

# Ways to Give

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 Opportunities

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 childhood 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 thank you card from the GEF noting the recognition and their name is published in the Granby Drummer and on social media.

## Planned Giving

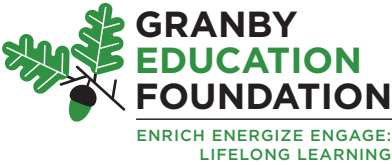
Planned Giving provides for donors' legacies through bequests and planned gifts such as appreciated securities.

## 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](mailto:info@granbyeducationfoundation.org).

## Online contributions

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



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

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- ☐ Unrestricted
- ☐ Arts Endowment
- ☐ Nannie Brown Tribute Fund
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- ☐ Community Grants
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Please make checks payable to the Granby Education Foundation.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Clip this form and mail it along with your donation to:

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P. O. Box 351  
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For more information about these programs, please visit our website at [www.granbyeducationfoundation.org](http://www.granbyeducationfoundation.org) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.



The Granby Education Foundation presents this report of the Foundation's activities during our last fiscal year (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020). 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.



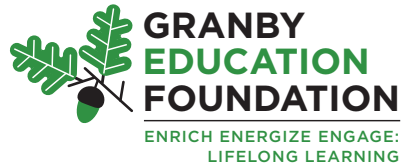
# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



**GRANBY  
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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

## GEF Board of Directors

as of June 30, 2020

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# Celebrating 20 years

The Granby Education Foundation has supported educational excellence and innovation in Granby for 20 years. As we continue to support Granby nonprofits and schools in the future, here's a look back at our past successes.

## Special Projects

Our first Special Project, Salmon Brook Ecology Center, opened in 2004 and continues to provide opportunities for middle schoolers to learn about raising fish, hydroponics, weather, solar energy systems, and more. Through the years, the GEF has funded more Special Projects in our schools with the Global Learning and Summer Drama Academies and most recently the Strings Program, that teaches all our youngest students how to play the violin.

## Arts Endowment

GEF has brought a variety of arts events to Granby: musicians Paul Winter and Jeff Holmes; Connecticut Ballet's The Nutcracker; and Yale's a capella group, RedHot & Blue. Our Arts Endowment Grants gave students opportunities to learn about music, dance, and culture through performances and workshops with visiting artists like the Mariachi band, Fiesta del Norte; Griffith Celtic Dance Company; and percussionist Ben Toth. Families enjoyed the Bruce Porter Memorial Music Series for several years with its range of performances from classical and jazz ensembles to improvised organ music during classic silent films.

## Grants

Community and Arts Endowment Grants are the largest part of our mission to support educational excellence and lifelong learning. GEF supports Granby non-profit organizations like the Granby Senior Center, Holcomb Farm, and Granby Artists Association, as well as the Granby Public Schools. Bringing together the community to learn, enjoy, and participate in enriching programs like the ones below is central to not only the mission of the GEF, but also what motivates our volunteer board members.

### STEM

GMHS Paleontology Lab  
Granby Schools and 4-H Robotics Programs  
Weather Stations  
Rekenereks Math System Program  
Aeronautical Club

### Outdoor Education

Farm to Table Camp  
Farmington Valley YMCA Gardening Program  
Kelly Lane School Butterfly Garden  
Holcomb Tree Trail Interpretive Signs  
Valley Pre-School Imagination Platform  
Geocaching Enrichment Program

### Physical Education

Snowshoeing Fitness Program  
Ride to Read Program  
Indoor Climbing Wall  
Gym Bowling Equipment  
Farmington Valley YMCA Gaga Pit

### Technology Pilot Programs (2010-2014)

GoPro Cameras  
Google Chrome Books  
Apple iPads  
Kineo Tablets

### Health and Nutrition

Nourish My Soul Jr. Chef Boot Camp  
Granby Youth Services OWLs Sexual Health Program  
Holcomb Farm Nutrition Education

### Academics

AP Computer Science Class Resources  
DECA Funding  
Granby Senior Center Lifetime Learning Academy  
Wells Road Standing Desks

### Literature

One World Book Club  
Teen Read Week  
Visiting Authors and Poets  
Poetry for Seniors  
Shakespeare Program  
Summer Reading Program  
Primary School Correspondence Curriculum

