### **Get Involved!**

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:

### Giving Opportunties

Donors may give to specific funds which support a variety of grants.

### **General Fund**

Because of supporters' generosity, the GEF supports worthy education initiatives launched by local nonprofit groups and the public schools. The GEF provides community grants for a broad range of experiences that enrich our town and energize our residents to engage in lifelong learning.

### **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.

### Nannie Brown Fund

The Nannie Brown Fund supports early child-hood education initiatives with an emphasis on outdoor learning experiences and family group activities that encourage joyful learning.

### Cal Heminway Fund

The Cal Heminway Fund supports initiatives that encourage Granby youth engagement in public service and ensures that Granby will continue to benefit from its engaged and active volunteer spirit.

### **Tribute Program**

The Tribute Program honors a student, teacher, administrator, or community member who has made a difference in education. With a tax-deductible donation, each honoree receives a special gift card from the GEF noting the recognition.

### Planned Giving

Planned Giving provides for donors' legacies through bequests and planned gifts such as appreciated securities.

## Join the Friends of the Foundation

The Friends of the Foundation assist the GEF board with our many activities throughout the year. If you are interested, please send us an email at info@granbyeducationfoundation.org.

### Online contributions

Online contributions are accepted on our website via PayPal, a safe and secure payment platform.

For more information about these programs, please visit our website at www.granbyeducationfoundation.org and like us on Facebook





Your tax-deductible donation supports GEF's mission to enrich, energize, and engage lifelong educational opportunities for Granby.

### I am enclosing a gift of:

- ☐ Valedictorian: \$1000+
- Salutatorian: \$500–999
- ☐ High Honors: \$250-499
- Honors: \$100-249
- Scholar: up to \$100
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  (Please enclose matching gift form.)
- I'd like to designate my gift to:
- Community Grants
- Arts Endowment
- Nannie Brown Tribute Fund
- Cal Heminway Tribute Fund
- ☐ Unrestricted
- Contact me about Planned Giving

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119 ANNUAL REPORT

The Granby Education Foundation presents this report of the Foundation's activities during our last fiscal year (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019). 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 nonprofit 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** P.O. Box 351 Granby, CT 06035 www.granbyeducationfoundation.org

### 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
- Encouraging creativity in teaching and the arts
- · Stimulating an interest in lifelong learning

### **GEF Board of Directors**

as of June 30, 2019

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Cover photos (clockwise from top): young participant at Granby Artists Association Family Art Day; girls having fun at Jr. Chef Boot Camp; student plays a violin at the Granby Public Schools Strings Program; 4-H robotics team at a competition

### Letter From The Chair

Dear Granby Friends,

"Enrich Energize Engage: Lifelong Learning" is no simple slogan for our board. It is a mission, a calling even, that we wish to share with our beloved community. We work hard to engage with local nonprofit groups and our schools to support innovative educational programs that enrich how we see the world through art, music, robotics, food, dance, and nature.

For 20 years, your neighbors have lead this respected organization: building relationships, exploring community needs, and developing methods to support lifelong learning.

It is work we cannot do without you. Your donations energize us and allow for a broad level of grant support. We hope that you will continue to choose the Granby Education Foundation for your charitable contributions. As your neighbors, we will continue to choose creative projects that enrich all of our lives.

Warmly,

Kim Becker, Chair



# **Community Grant Program**

### Community Grants

The Granby Education Foundation's Community Grant Program continues to make an impact on our educational environment. In 2018–19, a total of \$14,845 in grants was awarded. These grants boost our schools, assist Granby nonprofit organizations, and create opportunities for intergenerational outreach and learning. More information about Community Grants can be found on our website, www.granbyeducationfoundation.org.

### Amazing Interests

A grant of \$626.62 was awarded to purchase young reader books to help students complete research projects. The students chose three topics: Amazing Animal Adaptations, Ingenious Inventors, and Devasting Disasters. Students will use these new books to complete their projects of interest and will share their new knowledge with others. (Application submitted by: Ingrid Budlong, Second Grade Teacher, Kelly Lane Primary School)

### **OWLs Program**

Granby Youth Services received \$135 for materials for a newly launched middle school peer education program addressing comprehensive sex education that covers the life span. OWLs (Our Whole Lives), provides accurate and age-appropriate information, puts sexuality in the context of values and personal responsibility, supports healthy decision making, and strengthens social skills. (Application submitted by: Sandra Yost, Director of Human Services, Granby

