

A NEWSLETTER
CREATED TO KEEP
OUR COMMUNITY
UPDATED ON
RECENTLY AWARDED
GRANTS

BROOKFIELD

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Happy Fall,

It is that time of year where you can feel change in the air. The students in town are back to school, the fields are buzzing with sports and if you drive by Brookfield High School in the late evening, you can hear the marching band practicing. It is an invigorating time of year!

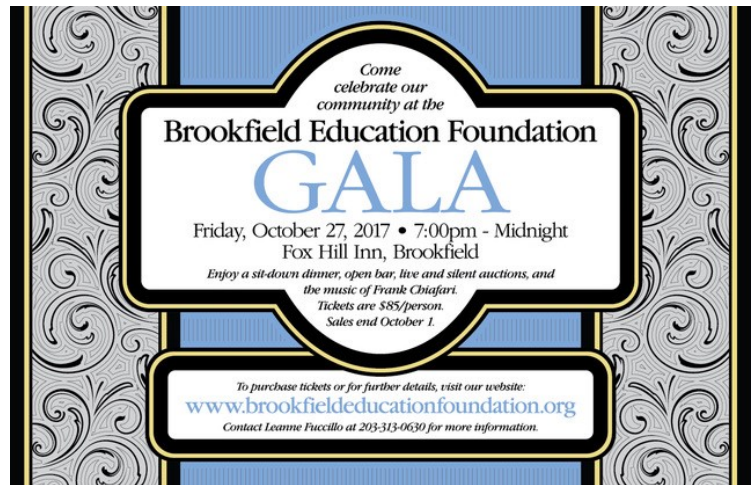
The Brookfield Education Foundation is also busy with activity, specifically, planning our biggest fundraiser of the year, our annual Gala. Please join us on Friday, October 27th at the Fox Hill Inn, for an evening of fun and good-will.

We are also excited to be receiving so many grant requests. In this newsletter, you will see examples of some of our more recently approved grants. In keeping with our mission, the Brookfield Education Foundation provides grants to programs for the schools and the community. The grants we receive continue to be innovative and educational. It is the funds raised at our annual Gala and our fund-drive that allows us to fund the grants and do our part to make Brookfield an even better community.

We hope to see you on October 27th!

Sincerely,
Susan Queenan

*An investment in knowledge pays
the best interest. ~Benjamin Franklin*



Honor an Educator May 2017

The Brookfield Education Foundation was proud to celebrate outstanding educators that were recognized through our Honor an Educator program. The nominees were invited to a reception in the BHS Media Center on May 4, 2017 to celebrate their impact in the lives of Brookfield residents!



The Mission of the Brookfield Education Foundation

The Brookfield Education Foundation welcomes projects that fit with our mission to marshal and provide resources for lifelong learning by Brookfield residents of all ages. Both our major and mini-grants can have a community or school focus.

The BEF DOES:

- enhance education for the entire Brookfield community
- provide resources for programs
- support program start ups

The BEF DOES NOT:

- fund existing programs
- provide funding for items traditionally found in the town or school budget
- financially support ongoing programs
- fund furniture/equipment requests

School Major Grant *Tower Gardens at Whisconier Middle School*

The Brookfield Education Foundation has awarded a major-grant to Whisconier Middle School for three aeroponic tower gardens. Championed by science teachers, Linda Bertozzi and Dennis Petrino, the goal is for students to be involved in year round growth of fruits and vegetables. Science teachers in 5th, 6th and 8th grades will utilize this innovative growth system for educational lessons and hands on learning by students.



Learning never exhausts the mind. ~Leonardo da Vinci

Community Mini Grant

The Brookfield Education Foundation has awarded a mini-grant to Erica Morey of the Brookfield Girls Scouts for her gold award. Erica's program promotes healthy eating and exercise within the community. She recently taught students about healthy eating with the My Plate and Food Pyramid examples in the school cafeterias. She also assembled Get Well bags for social services to distribute to those in need.

Have an Idea for a Grant?

1. Review the BEF's mission.
2. Access the application at www.brookfieldeducationfoundation.org
3. Thoroughly complete all questions.
4. Include detailed pricing information as well as multiple quotes.
5. Provide any quantitative measures for the education element of the grant.
6. Email your grant request to the BEF.
7. Once received, the grant will be discussed at the next BEF meeting. Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of every month (except July).
8. If approved, be willing to share outcomes with the BEF. What worked? What didn't work?

Types of BEF Grants

Major Grant

Grant request of \$500 or more

Mini-Grants

Grant request less than \$500

Community Major Grant Update *Interpretive Signs for the Brookfield Still River Greenway Project*

The Brookfield Education Foundation awarded a major grant for the creation of four environmental signs for Brookfield's Still River Greenway Walkway. Here is an updated look at a one of four signs residents can view while enjoying the Greenway. The Brookfield Parks and Recreation and Conservation Commission worked with the Northwest Conservation District to create these self-guiding signs, which help community members of all ages learn about the historic, geological and environmental features of the Still River.

