



BROOKFIELD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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Chamber of Commerce and Selectmen's Breakfast

Brookfield Education Foundation was honored to be recognized by the Selectmen and the Chamber of Commerce at the annual breakfast on February 23 at the Candlewood Inn. We were delighted to have this opportunity to let the community learn about our mission and purpose.

BEF welcomes inquiries from any Brookfield school or organization which offers educational programming that will benefit our neighbors. If your group would like to submit a request for funding, please see the application on our website, www.brookfielddeductionfoundation.org.

BEF thanks the Chamber of Commerce and the Selectmen!

How does the Brookfield Education Foundation work?

BEF welcomes grant requests from the entire community.

- We have a project-based philosophy.
- The key to the Foundation's continued success is to identify worthwhile projects and then to make these projects a reality through aggressive fundraising.
- We seek funds from individuals, organizations and companies.
- We work hard to locate donors interested in funding specific projects.
- Since there are no administrative fees, 100% of every dollar goes to educating Brookfield residents.

The mission of the Brookfield Education Foundation is to marshal and provide resources for lifelong learning by Brookfield residents of all ages.

Brookfield Education Foundation Receives State Honor

At the annual Connecticut Consortium of Education Foundations (CTCEF) conference, John Goetz (Superintendent of Schools) and Carol Dores (President of the Brookfield Education Foundation) accepted an award for the outstanding education foundation for 2006. With 77 such foundations operational statewide and another 22 in start up phase, the Brookfield organization was the only group so honored this year. Joe Erardi, CTCEF Board member and Superintendent of Watertown Schools said, "The choice of Brookfield this year for this award was based on the fact that this foundation has touched so many different groups within the community."

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Funded Projects

Large Grants

- **Praxair's Library Links** grant for Brookfield Town Library replacement of computers and printers (grant facilitator)
- **Anti-Defamation League** workshop on developing tolerance — **Names Can Really Hurt Us**
- **Author Mordechai Gerstein** at Brookfield High School (co-funder)
- **Capturing Kids' Hearts** – teen leadership (ongoing sponsorship)
- **"Operation Respect"** banner at Huckleberry Hill Elementary School (donation facilitator)
- **Gurski Farm Blacksmith Shop** renovation (matching funds grant)
- **Kiwanis Key Club** start-up at Brookfield High School (co-funder)
- **TV and Video Studio equipment**, housed at High School (currently raising \$35,000)
- **Birding education program** at Brookfield Library, spring 2007 (co-funder)

Mini-Grants

- **QuarkXpress** software for design, layout, and publishing of Brookfield High School newspapers
- **IRIS scanning pen** for enhancing special reading instruction at Whisconier Middle School
- **TI-SmartView** calculator emulation software for math classes at Brookfield High School
- **Shakespearean actors** to present Romeo and Juliet on-stage workshop at Whisconier Middle School, April, 2007

I cannot say enough about the Capturing Kids' Hearts program. I have used it every semester since I attended the seminar. I have noticed the atmosphere in my classroom change. Students are genuinely more kind to each other and respectful to me. They accept responsibility and consequences for their actions. Most importantly, they now have people to talk to if they need guidance.

Katie Lapham, Social Studies Teacher, Brookfield High School

The state-of-the-art TV and video facility will serve both the school district and the greater Brookfield community. Through funding provided by the Brookfield Education Foundation, the studio will be outfitted with technologically advanced production and editing equipment.

Art Colley, Director of Technology, Brookfield School System

The Old Gurski Blacksmith Shop is targeting initial demonstrations to start shortly after Memorial Day. For the public, in general, and the schools, this should be a vital part of the Gurski Homestead project.

John Furlong, President, Brookfield Historical Society