### Visual Arts

GMHS Chemistry in Art/Art in Chemistry  
MakerSpace Labs  
Granby Artists Association Family Art Day

### Performing Arts

Good Company Theater Lighting  
GMHS and Kelly Lane Theater Lighting  
GMHS Mid-Stage Curtain  
Granby Public Library Supersonic Harmonica Program  
Granby Senior Center Stuck on Music Program  
*My Brother Sam is Dead* Hartford Stage Residency Program



Photo by Maurice D. Robertson



# Community Grant Program

The Granby Education Foundation's Community Grant Program continues to make an impact on our educational environment. In 2019–20, a total of \$5,050 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](http://www.granbyeducationfoundation.org).

## OWLs Program

This grant for \$300 is a continuation of the Granby Youth Service Bureau's OWLs grant that supports a middle school peer education program addressing comprehensive sex education that covers the life span. This program, OWLs (Our Whole Lives) provides accurate, age-appropriate information, putting sexuality in the context of values and personal responsibility, supporting healthy decision making, and strengthening social skills. The second portion of this grant allowed

for the purchase of educational supplies and models that will be used throughout the class. *(Application submitted by: Sandra Yost, Director of Human Services, Granby Youth Services)*

## Granby Gear

A grant of \$750 was awarded to the GMHS marketing program for seed money to fund the first order of Granby Gear. The purpose of this program is to improve school climate, school spirit, and enhance the business and marketing curriculum. This project was overseen by the marketing classes and DECA club. Students were responsible for marketing goods, handling money, pricing products, tracking sales and profits, designing future apparel, and analyzing supply and demand. *(Application submitted by: Jeff Stanwood, Business Education Teacher and DECA faculty advisor, Granby Memorial High School)*

# Arts Endowment Grant Program

The GEF Arts Endowment Grant Program distributed \$3,500 in 2019-2020. This year's grants brought poetry and music to Granby. For more information about the Arts Endowment Grant Program, visit our website, [www.granbyeducationfoundation.org](http://www.granbyeducationfoundation.org).

## Poetry Out Loud Guest Teaching Artists

To supplement the participation of GMHS in Poetry Out Loud, an annual poetry recitation program, the school received a grant of \$650 for a poetry workshop with two teaching artists. Artists Tarishi Midnight Shuler and Abioseh Joseph Cole worked with groups of students to practice all the skills needed for an effective recitation: physical presence, voice and articulation, dramatic inter-

pretation, evidence of understanding, and overall performance. This program gave approximately 250 students an opportunity to work directly with the poets and hear them perform their original works, giving them a chance to learn more about modern poetry. *(Application submitted by: Lauren Shaffer, English Teacher, Granby Memorial High School)*

## Bruce Porter Memorial Music Series

The GEF was proud to continue to support the Bruce Porter Memorial Music Series with a \$2,850 grant for the 2019-20 season. This grant helps to fulfill our mission to bring quality arts programming to Granby residents by helping to fund four concerts in memory of Bruce Porter, a former

## Granby Grunts FTC Robotics

A grant of \$4000 was awarded to help fund the middle school robotics team. This grant funded the purchase of two competition robot sets for the middle school team to compete in the FIRST Robotics competitions. FIRST Robotics is a unique melding of science, technology, engineering, and math principles and the excitement of competition makes this program the ultimate sport for the mind. Competitions showcase the results of weeks of intense preparation by students as they compete in robot matches and share their learning and ideas through cooperative and collaborative interaction. The GMMS team continues to grow with 30 student members. Many of these students will continue on with Robotics when they get to Granby High School by joining the highly successful Granby Grunts High School Robotics Team. *(Application submitted by: Jennifer Matson and Caron Kemp, Granby Memorial Middle School)*

music director at South Congregational Church. The 2019-2020 concert series began with a performance of poetry and jazz with saxophonist Nat Reeves and poet Kate Rushin. The second performance was a holiday concert performed by The New England Ringers, a 15-member community handbell ensemble. Next was Family Night at the Movies with a live, improvised performance by organist extraordinaire, Jason Roberts. Mr. Roberts played the organ while the audience watched the classic 1923 Harold Lloyd silent film, "Safety Last." And finally South Church was very lucky to wrap up their concert series before the pandemic lockdown with an encore performance by the choral ensemble CitySingers of Hartford performing their popular Celtic Fire! program. *(Application submitted by: Laura Mazza-Dixon, Organizer and Co-Artistic Director)*



Top left: Poet Abioseh Joseph Cole recites one of his poems at the Poetry Out Loud workshop at GMHS. Middle left: Jazz musician Nat Reeves and poet Kate Rushin returned to South Church to perform at last season's Bruce Porter Memorial Music Series. Bottom left: GMMS Grunts Robotics team celebrate becoming Connecticut State Finalists. Middle: Granby Gear order forms. Right: OWLs Program participants and instructors.

