



**SOUTHINGTON EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION, INC.**  
*Instilling a love of learning.*

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*The Southington Education Foundation Inc. is committed to instilling a life-long love of learning in all children through innovative, creative learning experiences that expand upon existing educational opportunities. The Foundation will partner with the community to secure resources, inspire excellence, and enrich student achievement.*

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Dear Business Owner/Executive Director/Chair:

The Southington Education Foundation (SEF) is a local, non-profit organization committed to supporting educators in providing students with innovative and enriching learning experiences beyond what the district can financially support. Since 2009, we have distributed over \$300,000 for various programs, grants, scholarships, and sponsorships to benefit students, PreK-12, as follows:

- \$144,000 for programs such as \$80,000 in funding for the Science at Slopers program, and initiation of the Southington MS/HS-Central CT State University (CCSU) Collaborative to increase interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) courses;
- \$150,000 in mini grants for teachers representing every school across the district, including the Karen Smith Academy (see website for full listing);
- \$14,000 in scholarships for SHS seniors pursuing careers in STEM, Visual and Performing Arts, or community/civic involvement; and
- \$11,000 in sponsorships for extra-curricular activities such as the Robotics Team and Town Spelling Bee.

On Friday, May 5, we will be celebrating 14 years of service at our signature event, the **Spring for Education Gala**, at the Mountain Room at Mount Southington, from 6-11pm. This event helps us raise funds through donations of live and silent auction items, as well as generous fiscal contributions from sponsors like you.

A tax-deductible contribution from your business/organization will allow the SEF to continue its development and funding of programs that inspire excellence and enrich student achievement. Please take the time to review the various sponsorship levels attached. We appreciate your consideration of this philanthropic opportunity and look forward to answering any questions you may have.

Respectfully,  
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