### Better World Book Club

The Better World Book Club brings parents and children of all ages together with school and public librarians to discuss issues of social justice through literature. One evening per month, participants will discuss the theme of level-appropriate books and explore how they connect to social justice in the world around them. Issues include immigration, poverty, equal rights, gender, race, and the environment. This \$2,100 grant supported the purchase of books for the book club which is meeting during the 2019-2020 school year. (Application submitted by: Casey LaPlante, Andrew Piro, Laurie Smith, and Amber Wyzik, Library Media Specialists, Granby

### Holcomb Tree Trail Interpretive Signage

A grant of \$500 was awarded to the Friends of Holcomb Farm to fund the purchase of eight interpretive signs for the newly established Holcomb Tree Trail, an arboretum project in the eastern fields and woodlands at Holcomb Farm. The signs have information on a variety of topics including invasive species, trees, and the history and the geology of the farm. (Application submitted by: Jack Lareau, Friends of Holcomb Farm Board Member)

### Jr. Chef Boot Camp

Nourish My Soul was granted \$6,000 to run two weeklong summer camps focused on culinary skills and building resilience for children of veterans suffering from PTSD. Jr. Chef participants explored culinary arts, food systems, nutrition, leadership,

and teamwork with a resilience curriculum woven throughout that better equips the children for possible difficult life situations. Alicia Newton, director of Nourish my Soul, said, "We are very grateful for the generous funding of our Jr. Chef Boot Camp. It had a huge impact on the military family community in our area. It was fantastic to see the support of the community as they came out to watch, cheer, and support our young people at the cook-off!" (Application submitted by: Alicia Newton, Founder of Nourish My Soul)

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### **VEX Robotic Competition Team**

With the help of a \$3,000 grant from the GEF, Granby 4-H became the very first 4-H Vex High School Robotics team in New England and made it to the Southern New England Regional Championship! The team received funding to purchase the VEX V-5 Super Competition Robot kit and a 12' x 12' robotic playing field which allows the team to practice and compete for many years to come. (Application submitted by: Rachael Manzer, Granby

## **Granby GRUNTS Robotics**

Having qualified to compete at the international robotics competition FIRST Championship in Detroit, the GRUNTS (Granby's high school robotics team) received \$2500 toward the entrance fee. While the team performed well, they were not selected for the final round this year. (Application submitted by: Margaret Bastiaanse, Teacher Advisor, Granby Memorial High School)



# **Arts Endowment Grant Program**

### **Arts Endowment Grants**

The GEF Arts Endowment Grant Program distributed \$24,910, which included the second round of funding for the Strings Program totaling \$40,000 for violin instruction at the Kelly Lane and Wells Road Schools (see Special Projects). This year's grants highlighted dance, visual arts, and music. For more information about the Arts Endowment Grant Program, visit our website, www.granbyeducationfoundation.org.

### Family Art Day

The GEF awarded \$400 to the Granby Artist As-

### Flamenco Dance Performance

The GEF awarded \$2,200 to Granby Memorial High School for a school-wide assembly featuring the Melinda Marquez Flamenco Dance Center. Flamenco songs played on authentic instruments accompanied the dances, giving the students an opportunity learn more about Spanish culture. (Application submitted by: Laura Iappichino, World Language Teacher, Granby Memorial High School)

### Bruce Porter Memorial Music Series

The GEF was proud to continue supporting the Bruce Porter Memorial Music Series with a \$2,000 grant for their 2018-2019 season. The concert series presented four events: a performance by saxophonist Tony Gibbs and pianist Benita Rose; a silent movie family night with musical accompaniment on the organ by Jason Roberts; a performance by the Hartt School of Music Chorale and the Hartt Chamber Choir the under the direction of Ed Bolkovac; and a concert featuring Les Amies de Theodore: A Baroque Ensemble, with narration by guest lecturer Walter Mayo. (Application submitted by: Laura Mazza-Dixon, Organizer and Co-Artistic Director)

### Supersonic Harmonica

The Granby Public Library was granted \$310 to present Supersonic Harmonica, an hour-long interactive and educational program led by musician and music educator Steve Clark. The program included a talk about the history of the harmonica, a performance, and an introductory lesson for beginning harmonica players of all ages. (Application submitted by: Holly Johnson, Granby Library Public Program and Outreach Coordinator)



# **Special Projects**

### Strings Program, Phase II

Last year, the Granby Education Foundation proudly partnered with Granby Public Schools to help establish their new Strings Program. With a generous \$40,000 grant from the GEF (given over two years at \$20,000 each year) the school district is now in its second year of violin instruction.