## Community Outreach

2020 has been a difficult and likely unforgettable year. Global pandemic. Presidential election. School closings. Employment uncertainty. Isolation. Through it all, Granby has endured using the values we were taught: community, kindness, and helping hands. The Granby Education Foundation inspired smiles and a small sense of well-being through the "Staying Home Staying Creative" online student art showcase this spring and with the sponsorship of the Class of 2020 graduation signs in June.

Pencil drawing by Frances (gr. 10) shared through "Staying Home Staying Creative" and senior signs on display at the Municipal Complex, a gift to the Class of 2020 from the GEF Board of Directors.



Cover photos (clockwise from top right): Kylie, Lucy, and Scarlett shared their driveway chalk artwork with our Staying Home Staying Creative program; members of a Bruce Porter Memorial Music Series concert; guest poet Tarishi Midnight Shuler leads a Poetry Out Loud workshop; senior signs line the driveway to GMHS, a gift from the GEF Board of Directors.

# Get involved

We are fortunate to have amazing volunteer board members who have given freely of their time, energy, and creativity. The GEF's commitment to our community keeps our board members energized and on the lookout for new and engaging programs for all ages. The GEF board always needs friends to help with events, fundraising, and creative thinking. Email us for opportunities to help—including serving on the board—at [info@granbyeducationfoundation.org](mailto:info@granbyeducationfoundation.org).



Statement of Cash Receipts, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balances for the Year Ended June 30, 2020

<b>Assets</b>	
Interest and Dividend Income	\$14,991
Cash Receipts Contributions	42,181
Events	2,100
Interest Income	5

Total Cash Receipts \$59,277

<b>Expenditures</b>	
Administration	
Printing & Reproduction	\$2,659
Advertising	1,556
Donor Management	649
Fundraising	0
Insurance	1,294
Licenses and Permits	0
Professional fees	0
Office Supplies	350
Conference/Meetings	0
Dues and Subscriptions	812
Website	204
Postage and Delivery	593
Program Expense	207
Bank Service Fees	0
PayPal Fees	125

Total Administrative Expenditures \$8,449

<b>Grant Recipients</b>	
South Congregational Church	\$2,850
(Bruce Porter Memorial Music Series)	
Granby Public Schools	\$5,400
Town of Granby Youth Center	\$300

Total Grants Expenditures \$8,550

Total Expenditures \$16,999

Excess Receipts over Expenditures \$42,278

<b>Fund Balance</b>	
July 1, 2019	\$435,855
Unrealized Gain or (Losses)	11,641
Realized Gain or (Losses)	0
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	\$42,278
June 30, 2020	\$489,774

<b>Statement of Fund Balances for the Year Ended June 30, 2020</b>	
Charles Schwab—Cash Account	\$245
Amer. Funds EuroPacific-Growth Fund	48,109
Black Rock Strategic Income Opportunities	41,964
Harbor Capital Appreciation Fund	67,282
MetWest Total Return Institutional	92,851
MFS Value Fund Class 1	52,372
Vanguard Total Int. Stock Fund Index	54,191
Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund	88,581
Liberty Bank—Checking	44,179
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$489,774</b>

NOTE: \$370,984 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: \$291,591 Arts Endowment; \$37,353 Cal Heminway Fund; \$42,040 Nannie Brown Fund.

Notes to Financial Statements The entity is a Connecticut nonprofit corporation organized under Section 501(c) (3) 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 2019–2020 fiscal year. This list includes those gifts received between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. Gifts received after June 30, 2020 will be reflected in our next annual report.

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Flower painting by Isabella (gr. 3) shared via “Staying Home Staying Creative.”

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Teachers, Administrators, Students, and Parents Honored

Throughout the 2019-2020 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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