

JANUARY I, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007

Annual Report

BEYOND THE BOOKS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION PO BOX 908 BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS 61702-0908

Funding innovative enrichment programs for the students of Unit 5 and District 87 public schools.



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 which 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!

During the past year numerous wonderful people from all across our community have supported the Beyond The Books Educational Foundation (BTBEF).

Grants to many different educators were made by BTBEF to recognize wonderful ideas, to make creative thoughts come to life and to capture and support concepts that help our children learn.

Yes, BTBEF is about helping children to learn, to help them get excited about math or about exploring the far reaches of the universe or maybe even to create a car that runs on alternative fuels. The impact of these ideas supported by BTBEF are limitless. They come from educators across District 87 and Unit 5. Those submitting the ideas are dedicated, bright, innovative and supportive individuals and the Foundation is thrilled to be able to provide them with grants ranging from several hundred to several thousand dollars.

Sometimes educators from different schools or even from different districts will collaborate to create something very special for their students. They don't find their reward in fame, nor certainly in their paycheck, but in seeing the growth that is achieved by the students in their classes and the many long term benefits that are bestowed upon our community through their work.

Come join us in making this happen. Support BTBEF financially and you too will reap the benefits of giving. This year saw a successful letter writing campaign take place focused on growing the BTBEF endowment. Our goal is to attain a \$1,000,000 endowment which will allow even greater funding of these exceptional ideas that benefit the students in our community.

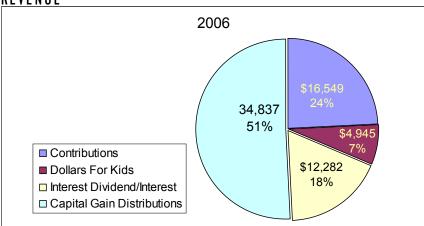
We are entering our 16th year for the BTBEF and I ask you to please join our Board of Directors and others in our community in pledging your support so that our teachers can make an even greater difference and have an even more positive impact on their students.

Thank You, Alex Horvath President

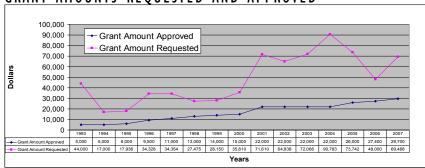
Financial Update

THE FOUNDATION IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT 501(c)3 ORGANIZATION. ALL GIFTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR TAX DEDUCTIBLE STATUS. THE FOUNDATION HAS RECEIVED UNQUALIFIED AUDIT OPINIONS FOR 15 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.





GRANT AMOUNTS REQUESTED AND APPROVED



EXPENSES

ITEM DESCRIPTION	DOLLARS	PERCENT
Project Awards	\$27,400	87%
Liability Insurance	\$275	1%
Postage and Supplies	\$320	1%
Credit Card Fees	\$314	1%
Investment Management Fees	\$3,438	11%
Total	\$31,747	99%



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Sue Blume, Denise Myatt, Julie Vesper; Bent; \$675; BKIND - Bringing Kids Into New Dimensions

Denise Myatt; Bent; \$198; Visiting Professionals Series Kathy Hernandez; Bent; \$200; Gel-Board Writing

Connie Young; Bent; \$184; I See Me! Multicultural Library

Karen Showalter, Nancy Pye; Carlock; \$200; Books are for Talking Too

Julie Laudeman; Fairview; \$115; Exploring the World

Angela Mahoney; Fox Creek; \$160; Letterbugs

Jamie Oliver; Fox Creek; \$200; Putting the Brain to Work with Sport Stacking Amy Schumacher; Fox Creek; \$550; In the Groove — Dance to Success!

Jennifer Gibson; Glenn; \$200; Increasing Student Reading Fluency with Reader's Theatre

Colleen Moore; Glenn; \$941; Heart Exploration and Challenge Course Peggy Dunlap; Irving; \$1,205; Visualizing Cultures with Art Images;

Joe Ferguson; Irving; \$200; A Year on the Mackinaw: A Study of the Merwin Preserve

Joe Ferguson; Irving; \$188; Literature Circles: A Study of Places and People

Karen O'Shea; Irving; \$370; African Music and Culture

Cathy Haas; Oakland; \$178; ABC Orientation Books for Parents

Janenne Scott, Leslie Frizzell, Shari Cooper; Oakland; \$400; State for Stevenson

Carol Johnson; Prairieland; \$1,305; Renaissance Responders

Carol Johnson; Prairieland; \$200; Using Math Manipulatives and Games to Support Instruction

Barbra Franklin; Sarah Raymond; \$200; Cut It Out!

Debbie Armendariz; Stevenson; \$200; Puppet Math Show

Debbie Armendariz; Stevenson; \$500; Picture Books of Black and Latino Americans

Debbie Armendariz; Stevenson; \$720; Cozy Reading Environments

Carolynne Scott; Stevenson; \$187; ABCs to Kindergarten Success!

