

*2010 Annual
Report*

BEYOND THE BOOKS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
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*Funding innovative enrichment programs for the
students of Unit 5 and District 87 public schools.*

Getting to Know Beyond the Books Educational Foundation

Beyond the Books Educational Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation whose goal is to provide a long-term, self sustaining financial base to fund innovative academic programs in Unit 5 and District 87 public schools that are beyond the limits of normal tax support. Organized in 1992, the foundation is a group of private citizens and is not part of either school district. The Boards of Education of both districts encouraged the Foundation's formation and strongly support its efforts.

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Welcome!

Consider today's fourth graders...

In the ten years since their birth, we've moved from surfing the web with dial-up to broadband and wi-fi, providing internet speeds we never imagined possible. Digital cameras have gone from being expensive novelties to standard equipment on our ubiquitous smart phones. Businesses now conduct virtual meetings, sharing "cloud" based information across thousands of miles. And while our technological capabilities continue to grow, the world itself has virtually shrunk as Facebook and YouTube connect us to people around the world.



Bloomington Junior High, Jayme Corcoran
"Wide Open Spaces"

While our state government continues to struggle to provide the basics for our local schools, our global economy demands our children have an educational experience that far exceeds the mere fundamentals. Children need access to the tools, information, and experiences that will give them the advantages needed to succeed in our rapidly changing society.

For the past 19 years, Beyond the Books Educational Foundation (BTBEF) has funded projects that allow our Unit 5 and District 87 educators to meet the needs of students in remarkably innovative ways. Each year BTBEF board members read dozens of grant proposals, and we are fortunate to be able fund many of them. Yet each year the dollars available to us fall short of the demand, and we are unable to fund programs and projects that would be of tremendous benefit to our community's children.

I'd like to ask you to please consider helping our District 87 and Unit 5 educators make available an even better education to our students by providing a gift to Beyond the Books. Allow us to add your name to the list of those who already provide support for this wonderful organization. Your gift to the endowment will provide terrific learning opportunities for our community's children today and tomorrow. And if you have already donated to Beyond the Books Educational Foundation, the Board and I offer our sincere appreciation for your support.

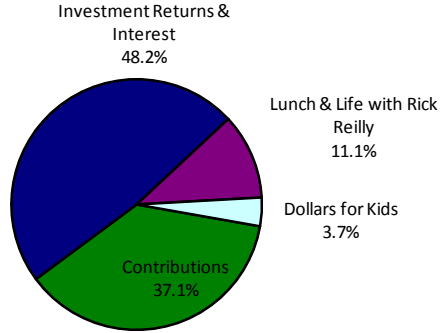
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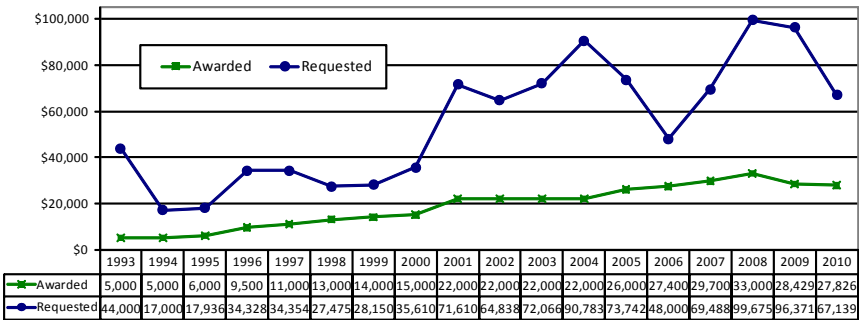
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REVENUE

Contributions	50,794.03	37.1%
Investment Returns & Interest	66,000.14	48.2%
Life & Lunch with Rick Reilly	15,145.00	11.1%
Dollars for Kids	5,040.30	3.7%
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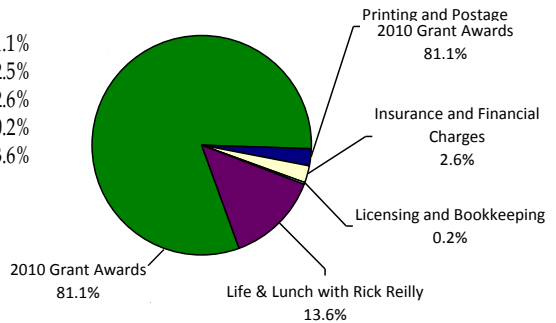


GRANT AMOUNTS REQUESTED & APPROVED



EXPENSES

2010 Grant Awards	37,917.00	81.1%
Printing & Postage	1,183.50	2.5%
Insurance & Financial Charges	1,193.62	2.6%
Licensing & Bookkeeping	115.00	0.2%
Life & Lunch with Rick Reilly	6,336.53	13.6%
Endowment Balance (as of 12/31/10)	\$722,365.86	
Total Non-Grant Expenditures	\$8,828.65	
"Expense Ratio"	1.22%	



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Brenna Wiist
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2010-11 Grant Awards

