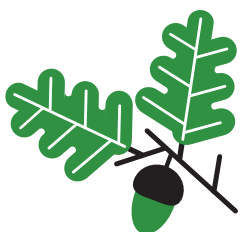



# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



**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

## GEF Board of Directors

(as of June 30, 2021)

**Chair:** Kimberly Becker

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## SPECIAL PROJECTS

### TV Studio

Last year, the Granby Education Foundation, with the generous support of former GEF board member Al Wilke, provided \$100,000 of funding for a state-of-the-art TV studio at Granby Memorial High School. Even with pandemic setbacks, supply chain delays, and inflation challenges, the district staff is working hard to keep this multi-year project on pace.

In 2021, architects were hired and the studio design and budget were finalized. Technology students will build the news desk this spring while middle and high school students learn more about TV production. Demonstration and studio construction will happen over the summer with the new space opening in fall 2022.

With the new studio comes new opportunities at the high school! News production will now be integrated into the Advanced Communication and Technology class. Plans are underway to revise the Audio/Visual Communications course for the 2023-24 school year to utilize the studio. The Bears Broadcasting Club—which has livestreamed a variety of school events for the past two years—will be able to use the production studio to become a comprehensive video production club.

The TV studio project allows the GEF to support both arts and STEM education in an innovative package that combines capital improvement to the high school with specialized training and unique experiences for the students.



# COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM



## Summer Reading

Granby Memorial High School (GMHS) received a grant of \$2,000 to give every high school student a book to read and enjoy over the summer. Students could choose from 25 different titles, in a variety of genres, both fiction and nonfiction, and unlike most summer reading, these books were not part of a graded assignment. This program also ties into the cultural proficiency and equity plan created by of the Granby Public Schools' Equity Team. *(Application submitted by Casey LaPlante, school library media specialist, GMHS)*

## Imagination Playground

Kelly Lane Primary School received a grant for \$4,325 to purchase 105 Imagination Playground big blue blocks which encourage a variety of interactive play including building structures, pretend play, and improvised games. Playing with blocks promotes unstructured and cooperative play and hands-on problem solving. Teachers will be able to use the blocks to enrich educational offerings and supplement math and science units of study. *(Submitted by: Elisabeth Diemer and Jenna Stone, second grade teachers, Kelly Lane Primary School)*



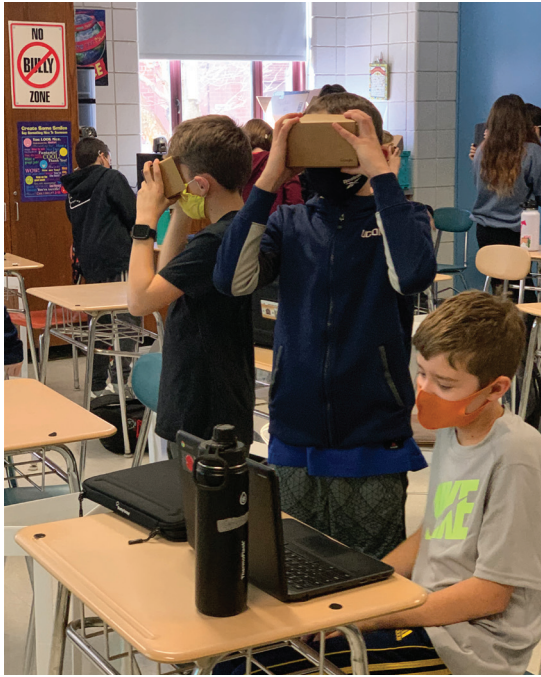
## Four Perfect Pebbles: My Holocaust Story

How often during our lifetime are we given the rare opportunity to meet someone who has truly lived and experienced a monumental historical event? The eighth-grade class at Granby Memorial Middle School (GMMS) did just that when they participated in a virtual presentation from Holocaust survivor Marion Blumenthal Lazan. She presented her first-hand account, stressing the importance of positive thinking to overcome adversity. She asked her audience to be tolerant of others and not stereotype individuals based on religious beliefs, color, race, or national origin. This presentation took place as the eighth-grade class was studying the Holocaust, enriching their knowledge about this time in our history from this first-hand account. *(Submitted by: Shirley Cowles, enrichment teacher, GMMS)*



