco Zuma rocking chairs to furnish one classroom used by all grades as a pilot program. Like standing desks, the rockers address students’ need to move—especially at the elementary and middle school level—and are a great example of how teachers are exploring alternative ways to facilitate learning. Spanish teacher Rachel Schaumburger reports that “the students love the movement that sitting in rocking chairs allows them!”

(Application submitted by: Rachel Schaumburger, Spanish teacher, GMMS)

DECA

The DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) chapter at Granby Memorial High School was granted \$2000.00 to help with travel costs to attend the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. In its third year, this club has experienced a high level of achievement with three students graduating from the “Emerging Leader” academies offered by national DECA.

(Application submitted by: Jeffrey Stanwood, Business Education, GMHS; and Andrew Quagliaroli, GMHS student)



Left: GMHS students at DECA conference in Atlanta, **middle top:** World Language department Irish Dance Workshop at GMHS, **middle bottom:** Virco Zuma rocking chairs at GMMS, **right top:** new Strings Program at Kelly Lane, **right bottom:** the Farmington Valley YMCA Gaga Pit at the PTO Jog-a-thon

Arts Endowment Grant Program

The Arts Endowment

The GEF Arts Endowment provides a permanent source of funding to support and promote arts initiatives. Our goal is to fund opportunities within our community that showcase exemplary works of art to people of all ages. The Foundation has endowed \$200,000 for this purpose.

Arts Endowment Grants

The GEF Arts Endowment Grant Program, now in its eighth year, distributed \$24,600, which included funding for the inaugural year of the Strings

Program (see Special Projects). The GEF received four grant applications and three were awarded. For more information about these grants and the Arts Endowment Grant Program please visit our website.

Irish Dance Workshop

With a grant of \$1,600, Granby Memorial High School brought the Griffith Celtic Dance Company to school for a day of Irish step dancing workshops and performances during World Language Week in March. All of the GMHS students in the World Language Department (460 students) had the op-

Lifetime Learning Academy

A grant of \$1,000.00 was awarded to the Granby Senior Center to provide educational programs to seniors in Granby and the outlying community. Classes will be taught by live instructors or DVDs from “The Great Courses” series and will range from one-hour lectures to 9-week courses on a variety of topics. A minimum of 2 courses will be offered per “semester” beginning in September 2018.

(Application submitted by: Sandra Yost, Director of Human Services, Granby Senior Center)

AP Computer Science

The GEF awarded \$650.00 to Granby Memorial High School to purchase supplemental materials for the Advanced Placement Computer Science Principals course. New for the 2018–2019 school year, this course “focuses on how computing powers the world” and will give students “a broader understanding of how computer science impacts people and societies.” The supplemental materials include: specific resource books, cards, and prep books.

(Application submitted by: Dawn Olsen, Mark Tokarz, and Margaret Basiaanse, GMHS Math Department)

portunity to learn about a new culture and explore its musical heritage through Irish step dancing lessons. Nine young dancers (ages 6 to 18), dressed in traditional costumes gave eight consecutive, 40-minute workshops, during which the dancers performed examples of the most common and popular dances. Mary Beth Griffith, the owner and head teacher of the dance company, narrated the performances with explanations of the steps and the place these dances have in Irish culture. Next the dancers invited the high school students on stage to teach them several steps.

(Application submitted by: Kate Guyett, World Language teacher, GMHS)

Special Projects

Strings Program

The Granby Education Foundation is proudly partnering with Granby Public Schools to help establish a long-awaited strings program. With a generous grant of \$40,000 from the GEF, the school district was able to purchase a class set of violins, bows, and instructional materials as well as instrument storage and maintenance. The new strings program will be rolled out over several years beginning at Kelly Lane Primary School in the 2018-2019 school year, then moving to Wells Road Intermediate School, and eventually to the middle and high schools. The GEF recognizes the importance of the arts within the community and is happy to support this initiative with a grant of \$20,000 this year and another grant of \$20,000 next year.

As a direct result of the GEF's \$40,000 grant, all Kelly Lane students (K-2) will have violin class for 35 minutes each week with Ms. Roes, a teacher who holds a Master of Music in Violin Performance and Suzuki Pedagogy. During this class students listen to orchestral music, warm-up their fingers with special finger exercises, learn and practice how to hold the violin and bow, move to different rhythms played on a violin, and will eventually begin to play the violins. The students are also being taught the importance of respecting and caring for the instrument. All the students are eager to play the violin and it will be quite the exciting and memorable day for the K-2 students when they get to hear that first note played on their violin.