Elementary/Early Childhood Schools

Benjamin, Jennifer Gibson, \$460, *Improving Communication Skills Through Podcasts*
Benjamin, Abigail Gerike, \$150, *Can You Hear What I Hear?*
Fox Creek, Amy Schumacher, \$1,000, *Know Language, No Limits!*
Fox Creek, Amy Schumacher, \$800, *Sharing Our Voices with NewsMaker*
Fox Creek, Amy Schumacher, \$300, *EcSTATIC about this SHOCKING Experience*
Fox Creek, Amy Schumacher, \$300, *Building Confidence...Yes, we sCAN!*
Fox Creek, Amy Schumacher, \$300, *A Zillion Ways to Play Math!*
Oakdale, Sara Stickling, \$897, *Filter Out My Worries*
Oakdale, Sara Stickling, \$229, *A Place to Land*
Oakland, Mary Kay Scharf, Katie Carter, Anita Kirk, Jessica Ryder, Amy Oberts, Dawn Conroy, Diane Brandt-Johnson, Laura Bass, Teri Merna, Amy Alfeo, \$998, *Building a Bucket-Filling School*
Oakland, Katie Carter, \$400, *Picture This*
Prairieland, Marylynn Meredith, Nathan Ford, \$1,436, *Developing Art Through Social Issues Across Time*
Prairieland, Deb Foster, \$300, *SMART Slate*
Prairieland, Kathryn E. Kalina, \$300, *Green Screen to Motivate Literacy*
Sheridan, Kristi Sutter, \$1,180, *Getting Students to "Flip" Over Story Elements*
Stevenson, Sheridan, Bent, Irving, Lisa Clover, \$1,070, *Attention Please!*
Stevenson, Erin O'Grady, \$191, *Shh, I'm learning!*
Stevenson, Carolynne Scott, \$240, *Paperless and Powerful!*
Towanda, Susan Steinbach, \$300, *Video Cameras Enhancing Activities in the Classroom*
Washington, Judy Szabo, \$897, *We.Fit.In Club*
Washington, Jamie Wolfe, Colleen Rowsey, Beth Eble, \$464, *Kid ABILITY: Teaching Disability Awareness in the Classroom*
Washington, Susan Anderson, \$150, *Magnificent Math*

Joint Project between Unit 5 and District 87 Elementary Schools

Benjamin, Mary Aper, Tena Sprau, Tracie Ghrist, Jackie Sappington Oakland, Teri Merna, others, \$1,730, *Red Carpet Interview*

Junior High/Middle Schools

BJHS, Kathleen Irvin, Michelle Sapp, \$1,219, *Will Power!*
BJHS, Kathleen Irvin, \$290, *Stuck in the Middle*
BJHS, Michelle Sapp, \$285, *Game On!*
BJHS, Michelle Sapp, \$284, *Buddy Up For Reading*
BJHS, Michelle Sapp, \$110, *Spotlight on Literary Elements*
CJHS Lisa Galliard, \$3,645, *Learn About the Ancient World in 3-D!!*
KJHS, CJHS, PJHS, Jennifer Ritchason, \$2,000, *The Future is at Your Finger Tips With Just One Simple Click!*
PJHS, Rexie Lanier, Courtney Knowles, \$1,500, *Extreme Classroom Library Makeovers*

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High Schools

BHS, Rebecca Frangella, \$300, *Story Time Show and Tell*

NCHS, Kevin J. Suess, \$2,000, *EarthCaching our Local Land Use Issues*

NCHS, Janine Palma, \$750, *Homework Helper*

NCHS, Michelle Byers, Patricia Fitzgerald, \$300, *ALP SALSA Garden*

NCWHS, Kevin Enderlin, Tom Parton, Olivia Newbold, \$850, *Developing Greenhouse Employability Skills*

NCWHS, Barb Bush, \$249, *The Inside Scoop*



Irving, Ginnell Barke
“Leap Frog Electronic Books”

Special Grant Award

Beyond the Books Educational Foundation awarded its first \$10,000 Beyond the Box Grant to a five-teacher team from Kingsley Junior High School. Their grant project was based on water conservation titled "Water is Life: Our Endangered Resource." Educators receiving the grant were Stacie Threlfall, Keith Rice, Jennifer Ritchason, Jennifer Snyder and Trisha Warner.

The goal of the grant- students will become experts on critical water related issues including conservation, civilization, consumption and life. Lessons involved students designing websites, reading water-related poetry, painting ceiling tiles, competing in Water Olympics, building water filters, visiting the water treatment plant, developing and narrating digital stories, and tracking their water use. Middle school students applied their knowledge at a water fair held during Earth Week in 2011 where they shared their knowledge with K-3 students from Oakdale Elementary School.

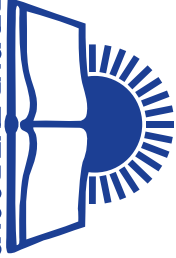


PJHS eighth graders leading a water conservation activity with a group of 3rd graders from Oakdale elementary.



PJHS eighth graders building a water filter.

This grant was the result of a unique arrangement between Beyond the Books Educational Foundation and the Shirk Family Foundation. A total of 21 Beyond the Box applications were submitted requesting more than \$183,026. A blind review was conducted of those applications to select the winning grant.



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