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I would like to earmark my donation to the following project(s) (optional, check those that apply):

- The Brookfield Greenway
 Rise & Shine Fitness

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Education is more than a luxury; it is a responsibility that society owes to itself.

Robin Cook

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What is the Brookfield Education Foundation all about?

The Brookfield Education Foundation was started in 2004, in order to supplement educational funding. Our mission is to marshal and provide resources for lifelong learning by Brookfield residents of all ages.

It is:

- about enhancing education
- for program start-ups
- for education to benefit the entire Brookfield community

It is not:

- for existing programs
- to fund programs on an on-going basis
- solely for Brookfield schools
- a replacement for items traditionally in the town or education budget, or for PTO, Parks & Rec, or community organizations' projects

We do provide resources for programs, however we do not implement programs.

Since we do not champion programs, they must have an owner. BEF believes in a project-based funding philosophy with funds donated from individuals, organizations and companies. The key to the Foundation's success is that projects are identified, and funding is focused on specific projects. We work diligently to match donor goals with project goals. Since there are no administrative fees, 100% of every dollar is allocated to educating Brookfield residents. We continue to review small grant proposals submitted for various innovative programs seeking funding. Additionally we continue to seek major grant requests that will benefit our community and promote our mission. Donations can be earmarked for a specific project or to the general fund.

Some of the Foundation's recent and current projects include:

The Brookfield Greenway

The Brookfield Greenway Environmental Education Trail will soon be a reality. The Town of Brookfield has been awarded federal funding to create a handicapped-accessible, multi-functional trail along the Still River. The Brookfield Education Foundation will fund more than \$20K towards the development and implementation of signage for this environmental education trail.



Hand in Hand

Multi-generational Hand in Hand literacy tutors at Huckleberry Hill Elementary School work as partners with teachers and parents to help children become successful readers and writers. Each trained volunteer spends one hour a week reading to and with a second grader, listening as the child reads, encouraging him or her to write about the books they have shared or about the child's own interests.



Birds at the Library

Birds at the Library was more exciting because of the funding from the Brookfield Education Foundation. The Foundation paid half the cost of the five-part series, which allowed the library to bring a variety of speakers -- and birds -- to the community.

Healthy Hearts

Heart-Rate Monitors are being used to educate students at Whisconier. In the fall of 2007, the BEF granted the funds to purchase twelve EKHO Heart-Rate Monitors to be used in seventh and eighth grade P.E. classes at Whisconier Middle School. These Heart-Rate Monitors will continue to enhance the school's P.E. program by allowing students the chance to exercise with immediate feedback regarding their individual heart rates, time in the specific heart-rate zones, and calories burned.



Love to Listen

Love to Listen recreates the past time of our elders, when they would sit around the living room to listen to the radio! The purpose of the project is to develop better listening comprehension skills, to improve better summarizing skills in the form of writing, and to improve discourse among students.



Rise & Shine Fitness

The Rise & Shine Fitness walking program at HHES is in its fourth year. BEF has funded pedometers to enhance the program by allowing students, parents, senior citizens and all Brookfield resident participants to track their progress, with the goal of reaching 10,000 steps per day. Our goal is to educate students and community members about healthy physical activity for life.