## School-Event Live Streaming

The GEF was proud to partner with the Granby Booster Club to support the newly formed GMHS Bears Broadcast Club. Each organization gave \$2,648.50 to purchase equipment for quality livestreaming of GMHS events not open to the public due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions. The club was started by seniors Nick Boyd and Owen Danke who not only learned how to do livestreaming on their own, but also wrote the grant, and trained other club members. The club livestreamed fall and winter sporting events as well as the winter and spring Coffeehouse concerts and uploaded them for future viewing on YouTube, bringing a service to Granby that will be enjoyed by friends and family, near and far, long after the pandemic. *(Submitted by: Brian Maltese, GMHS athletic director; Nick Boyd and Owen Danke, students, GMHS)*



## To Ancient Civilizations and Beyond

Imagine walking along the streets of ancient Pompeii or the Great Wall of China or marveling at the Egyptian pyramids or Red Fort in India all without leaving your classroom. Thanks to a \$750 grant for virtual reality goggles, sixth grade social studies students were immersed in the curriculum with this new visual learning experience. *(Submitted by: Shirley Cowles, enrichment teacher and Stephanie Stupieniski, sixth grade teacher, GMMS)*

## From Images to Interaction: An Equitable Approach to Virtual Learning

Virtual reality technology enriches student learning by adding a new way to deliver educational content. Sixth grade English Language Arts classes used VR technology in the historical fiction unit to immerse students in the settings of the stories they read. In Social Studies, VR technology let children virtually travel to ancient sites like the Roman Colosseum. The VR goggles used at GMMS, Google Cardboard, require a smartphone. Although many students own this technology, there are some who do not or are not allowed to bring their device to school. This grant of \$700 funded the purchase of four iPod Touch devices for use with the VR goggles, providing an equitable learning experience for all sixth graders. *(Submitted by: Shirley Cowles, enrichment teacher, GMMS)*



## Kelly Lane 24/7 Digital Library

The Kelly Lane Primary School Media Center requested \$2,500 for the purchase of approximately 250 e-books and audiobooks to create a digital lending library for their students. This program gives students access to books anytime, even during the summer. It also allows students to borrow more books—up to three e-books—in addition to the one or two physical books they can borrow from the library. *(Submitted by Amber Wyzik, school library media specialist, Kelly Lane Primary School)*

## Students Under the Stars

A grant of \$320 was awarded to GMMS for the purchase of two telescopes that connect to a smartphone allowing the eighth grade Celestial Motions unit to view the stars and planets in real time. The students viewed videos made with the telescopes to learn about the night sky. *(Submitted by Timothy Cote, science teacher, GMMS)*



## Diverse Books Reading Club

A grant of \$750 was awarded to GMMS to purchase books for the Diverse Books Reading Club to help students increase their social awareness. Students read and discuss books with peers and teachers in a safe and respectful environment. Books will focus on topics like demonstrating empathy and compassion, understanding and expressing gratitude, identifying diverse social norms including unjust ones, and understanding the influences of organizations and systems on behavior. The goal was to have 20 active members in the club. *(Submitted by: MaryBeth Lipman, GMMS)*





## Hidden Figures Movie Screening and Discussion

Granby Racial Reconciliation (GRR) received \$1,375 to host a drive-in style community viewing of the movie *Hidden Figures*, followed by a facilitated discussion on how to bring racial healing and racial justice to our town. GRR is a new organization, established by Granby clergy and community leaders to help raise awareness and continue conversations about racial justice in Granby. *(Submitted by: Reverend Dr. Todd Grant Yokeman, pastor, First Congregational Church of Granby)*

## TRIBUTE PROGRAMS

Throughout the 2020-2021 school year donations were made to the GEF in honor of the educators, administrators, and volunteers shown below. As part of the GEF's mission to encourage educational excellence, the Foundation is thrilled to recognize the efforts of these individuals.

### Honoree:

All Granby Teachers  
Destiny Baldis  
Colleen Bava  
Meghan Baval  
Marie Caruso  
Brianna Clough  
Mike Dunn  
Silvie Fluckiger  
Pauline Greer  
Jordan Grossman  
Kristen Lecco  
Scott MacDonald  
Grace Matthews  
Steven Migneault  
Kim Narciso  
Parents and families  
of Granby  
Kimberly Quinn  
Rodney Scudder  
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Laura Smith  
Cathy Stahl  
Sarah Thrall

### Donor:

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*Chris and Kim Lo Presti*

## ARTS ENDOWMENT GRANT PROGRAM

### 15-Week Racial Equity Challenge

Granby Racial Reconciliation received a grant of \$750 for its Challenge Task Team. This task team developed ways to support conversations and learning among participants as they worked to understand interpersonal and systemic racism imbedded in our society. The arts are an integral means of embodying and living out the awareness, understanding, and motivation to take actions that build a more equitable community.