Susan Hurliman, Susie Casey, Peggy Ninness; Washington; \$196; Magnet Magic

JUNIOR HIGH / MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Lis Hiltabrand; Bloomington Junior; \$300; Writing Enrichment

Linn McDonald; Bloomington Junior; \$200; Graphic Classics

Michelle Sapp, Jamie Wolf; Bloomington Junior; 199; Dramatic Interpretations

Jamie Wolfe, Michelle Sapp; Bloomington Junior; \$863; Reaching Students Through Roundtable

Tina Thomas, Kathy Cook; Bloomington Junior; \$1,250; Experiencing Culture

Matthew Willey; Bloomington Junior; \$1,363; "Get in the Zone"

Michelle Glatt; Chiddix Junior High; \$200; Guys Read: Podcasting 101

Eric Hadden, Kari Hennenfent; Kingsley Junior High; \$1,399; SMARTer Math Makes SMARTer Kids

Martha Kindred; Kingsley Junior High; \$2,808; Smart Angles

Jennifer Ritchason, Angelica Delatorre-Im, Pam Isaacs; Kingsley Junior High; \$189; Picture Books are for Middle School Kids Too!

HIGH SCHOOLS

Kathryn Gillespie, Tom Thakral; Bloomington High; \$1,112; Totally Real Math

Keran Johnson, Rob Behrens, Sondra Vogel, Natalie Miller, Bob Loy, Mary Pat Brady, Aimee Thacker, Scott Foley; Bloomington High; \$812; Cultural Diversity;

Christine Jones; Bloomington High; \$128; Current Events

Stanley Otto; Bloomington High; \$875; Projector

Kevin Suess, Gretchen Snow; Normal Community High; \$1,000; What is Reality?

Valentine Walker, Mary Walker; Normal Community West High; \$3,600; Fuel Cells: The Energy for the Future

JOINT UNIT 5 / DISTRICT 87 GRANT

Melissa Brown; Bloomington High; David Hirst; Normal Community West High; \$1,430; Pod-casts bring the World to Advanced Spanish Students

Grant Awards

2007-2008 GRANT AWARDS

EDUCATORS IN UNIT 5 AND DISTRICT 87 SUBMITTED EIGHTY APPLICATIONS REQUESTING A TOTAL OF \$69,488. THE FOUNDATION AWARDED \$29,700 TOWARD 35 PROJECTS. SINCE 1992, \$249,604 HAS BEEN AWARDED TO SUPPORT 347 PROJECTS.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Amy Schumacher, Angela Ray - \$300 - Fox Creek - "Geocaching - High Tech Hide and Seek"

Joe Ferguson, Jon Graham - \$600 - Irving - "We CAN All Get Along"

Betty Kinzinger - \$292 - Northpoint - "Stained Glass Magna Tile Explorations"

Holly Tindall, Maureen Backe - \$400 - Northpoint - "Read Away with Playaways"

Cathy Haas - \$120 - Oakland - "Building Self Esteem Through Music"

Carol Johnson - \$950 - Prairieland - "Science Becomes Larger than Life with a Digital Microscope"

Suzie Schertz, Lynne Roberts - \$902 - Prairieland & Sugar Creek - "Assistive Technology - Audible Access to Literature"

Karen Ritacco, Kristen Prahl, Molly Achord, Jamie Aeschliman, Mary Olson - \$800 - Sheridan - "Parents and Kids Read & Play the Kindergarten Way"

Sonja Huddleston, Phyllis Pederson, Ellen Lorber, Ken Hamerlinck - \$300 - Sheridan - "Literacy Listening Library"

Chris Bohne - \$1,450 - Stevenson - "World Record Problem Solving"

Dani Loseke - \$300 - Stevenson - "Little Language Learners"

Dani Loseke - \$295 - Stevenson - "Learning Through Touch"

Lisa Clover - \$150 - Stevenson & Irving - "Get a Grip on Writing"

Tiffany Taylor, Kim Page - \$1,026 - Towanda - "Love and Logic Parent Workshop Series"

Susanne Casey, Teresa Shaver, Latrice Ryan, Susan Hurliman - \$1,825 - Washington - "The Kindergarten Hall of Learning"

JOINT GRANT: DISTRICT 87 & UNIT 5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

DEVELOPED THROUGH THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS OF TEACHERS FROM BOTH DISTRICTS

Teri Merna, Cathy Haas and Mary Aper, Tena Sprau - \$1,000 - Oakland & Parkside "Lights, Camera, READ!"

