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awarded*

Since its founding in 2004, the BEF has now awarded more than \$500,000 to fund innovative, educational programs in Brookfield!

Your support has enabled us to reach this milestone together. Listed here are the most recently awarded grants that brought us to this moment.

We invite you to visit our website to read more about the application and award process, as well as to explore previously funded grants. Maybe you'll be inspired to submit your own idea next!

In this issue of the newsletter, we are also sharing with you some of our great fundraising successes of 2025, including our well-loved Honor an Educator program and the annual Gala.

Read on to see what it means to support lifelong learning here in Brookfield!



Greenhouse

BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
Champions: Megan Henderson & Catherine Val
\$4,445.00



Fabulous 50s

BROOKFIELD SENIOR CENTER
Champion: Amy Diezemann
\$1,500.00



Life Skills

BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
Champion: Ilene Howard
\$940.75



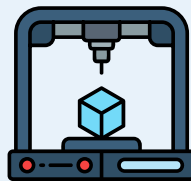
Adulting 101

THE BROOKFIELD LIBRARY
Champion: Alexandra Stowell
\$5,600.00



Upcycle Center

WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL
Champion: Jacqueline Whiting
\$3,390.00



Robotics & 3D Printing Program

WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL
Champion: Michael Zaiko
\$32,000.00



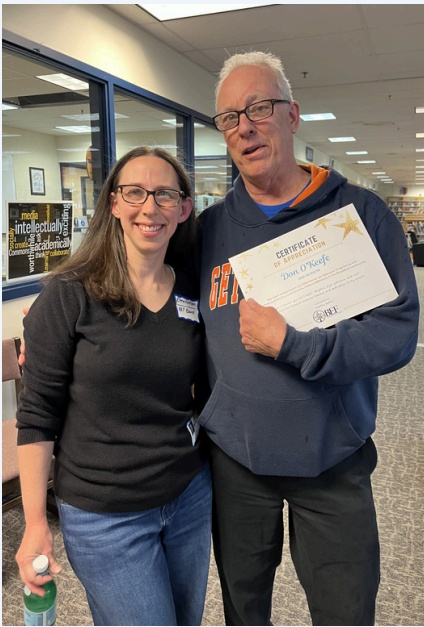
The Board of Directors solicits and reviews grant applications for new educational programs in the Brookfield community. Eligible programs may serve any group of any age. If the application meets funding criteria, the Grant Champion is awarded the requested funds to carry out the idea.

HONOR AN EDUCATOR 2025

Honor an Educator

Educators play an extraordinary role in shaping the lives of Brookfield students and residents. The Honor an Educator program offers an opportunity to appreciate the educators in Brookfield who have made an impact, while also recognizing that education happens both inside and outside of the school classroom.

Last year, community members nominated over 150 educators to be recognized, raising over \$3,000 for future BEF grants!



HONOR AN EDUCATOR 2026



Nominations are Open Now for 2026

Scan the QR code to nominate any Brookfield educator, giving them the recognition they truly deserve. With a minimum contribution of just \$10, you can make a difference and highlight the impact of those who inspire and uplift us all.





Gala 2025

The BEF Gala has historically been our major fundraising event of the year. Attendees return year after year to connect with friends and community members and support our mission to deliver lifelong learning throughout the Brookfield community.

In 2025, 100 guests enjoyed an evening of fun and fundraising at the Candlewood Inn for the BEF Casino Night Gala.

Over \$10,000 was raised for future BEF grants!

Thanks again to our dedicated gala sponsors who helped make this event a great success!



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Giving Tuesday & Matching Gift Challenge

Thank you to all who participated in our first Giving Tuesday appeal and matching gift challenge. Your gifts unlocked an additional \$1,165 in matching donations, helping us raise a total of nearly \$3,000 in the final few weeks of 2025.

The generosity of our donors – both individual donors and corporate gifts – sustains our organization. These gifts enable us to be in a position to say Yes to the great ideas that come our way.



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Your time and talent can make a big impact and help turn new ideas into innovative educational programs. Email us to learn about opportunities to get involved!

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