Tribute Programs

Teachers, Administrators, Students, and Parents Honored

Throughout the 2017-2018 school year, donations were made to the Granby Education Foundation in honor of the teachers, administrators, parents, and students shown below. 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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Top: Grand Bee Award winners, "Them Apples;" middle: judges; bottom: Yellow Jacket Award winners, "Bee-uty and the Beast"

The 15th Annual Gran-Bee

In April, the GEF held its annual Gran-Bee trivia contest, a fun spring tradition. Thirty teams took to the stage answering questions on a variety of subjects while audience members of all ages played along. Granby First Selectman Scott Kuhnly returned as host with help from Granby School Library Media specialist judges Amber Wyzik (Kelly Lane) Laurie Smith (Wells Road), and Casey LaPlante, (GMHS). Congratulations to "Them Apples" (Kathryn Petruzzi, Sophie Speliopoulos, and Lauren Shafer), a faculty and student team from GMHS, who were the winners of the Grand Bee Award! Glenn Cusano, Jeff Gilton, and Steve Newman—this year as "Bee-uty and the Beast"—once again went home with the Yellow Jacket Award for best costumes. Thanks to the generosity of community members, organizations, and our loyal local business sponsors, the Gran-Bee collected \$9,844 in support of our Community Grant Program.



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Nannie Brown Fund

The Nannie Brown Fund supports Community Grant initiatives for early childhood education, with an emphasis on outdoor learning experiences and family group activities that encourage joyful learning.

Cal Heminway Fund

The Cal Heminway Fund supports Community Grant initiatives that encourage engagement in public service by the youth of Granby, contributing to their positive character and leadership development, and assuring that families in Granby will continue to benefit from its engaged and active volunteer community spirit.

Donations to these endowed funds are accepted year round. For more information about these tribute funds, lists of all donors to date, or the grant programs that they support, please visit the GEF's website at www.granbyeducationfoundation.org. Donations to any of these tribute funds can be sent to the Granby Education Foundation, P.O. Box 351, Granby, CT 06035.

Statement of Cash Receipts, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balances

for the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Assets	
Interest and Dividend Income	\$ 15,062

Cash Receipts	
Contributions	\$33,327
Events	9,844
Total Cash Receipts	\$58,233

Expenditures	
Administration	
Printing & Reproduction	\$1,297
Advertising	1,524
Donor Management	733
Fundraising	875
Insurance	1,224
Licenses and Permits	50
Professional fees	500
Office Supplies	213
Dues and Subscriptions	545
Website	279
Postage and Delivery	333
Program Expense	412
Bank Service Charge	60
PayPal Fees	35

Total Administrative Expenditures	\$8,080
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Grant Recipients	
Granby Public Schools	\$29,242
Farmington Valley YMCA	2,630
Granby Senior Center	1,000

Total Grants Expenditures	\$32,872
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Total Expenditures	\$40,952
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Excess Receipts over Expenditures	\$17,281
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Fund Balance	
July 1, 2017	\$383,812
Unrealized Gain or (Losses)	14,091
Realized Gain or (Losses)	877
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	17,281
June 30, 2018	\$416,061

Statement of Fund Balances for the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Charles Schwab-Cash Account	\$129
Amer. Funds EuroPacific-Growth Fund	45,764
BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Fund	38,951
Harbor Capital Appreciation Fund	47,796
MetWest Total Return Institutional	78,595
MFS Value Fund Class 1	49,422
Vanguard Total Int. Stock Fund Index	56,184
Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund	76,348
Simsbury Bank-Checking	22,872
Total	\$416,061

NOTE: \$338,577 of the above funds are restricted. They represent specific restricted contributions and amounts set aside by the entity for these purposes. Earnings related to the investment of the principal assets will be spent in support of the individual funds' missions. These funds are as follows: \$266,791, Arts Endowment; \$33,736, Cal Heminway Fund; \$38,050, Nannie Brown Fund.

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.

Our Supporters

The Granby Education Foundation thanks the following people for their generous contributions to the Foundation during our 2017-2018 fiscal year. This list includes those gifts received between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Gifts received after June 30, 2018 will be reflected in our next annual report.

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Letter from the Chair

We hope that you, your family, your neighbors, or friends have felt the positive impact of the Granby Education Foundation (GEF) in our community this past year. Perhaps you attended a Bruce Porter Musical Series concert or the Gran-Bee, or maybe you know a high school student who participated in the Irish Dance Workshop or a middle schooler who uses a rocking chair to enhance their learning environment.

Of particular note, the GEF is proud to underwrite the purchase of violins for the next two years as the Granby School District embarks on establishing a strings program.

The GEF continues to evolve with our community as a vital funding partner for town non-profits, ensuring that quality opportunities for all members of the community are available for pursuing knowledge and expanding horizons.

In the spirit of our mission, we are excited to announce our new tag line that will be associated with our oak leaf logo: Enrich, Energize, Engage: Lifelong Learning. These five short words are what the GEF strives for in all we do!

The good work done at the GEF is dependent on your support through your generous contributions, by attending GEF underwritten events, and by volunteering as a GEF board member. To learn more about the GEF, speak with any of our board members or visit www.granbyeducationfoundation.org and like us on Facebook.

Thank you and sincerely,

Ben Perron
GEF Chair