Funds were used for poetry workshops/readings from Laura Mazza-Dixon and Ryan Parker, connecting participants to the rich poetry/literacy groups in Hartford to expand cultural understanding beyond the predominantly white-centered focus.

Funds were also used in collaboration with Garden of Gratitude, a garden at South Congregation Church that provides vegetables for Waste Not Want Not Community Kitchen. The Challenge Task Team shared gardening work to build relationships as participants and discussed their experiences with the Challenge's lessons and the impacts on individuals and the community. *(Submitted by: Catherine Watso, Granby Racial Reconciliation Group)*

### GMMS Multicultural Art Classroom Interest Center and Enrichment Cluster

GMMS received a grant for \$750 to create a multicultural art interest center and enrichment cluster to promote depth and breadth of thinking, improve research skills, and creative expression. Within the interest center, students can access a variety of sources to explore multicultural art including print, film, magazines, photographs, hands-on artifacts, and art materials to develop, create, and design pieces of their own multicultural-inspired art. Student perform advanced historical research around ethnicity, cultural understandings and awareness, and take what they have learned to create artwork to share. *(Submitted by: Grace Matthews, English teacher and Shirley Cowles, enrichment teacher, GMMS)*

# GIVING

This list includes donations received during our 2020-2021 fiscal year, July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021.

## **Valedictorian: \$1,000+**

Christopher and Kimberly Becker  
Rebecca and Dennis Brewer\*  
Harvey Broverman  
Granby Board of Education  
Lynn Lochhead  
Amy and Troy Milbrandt  
Meghan and Jim Russell\*

## **Salutatorian: \$500-\$999**

Pamela and Alan Addley  
Jeffrey and Kristina Gilton\*  
Todd and Valorie Hollister  
Charles Kuchenbrod and Becky Sielman  
Monica Logan\*  
Todd and Megan McMillan\*  
David Schupp  
Barbara and Mark Wetzel

## **High Honors: \$250-\$499**

Jen and Jason Bell  
Stephanie and Rich Cotsonas\*  
Mark Davis  
Gary and Carolyn Dei Dolori  
Martha Delaney  
Dave and Jenny Emery  
Jeanne Giles\*  
Gary and Kelly Kanter  
Arthur and Aurelle Locke  
Kathryn and Harvey Lord  
Anne Malone  
Betsy and Dean Mazzotta\*  
Karen McNey  
Carol and John O'Connor  
Benjamin and Jean Perron  
Richard Pfeifer and Lisa Corbett  
Brian Presbie  
Ann and Bill Prokop  
Christopher and Cindy Rising  
Janet and John Spatcher  
Amanda and Brandon Webster

Al and Helen Wilke  
Tim and Lauren Willerton

## **Honors: \$100-\$249**

Anonymous  
Donna Agan  
James Allen  
Francis and Lori Armentano  
Judith Baum-Baron\*  
Ron Beliveau  
Susan Canavan and Joel Danke  
Avis and Louis Cherichetti  
Mary and Troy Chicoine  
Gaylien Chun and Matthew Hamer  
Ted and Kristen Cormier  
Anne delCampo  
Christopher Delello and Linda Touchette-Delello  
Robert Donna  
Ronald and Janet Duncan  
Ronald and Joan Durej  
Kevin and Donna Edwards  
Andrew and Ellen Farber\*  
Mark Fiorentino  
Jill and Walter Ford  
Felix and Frances Garlasco  
Deborah and Peter Gottschalk  
Lynn Guelzow  
Cal Heminway  
Maybritt Horne  
John and Frances Horr  
Alma Imbt  
Lowell, Pauline, and Eric Johnson  
Lowell and Mary Ellen Kahn  
Audrey Lampert  
Deb and Tim Lenihan  
Mark Lindberg  
Brian and Chris Liss  
Elizabeth Mack  
Phil and Pat Main  
John Marshall\*  
Bradford McDougall and Therese Mulvey  
Karen and Mike McTeague  
Rebecca Mikus  
William and Eleanor Moody  
Tim and Lynn Morris

