

A NEWSLETTER
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OUR COMMUNITY
UPDATED ON
RECENTLY AWARDED
GRANTS

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am excited to continue the amazing work that the Brookfield Education Foundation does for the residents of our wonderful town. It is always interesting to see the creative programs and ideas that the community presents to the BEF in the form of grant requests. Please take a few minutes to check out some examples of the various types of programs we have supported this year, and the enormous impact they have had to our students and residents.

We are also very appreciative of the support the community provides to the BEF. We always welcome grant requests, donations and volunteers. Please see the reverse side of this newsletter to see some of the many ways you can become involved in, or support, the BEF.

Best Wishes,

Susan Queenan, President

School Major Grant Summer Experiences Through Reading

The BEF awarded a major grant to Whisconier Middle School's "Summer Experience Through Reading". Championed by Library Media Specialist Sue Crean, this amazing program gives struggling and reluctant readers a positive summer reading experience by linking their non-fiction book choices to experiential learning and hands-on projects. In this manner, not only do students have a positive experience with a book, but they also deepen interests and knowledge.



Community Major Grant "Confessions of a Depressed Comic"

A major grant will help Brookfield CARES bring acclaimed writer, comedian, and mental health activist Kevin Breele to Brookfield High School. Kevin addresses his personal struggle with depression in an engaging manner, encouraging young audience members to advocate for themselves in the vital issue of mental health.

This presentation, given during the day for students and in the evening for parents and community members, aims to act as a springboard to open dialogue on the issue of mental health throughout the Brookfield community.



Have an Idea for a Grant?

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 school or community focus. For more information and to apply, please visit our website at www.brookfieldeducationfoundation.org.

Supporting the BEF

There are many ways to support the Brookfield Education Foundation:

Monetary: The Brookfield Education Foundation is a completely volunteer organization. With the exception of minimal printing, postage, and state filing fees, all donations go directly to innovative educational programs for Brookfield residents. In addition, since the Brookfield Education Foundation has been recognized as a 501(c)3 organization, every dollar donated is tax-deductible.

Leave a Legacy: Making a lasting contribution isn't just for the wealthy. You can leave a gift of any size in your will and, in doing so, will make a tremendous difference to our community. All it takes is a legal will, and the goodwill to make your important charitable work live on forever.

Amazon Smile: Show your support for the BEF when shopping online! Use www.smile.amazon.com and select Brookfield Education Foundation. Same great shopping, same pricing, and support for a great cause!

Vehicle Donation: You can donate any vehicle, anywhere, running or not, by contacting www.v-dac.com and selecting Brookfield Education Foundation as your charity. You are entitled to receive a tax deduction for your contribution.

iGive: Most of your online purchases can raise money for the BEF. Simply download the iGive.com toolbar and select the Brookfield Education Foundation. Every online purchase you make from participating retailers will result in money being sent to the BEF.

Volunteer: The BEF is always in need of energetic and motivated volunteers. For more information on how to get involved, please contact Susan Queenan at s.queenan@sbcglobal.net

Community/School Mini-Grant US Map at Huckleberry Hill Elementary

A mini-grant was awarded to Girl Scout and high school senior Paige Peck for the creation of a map of the United States on the Huckleberry Hill Elementary blacktop. Developing this initiative for her Girl Scout Gold Star project, Paige wanted to both provide a visual aid for learning and promote physical fitness. Paige additionally created booklets for the HHES teachers which detailed a variety of geography-oriented games utilizing the map, and taught these games to several of the classes.



Community Mini-Grant Emily Dickinson at the Brookfield Library

A mini-grant will allow the Brookfield Library to present "Inside Emily Dickinson: Her Poetry and Her Life". Created and performed by actress Ginger Grace, this inspiring biographical portrait is based on the letters, life stories, and poems of Emily Dickinson. In the course of the show, Ms. Grace reaches out to the audience for ideas, words and phrases, and with their input, new poems are created. The program exposes the audience not only to Emily Dickinson, but also to poetry in general and the joys of creativity.