



SOUTHINGTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

Instilling a love of learning.

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The Southington Education Foundation, Inc. is committed to instilling a love of learning in our children through innovative and creative initiatives that expand existing educational opportunities. The Foundation will reach out to the community to help secure and inspire excellence and overall achievement in our already outstanding school system.

our mission:

SEF making a difference!

Creatures featured in classroom initiatives



The SEF funded 24 grants during the 2010 calendar year, including a 'Life Cycle of a Chicken' program at South End Elementary School and the new Flanders Elementary School science lab, both pictured above. In total, more than \$20,000 was awarded to district-wide faculty, enabling them to provide creative, enriching programming in our Southington classrooms.

Support the SEF at these upcoming events:

**Grant Awards Reception
Jan. 13, 2011**

3:45 p.m.

Plantsville Elementary School

Learn about five new innovative programs that will enrich students' development when the SEF awards its next round of grant funding.

Luncheon Fundraiser

Jan. 29, 2011

11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.

**The Outback Steakhouse
817 Queen St.**

Enjoy a full meal including 6 oz. sirloin, 5 oz. chicken, mashed potato, salad, bread and drink for \$25.

**Fan of the Foundation
Annual Gala**

Oct. 28, 2011

Aqua Turf Club

Support our team at this major community fundraiser.

December 2010

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SEF Grants in Action!



Fourth-graders in Miss DeLaRosa's Thalberg School classroom are integrating reading, writing and technology for a project called "Interviewing a Character," the components of which were funded by an SEF grant this year. According to Miss DeLaRosa, *"The iPod's have been a great addition to our classroom. They have enhanced the children's outlook on learning and school. We have been using them to listen to podcasts made by the children as well as listening to books on them and taking videos for a class newscast. The children are all so excited to be using the iPod's and it is such a great experience for them!"*

Thank you to all of our 2010 business donors for supporting the SEF and our mission to instill a love of learning in our school children!

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The following donors have generously contributed to the SEF during the 2010 calendar year. Thank you for your continued support and for impacting the educational experiences of local school children.

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Please visit the SEF website often, as we continually update the site with exciting video and photos from our classroom initiatives, information on upcoming events, notifications of grant funding along with application forms and more!

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A message from...

SEF Chairwoman Bethany Pestillo

Dear Southington Community Member:

This past year has been one of remarkable growth for the Southington Education Foundation. We have continued our efforts to bring new learning opportunities and initiatives to life for our local students. The support received from the community has increased ten-fold—and for that we are truly thankful.

Our second-annual Fan of the Foundation event in October was an overwhelming success. We raised nearly \$30,000 thanks to the generosity of both residents and businesses—all of which will be allocated to academic excellence in our classrooms for years to come. Looking to the new year, we are especially excited to commence development and funding of a STEM Initiative that will benefit all Southington children.

We will continue reaching out to our community and sharing the importance of our mission. After all, it's that partnership between community members and our dedicated volunteers that will ensure our goal of inspiring youth and instilling a love of learning in them.

Best Regards,

Bethany Pestillo
Chairwoman, Southington Education Foundation, Inc.



The 2010 SEF Executive Board: seated from left, treasurer Alan M. DeBisschop, vice chairman Anthony Alan Sheffy, chairwoman Bethany Pestillo, and secretary Kelley Nolan-Maccione; standing from left, William M. Lutz, Dr. George Costanzo, Dr. David Monti, Ronald J. Marut, Dawn A. Miceli, and ex-officio member Dr. Joseph V. Erardi Jr.

Have you heard?

We've been busy supporting Southington teachers in their quest for educational excellence. Here's a list of grants awarded during the 2010 calendar year:

- Southington Kids Speak Out
- BFF—Best Fluency Fix
- Sculpture Garden for DePaolo Middle School Courtyard
- Movie Club: Lights Camera Action
- Student Sunshine Program
- Kindergarten Literacy Night
- iPod Technology in Classroom
- Flanders Science Lab
- Life Cycle of a Chicken
- 5th Grade Document Camera
- Reading Made Easy
- Girls Exploring Mathematics and Science
- Digital Storytelling
- Lights, Camera, Read!
- A Teaching Garden
- Flip for the Good!
- Interviewing a Character
- From Garbage to Flowers
- A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words
- Techno-Lit
- SHS TI-Nspire Classroom
- Manufacturing and Construction Expo
- DePaolo Middle School Sound Equipment
- Kennedy Middle School Sound Equipment

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Network with the SEF via Facebook! Learn about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, SEF initiatives and more on the SEF Facebook page.

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My tax-deductible contribution is:

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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- I am interested in volunteering with the SEF. I would like more information about the SEF.
 I am interested in receiving SEF correspondence.

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