Ken and Rose Mouning\*  
Shirley Murtha  
Jo and Liam O'Leary  
Walter Oliver  
Ralph and Dorothy Palma  
Sam and Sally Paul  
Trish Percival and Rick Orluk  
Thomas Proctor\*  
Jim Rook and Susan Ackerman  
Marian and Duncan Rowles  
Martha and David Rusch  
Cynthia and Earl Schulz  
Peggy and Don Shaw  
Jillian Small\*  
William and Rhonda Smith  
Richard and Joanne Stevens  
Faith Tyldsley  
Michael and Kathy Ungerleider  
Pat and Bill Vibert  
Kristen Wagoner\*  
Marilyn Wyman

## **Scholar: up to \$100**

Anonymous (4)  
Paula Abrahamson  
Lois Ahrens  
Johanna Audolensky  
James Bean  
Kathryn and Robert Broderick  
Elaine and Robert Chagnon  
Joyce and Dennis Custer  
Jim Cyr and Lori Lemoine  
Kelly Dimeo  
Peter and Karen Dowd  
Patricia and David Ellis  
George and Christine Giannoni  
Elizabeth Gough  
Margaret and James Hall  
Roger Hayes  
Daniel Jachym and Leala Cyr  
Harry and Sally Jones  
Alan and Elizabeth Katzman  
William and Sue Lanigan  
Jack and Peggy Lareau  
Dave and Carol Laun  
Ramona Loven  
Jen and Chris Mackowski

Arlene and Joseph Mattavi  
Betty Maus  
J McArdle and Jacqueline Romano  
Doreen and Gregory McWhirter  
Jane Miller  
Donna and Jeffrey Moody  
Joan Piercey  
Bill and Sarah Pomponi  
Lisa Reinhardt  
Peter and Rita Rozantes  
Barbara Ryan  
Mary Ann Salazar  
Thomas and Jennifer Salvini  
Michael and Danielle Sandridge  
Paul Schoonmaker and Michaline Litwinczyk  
Kelly and Jon Sterling  
Russell and Wendy Stone  
Winnie and Jack Sumner  
Dave and Coreen Thompson  
Sue and Vince Tokarz  
Margery and John Vanderbilt  
Edith Vassar  
James and Linda Veirs  
Kenneth Way  
Patricia and John West  
Gerry Wickman  
Roger Young  
Judith Zuliani

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Apple  
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## **In-kind Donors**

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# FINANCIALS

## Statement of Cash Receipts, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balances for the Year Ended June 30, 2021

### Assets

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Interest and Dividend Income | \$ 25,269 |
| Cash Receipts                |           |
| Contributions                | \$32,257  |
| Events                       | 0         |
| Interest Income              | 3         |

**Total Cash Receipts \$57,529**

### Expenditures

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Administration               |         |
| Printing and Reproduction    | \$2,282 |
| Advertising and Promotion    | 2,895   |
| Donor Management             | 767     |
| Fundraising                  | 0       |
| Insurance                    | 1,248   |
| Licenses and Permits         | 0       |
| Professional fees            | 0       |
| Office Supplies              | 33      |
| Conference/Meetings          | 0       |
| Dues and Subscriptions       | 1,104   |
| Website                      | 194     |
| Postage and Delivery         | 446     |
| Program Expense              | 125     |
| Bank-Investment Service Fees | 105     |
| PayPal Fees                  | 48      |

**Total Administrative Expenditures \$9,247**

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Grant Recipients                   |          |
| Granby Public Schools              | \$15,243 |
| Granby Racial Reconciliation Group | \$2,062  |

**Total Grants Expenditures \$17,305**

**Total Expenditures \$26,552**

**Excess Receipts over Expenditures \$30,977**

### Fund Balance

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| July 1, 2020                      | \$489,774 |
| Unrealized Gain or (Losses)       | 108,267   |
| Realized Gain or (Losses)         | 0         |
| Excess Receipts over Expenditures | \$30,977  |

**June 30, 2021 \$629,018**

## Statement of Fund Balances for the Year Ended June 30, 2021

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Charles Schwab-Cash Account               | \$333    |
| Amer. Funds EuroPacific-Growth Fund       | 71,379   |
| Black Rock Strategic Income Opportunities | 48,587   |
| Harbor Capital Appreciation Fund          | 93,452   |
| MetWest Total Return Institutional        | 95,114   |
| MFS Value Fund Class 1                    | 1,293    |
| Vanguard Total Int. Stock Fund Index      | 86,097   |
| Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund    | 127,965  |
| Liberty Bank-Checking                     | \$34,798 |

**Total \$629,018**

NOTE: \$456,731 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: \$356,767 Arts Endowment; \$47,097 Cal Heminway Fund; \$52,867 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.