With financial support from the GEF, 26 additional violins, bows, and cases were purchased and the Strings Program was expanded to Wells Road Intermediate School so that all third grade

students could continue their violin lessons. Music teacher, Emily Roes, teaches every K-3 student. During their 35-minute strings class, students listen to orchestral music, warm-up their fingers, practice how to hold the violin and bow, move to the different rhythms played on a violin, and learn about the importance of respecting and caring for the instrument. Students who took the class last year are already playing songs on their violins.

# **Tribute Programs**

# **Teachers, Administrators, Students, and Parents**

Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, donations were made to the Granby Education Foundation in honor of the teachers, administrators, and volunteers shown below. As part of the GEF's mission to encourage educational excellence, the Foundation is happy to recognize the efforts of these individuals. Please join us in congratulating them and applauding their hard work and dedication.

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### Donor:

Pat Orlowski Kierstan Pestana Melinda Shilanski Jeffrey Stanwood Boys lacrosse coaches: (E. Lang, S. Moore,

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The following individuals were honored with memorial gifts:

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

### for the Year Ended June 30, 2019

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Events	9,120
Cash Receipts Contributions	33,488
Interest and Dividend Income	\$14,114

#### **Total Cash Receipts** \$56,722

### **Expenditures**

Expenditures	
Administration	
Printing & Reproduction	\$1,411
Advertising	1,643
Donor Management	670
Fundraising	100
Insurance	1,269
Licenses and Permits	-
Professional fees	-
Office Supplies	-
Dues and Subscriptions	626
Website	204
Postage and Delivery	267
Program Expense	2,800
Bank/Brokerage Service Charge	102
PayPal Fees	50

### **Total Administrative Expenditures**

Total Grants Expenditures	\$39,381
Friends of Holcomb Farm	500
Granby Public Library	310
Nourish My Soul	6,000
Granby Artists Association	400
Granby 4-H	3,000
Granby Youth Services Bureau	135
South Congregational Church	2,000
Strings Program, Phase II	20,000
Granby Public Schools	\$7,036
Grant Recipients	

### Excess Receipts over Expenditures \$8,199

### **Fund Balance**

**Total Expenditures** 

\$416,061
11,595
8,199
\$435,855

### **Statement of Fund Balances for** the Year Ended June 30, 2019

Charles Schwab-Cash Account	\$164
Amer. Funds EuroPacific-Growth Fund	46,639
BlackRock Strategic Income Opportu	nities
Fund	40,877
Harbor Capital Appreciation Fund	51,638
MetWest Total Return Institutional	85,046
MFS Value Fund Class 1	54,773
Vanguard Total Int. Stock Fund Index	56,504
Vanguard Total Stock Market Index	

Fund	83,214
Simsbury Bank-Checking	17,000
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#### \$435,855 **Total**

NOTE: \$361,447 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: \$284.266. Arts Endowment: \$36.305. Cal Heminway Fund; \$40,876, Nannie Brown

### **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.

## **Our Supporters**

The Granby Education Foundation thanks the following people for their generous contributions to the Foundation during our 2018-2019 fiscal year. This list includes those gifts received between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. Gifts received after June 30, 2019 will be reflected in our next annual report.

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\$9,142

\$48,523

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In April, the GEF held its 16th annual Gran-Bee trivia contest. Twenty five 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 and joining him at the Judges Panel to help officiate were members of the Granby Ambulance Association: Lorri DiBattisto, Kathleen Hesketh, and

Congratulations to the grand prize winners "Bear With Us," a GMHS team with Amy Stupienski, Lauren Schafer (back for a second year and second win!) and Principal Mike Dunn (top photo). Taking home the Yellow Jacket Award for best costumes were the Cusano—this year as "Bee-hemain Rhapsody" (bottom photo). This devoted Bee team has won this award for many years. Their enthusiasm and that of many other teams who participate annually helps to make this event the fun night that we all enjoy. Thanks to the generosity of community

members and organizations who participated in the Gran-Bee and to our loyal local business sponsors, the GEF raised over \$9,000 to support our Community Grant Program.



















