

# BROOKFIELD EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

Keeping the Brookfield community up to date on recently awarded grants

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## NEW FACE

**LOGAN SULLENDER**  
President

We are proud to announce that Logan Sullender has now assumed the role of President for the Brookfield Education Foundation. Logan began her work for the BEF in 2018 as a member of the Gala Committee.

Soon after she joined as a Board Member and has been helping to develop community sponsorships, creating newsletters as well as continuing to plan for our annual Gala efforts. The BEF is thrilled to have Logan at the helm! A huge thank you to Kristen Joshi for all your time and commitment to the BEF. Kristen will still be involved as our Gala Co-Chair!

## SAVE THE DATE

Thanks for Giving Gala  
2023

December 1, 2023

Candlewood Inn



## HONOR AN EDUCATOR 2023

This April, the Brookfield Education Foundation will kick off the 2023 Honor an Educator program, aiming to recognize the many educators making a difference in the Brookfield community. Anyone whose contributions to the community positively impacts our lives, be it a teacher, coach, scout leader, bus driver, or tutor, may be nominated. For a minimum contribution of \$10, all honorees will receive a certificate of appreciation, and his or her name displayed in a special listing on the BEF website. Information on how to nominate will be forthcoming.

[www.brookfieldeducationfoundation.org](http://www.brookfieldeducationfoundation.org)

# THANKS FOR GIVING GALA

November 18, 2022

Candlewood Inn

Over \$30,000 Raised  
Thank you Brookfield!

Our 2022 Thanks for Giving gala was a smashing success! Our gala was hosted at the lovely Candlewood Inn, in Brookfield. We were joined by over 150 guests, sponsors and donors for a lively evening of dinner, dancing and bidding! It was a huge success in many ways. We saw many laughs and smiles, and people truly enjoyed the evening out. With your help, we were able to raise just over \$30,000! This is nearly a 30% increase from our last event in 2019. We were delighted to have increased sponsorships, along with increased revenue from our live and silent auctions. Mark you calendars for our 2023 Gala on December 1, 2023.



## 2022 BEF Gala Sponsors

### SIGNATURE SPONSOR



American Income  
*Life by Ry*

### GOLD SPONSORS

BLACKHORSE  
**BII**  
**EVERSOURCE**  
THE JOSHI FAMILY

### SILVER SPONSORS

The Goddard School  
World Champion Taekwondo



# RECENTLY AWARDED GRANTS

Grant applications are continuously reviewed on a rolling basis. Submit your idea today!

## INVASIVE SPECIES: EDUCATION AND REMOVAL

*BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION SOCIETY*



In the month of November 2022, the Brookfield Education Foundation funded a major grant called Invasive Species: Education and Removal aimed at educating the community about the removal, prevention [and hopefully the eradication] of Invasive plant/tree species. This grant was championed by the Brookfield Conservation Society.

Our local ecosystem, forests and open spaces are adversely affected by the rapid spread of non-native plant and tree species. This project will empower the Brookfield community by giving it the tools needed to combat the invaders. Through a series of instructions (in person or virtual), informational signage and volunteer opportunities, residents of all ages will have the tools needed to recognize the invasive species, learn how to properly remove and replace them to effectively stop their spread. This grant also made provisions for the purchase of materials needed to facilitate this effort: native plants/flowers, mulch, gardening tools, fencing etc.

## BUILDING A CULTURE OF COMMUNITY AND LITERACY WITH THE POWER OF STORYTELLING

*WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL*



The Building a Culture of Community and Literacy with the Power of Storytelling project will offer a series of in-school presentations and breakout sessions for Brookfield students in 5th-8th grades, and one community-wide event with acclaimed author Sherri L. Smith. Championed by Jennifer Brown, Library Media Specialist, Whisconier Middle School, this two-day event will bring together students, parents and the greater community to highlight the importance of building a culture of community and literacy with the power of storytelling. Having the chance to hear from and work with an established author will inspire students not only to read more, but to write more, thus increasing their literacy skills. Writers will have the opportunity to workshop their writing with an established award-winning author who is also a professor of creative writing at Hamline University. Stakeholders in the community will learn more about the importance of literacy and how they can instill a love for reading and writing from an early age and maintain it through the years. By offering this opportunity, the library can bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world experiences from an author who has captured the attention of readers across a wide range of ages and interests.

# GRANT APPLICATION TIPS

Here are some tips for a successful grant application based on our nearly 2 decades of experience.

**1**

**Partner with the BEF Board to learn about the application process and how to develop a successful application.**

**2**

**Research previously awarded grants on the BEF website to spark creative ideas and to ensure your idea is new.**

**3**

**Be thorough in writing your application, ensuring you answer all the questions on the form.**

**4**

**Investigate the costs associated with your program and provide a detailed budget in your application.**

**5**

**Be prepared to discuss your ideas with the Board as part of the review process.**

## CORE GRANT REVIEW CRITERIA

Program must enhance education for any group in the Brookfield community (*our grants are not limited to the schools*).

Program must be innovative - it must provide something new that does not already exist for the target group.

Program must have a person to champion the program, a committed partner who will see it through.

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