

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

# BROOKFIELD

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### Winter 2014

Dear Friends and Neighbors,  
What an amazing year for the Brookfield Education Foundation! Thanks to your generous support, the BEF provided funding for eight grants within the Brookfield community. While incredibly diverse in scope, all adhere to our mission to marshal and provide resources for lifelong learning by Brookfield residents of all ages.

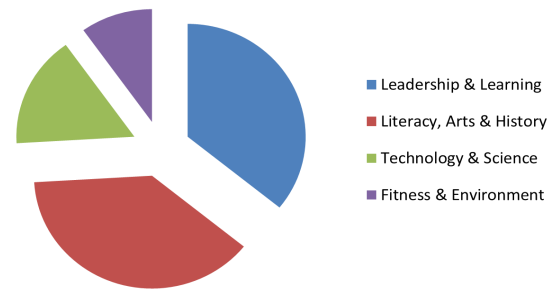
We also launched our first annual Brookfield Grants-for-Learning Challenge. Congratulations to our first winner, Jennifer Doyon of The Brookfield Library for introducing The Technology Connections @ Your Library Grant.

We are indebted to our contributors, who continue to empower innovative education! Best Wishes,

Colette Sturm, President

Thanks to our generous contributors, the Brookfield Education Foundation has, over the past ten years, awarded **81 grants** totaling \$162,768.

Area of Focus by Number of Grants



RECIPIENT by Number of Grants



### Technology Connections @ Your Library

The Brookfield community will be provided the opportunity to improve their technology skills through a program at The Brookfield Library empowered by a major grant. "Technology Connections @ Your Library" will provide classes to the community on current and relevant computer-based technologies. Championed by Information Technology Librarian Jennifer Doyon, the grant provides funding for six laptop computers, a mobile charging station, and subscription to an online instructor training and course material service.

### Recently Awarded Grants

**Allyson Pereira on Sexting**  
**Costumes for Play**  
**Glow**  
**Hatching Ducks in Kindergarten**  
**Parenting the Positive Discipline Way**  
**Pillow Cases for Patients**  
**Spanish Program**  
**Technology Connections**

*Whisconier Middle School*  
*Huckleberry Hill Elementary School*  
*Brookfield High School*  
*Center Elementary School*  
*Positive Discipline of Western CT*  
*Girl Scout Troop 50742*  
*Prince of Peace School*  
*The Brookfield Library*

### Allyson Pereira on Sexting

A mini-grant has funded a program at Brookfield High School by speaker Allyson Pereira for female students and their parents on the negative consequences of sexting. This program aims to create an open dialogue among families, students, and the school to address this growing concern and enable students to make positive and healthy choices.

### Spanish Program at Prince of Peace

Preschoolers at Prince of Peace Nursery School will be introduced to a foreign language, thanks to a major grant from the Brookfield Education Foundation. The Spanish Program will provide the students with a diverse learning experience, incorporating both the language and cultural awareness through music, art, literature, math, and science. By generating a platform to foster early familiarity with the Spanish language, the school hopes to provide continued educational success in future academic years.

### Pillow Cases for Patients

A community mini-grant allowed a local Girl Scout troop make 50 pillowcases for Connecticut Children's Hospital in Hartford. Championed by a member of Girl Scout Troop 50742, the girls spent a day learning how to measure, cut, pin, sew and iron the fabric pillow cases, learning both valuable life-skills and the importance of volunteerism.

### Costumes for Plays

Fourth graders at Huckleberry Hill Elementary School have added a creative layer to their literary productions thanks to a mini-grant from the Brookfield Education Foundation. Championed by teacher Lee Morgan, the grant allowed for the purchase of costumes and costume accessories to be used by the students as they write and perform their own plays, fostering greater involvement in the writing process.



### Beyond Brookfield: A Global Writing and Leadership Community

In a major grant from the BEF, BHS Champions and English teachers, Trish O'Connor and Kelly Nichols, will establish an ongoing International Exchange for BHS students which focuses on leadership and writing. Working in tandem with the Girls Leading Our World (GLOW) Association, created by Peace Corps Volunteers, adult leaders will form a group of BHS girls to be trained in leadership and self-expression through writing and technology, in order to facilitate future workshops and training of other BHS students. The students will create and maintain a website to publish and share their creative writing and stories.



### Hatching Ducks in the Kindergarten Class

Kindergarten students at Center Elementary School will be combining science, literature, and math skills in a program funded by a BEF mini-grant that involves the hatching of ducklings. During the six week, program the students will practice their observation, communication, and collaboration skills as they collect and record data, display the results, and journal their observations and predictions.



### Parenting the Positive Discipline Way

A Brookfield Education Foundation major grant has funded a program providing parenting classes to the Brookfield community. "Parenting the Positive Discipline Way" has supported training and certification for up to 36 people, enabling the attendees to then facilitate their own classes emphasizing skills necessary to raise responsible, respectful, and resourceful children.



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