

# BROOKFIELD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

A newsletter created to keep our contributors updated on recently awarded grants.

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

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome Fall! As another school year is upon us, we are excited to share with you the grants that we have awarded in the last six months. Once again, we have expanded our reach in the community and have been able to bring programs to you through Brookfield ACTS, Inc. As always, our public schools continue to be recipients of many of our grants this past year.

We are very pleased with the success of our Fall fundraiser held October 15. **Brookfield Uncorked** received a tremendous amount of support from the community and beyond. We had an impressive selection of silent auction items and wonderful wine which made for an enjoyable evening!

Our work reflects the community we serve. Please take a moment to read about the exciting projects that your generous donations are able to provide.

Best wishes,  
Colette Sturm, *President*

### Recently Awarded Grants

- ◆ Writing Center  
*Brookfield High School*
- ◆ The Tina Meier Story  
*Brookfield ACTS Inc.*
- ◆ Race to Nowhere Presentation  
*Brookfield PTO & Brookfield ACTS Inc.*
- ◆ Kindergarten iPad Program  
*Center Elementary School*
- ◆ Iditarod Dog Race Adventure  
*Brookfield Library*
- ◆ One School - One Book  
*Center Elementary School*

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## The Writing Center at Brookfield High School

A major grant has been awarded for the creation of the Brookfield High School Writing Center. Championed by BHS teachers, Michael Smith, Erin Dillon, Liz Spencer, Trish O'Connor and Carol Zinser, the project will allow trained peer-tutors to provide individualized instruction to students who need help with writing. Funding will provide for the technology and materials required to support this valuable literary resource.



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Thank you!

## The Tina Meier Story

The Brookfield ACTS Inc. has received a mini-grant for “The Tina Meier Story”. Championed by members Angela Haselwood and Gary Gramling, this program will feature a presentation to the 7th and 8th grade students at Whisconier Middle School by nationally recognized speaker Tina Meier about issues surrounding, and results of, bullying and cyberbullying. Workshops will additionally be offered to parents, community members, and WMS staff. More information can be found on the Megan Meier Foundation website:

<http://meganmeierfoundation.cwsit.org/index.php>

## *The Race to Nowhere Presentation*

The BEF has awarded a major grant to a joint venture of the Brookfield PTO and Brookfield ACTS Inc. for “The Race to Nowhere”, a documentary exploring the burgeoning stressors on students, educators and parents. Under the leadership of Brookfield parent and PTO member Jacqueline Ondrey, this program included both community-wide screening and a facilitated panel discussion on the documentary and its implications. The program was held this past spring and was very well attended. It generated a great deal of awareness and discussion surrounding this issue.

A trailer can be viewed on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uem73imvn9Y>

## *iPads at Center School*

Michele Tuck’s kindergarten class entered the classroom this fall and found a wonderful surprise: iPads! Through a major grant this class will be combining learning and technology throughout the school year! Mrs. Tuck plans to use a myriad of applications to work on literary and numeracy skills, allowing the students to learn aptitudes and skills which are vital for years to come.

## *Iditarod Dog Race Adventure*

*The Brookfield Library received a mini-grant this past spring for a presentation by columnist, oral historian and three-time Iditarod participant Karen Land. Facilitated by Assistant Library Director Katherine Van Leeuwen, this program explored the history of the Iditarod Dog Race, as well as the culture and geography of Alaska. Appearing with her sled dog, Borage, Karen Land spoke of how man and dog, with cooperation and teamwork, can survive in extreme conditions.*

Brookfield ACTS, Inc. **Acknowledge, Care, Tell**

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*This organization was founded in 2008 as a community response to the deaths by suicide of four young people. It is a broad based coalition of community members reaching out town wide to raise awareness, to educate and advocate.*



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