JUINIOR HIGHS / MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Tina Thomas, Kathy Cook - \$1,500 - BJHS - "Experiencing Culture Part II"

Michelle Sapp - \$570 - BJHS - "Where There's A Will, There's An 'A' "

Josh Jett, Crystal South-Law - \$1,560 - BJHS - "Click Into Learning"

Jamie Wolfe, Michelle Sapp - \$510 - BJHS - "Let's Get Real - Using Book Baskets to Help Teens Tackle Tough Issues"

Michelle Sapp, Nancy Von Holton - \$278 - BJHS - "Putting Reading Into 'Action'"

Rita Gyires, Michelle Glatt, Kari Hennefent - \$2,974 - CJHS & KJHS - "A Golden Gate to Collaborative Learning"

Martha Kindred - \$1,667 - KJHS - "U-TEC (Using Technology to Enhance Communication)"

Kimberly Brandon - \$287 - KIHS - "Introduction to Robotics"

Todd Lanning - \$1,000 - KJHS - "Exploration of Saltwater Reef System"

Shawn Schwerman, Zack Gilbert, Dave McMorris, Courtney Knowles - \$300 - PJHS - "Geocaching in Sixth!"

Shawn Schwerman - \$1,100 - PIHS - "'Clickers' in the Classroom"

HIGH SCHOOLS

Robert Vogel - \$744 - BHS - "Weather Station Data Measurement & Analysis Project"

Liz Guzaldo - \$2,835 - BHS - "Writing For Success"

Berny Chiaro - \$300 - NCWHS - "Freshman Mentoring Program"

Lisa Tomlin - \$295 - NCWHS - "It's Time for Science"

Lisa Tomlin - \$280 - NCWHS - "Boning Up On Biology"

Mary Jo Douglass - \$412 - NCWHS - "Laboratory Videos"

Megan Novotney - \$1,798 - NCWHS - "Window to the World"

Trena Loomans - \$580 - NCWHS - "Peaceable School Peer Mediation Program"

Grant Awards

AWARDS BY SCHOOLS

Hours 5		
UNIT 5 SCHOOL	# OF GRANTS	DOLLARS
District-wide	# OF GRANIS	\$1591.84
Brigham	3	\$1571.04
Carlock	ı	\$200
Fairview	13	\$9909.40
Field	2	\$667.84
Fox Creek	6	\$2890
Glenn	6	\$2577
Grove	2	\$334
Hoose	2	\$588.24
Hudson	5	\$1252.45
Northpoint	15	\$5671.31
Oakdale	23	\$15360.10
Parkside	4	\$3449.74
Pepper Ridge	7	\$4135.29
Prairieland	,	\$18519.36
Sugar Creek	4	\$1172.30
Towanda	4	\$1826
CIHS	9	\$5071.70
KIHS	, H	\$9434.53
PIHS	7	\$4190
NCHS	16	\$11235.34
NCWHS	15	\$11155.50
Joint Schools	II	\$10425.50
Joint District	2	\$1215
Joint District	-	41213
DISTRICT 87		
SCHOOL	# OF GRANTS	DOLLARS
District-wide	1	\$2160
ECE/Raymond	2	\$450
AVC	1	\$1792
Bent	26	\$11823.23
Irving	16	\$7799.51
0akland	21	\$8643.18
Sheridan	13	\$9067.95
Stevenson	21	\$10927.32
Washington	10	\$8199
BJHS	34	\$42241.28
BHS	15	\$18430
Joint Schools	4	\$2383
Joint District	2	\$1215
TOTALS		
DISTRICT	# OF GRANTS	DOLLARS
Total for Unit 5	181	\$123257.44
Total for District 87	164	\$123916.47
Joint	2	\$2430

\$249,603.91

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Have you...

seen the delight in a child's eyes when he suddenly understands something that a moment before was a mystery? Every child learns in different ways and it often takes varied approaches to spark a child's interest. Innovation in education is often the spark that turns knowledge into understanding.

Giving educators an opportunity to provide that spark through innovative programs in their classrooms and schools was the impetus for forming Beyond The Books Educational Foundation (BTBEF) in 1992. The Foundation's mission is to raise money and award annual competitive grants in both Bloomington District 87 and McLean County Unit 5 public schools. This funding has allowed the introduction of many new programs in the areas of classroom technology, peer relationships, enrichment materials for students of all abilities, projects in the arts, and activities to facilitate school/home collaboration. Since its beginning BTBEF has been able to fund or partially fund 347 grants totaling \$249,604 to implement educational programs in both school districts.

Economic times have changed but not the creative energy of our educators, not the need to challenge some children and provide extra help for others, and not the desire to bring something special to the educational experience of our children and those who work with them. District budgets are challenged to meet even the basic needs of students and the necessity of providing excellent opportunities for all of our students have made BTBEF's role even more critical. With your help we can continue to provide more opportunities for our children. BTBEF is a 501(c)(3) organization that benefits both Unit 5 and District 87 students and educators. Funding has come from individuals, organizations and businesses wishing to further the best interests of public education in the community. All gifts go into the permanent endowment and continue to benefit children in perpetuity. Awards are made from the earnings on this endowment. We invite you to make a gift to Beyond The Books Educational Foundation. We encourage you to make a pledge with payments in a lump sum or installments over three years. We also encourage you to consider any matching gift programs available through your employer. All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Beyond The Books Educational Foundation encourages educators to dream of what could be and to work to make those dreams come true. Please become part of the dream.



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