

## Georgetown Education Foundation

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I would like to pledge the following donation

- Brocklebank Society** - \$1,000/year for 5 years  
 **Peabody Society** - \$500/year for 5 years  
 **Harry Murch Society** - \$250/year for 5 years  
 **Spofford Society** - \$100/year for 5 years  
 **Old Nancy Society:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Any other amount is greatly appreciated)*

I am most excited about the following program and would like 20% of my donation to be allocated directly to the following area:

- Technology**       **The Arts**  
 **Innovative Teaching**       **Science**

My donation is in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Teachers name)*

### Payment Method (first year due with pledge)

- Check (enclosed and payable to the GEF)  
 MC or Visa #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
*(mth) (yr)*

**Contributions to the GEF, a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, are deductible for computing income and estate taxes. Federal tax ID number: 04-3140909**

## Mission Statement

*"The Georgetown Education Foundation is dedicated to providing expanded opportunities and experiences to the students of the Georgetown Public Schools.*

*Our mission is to support innovative programs in order to encourage, demonstrate and recognize excellence in our schools for the benefit of students of all aspirations and abilities."*



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## How can I help Georgetown schools?

This is a question that many Georgetown residents have pondered. Parents, students, and community members alike all have a stake in the continued excellence of the Georgetown school system, but how can we as individuals have an impact on the quality of education, the caliber of students that we turn out, and the reputation of the Georgetown school system? This question was the catalyst for the creation of an organization called the Georgetown Education Foundation.



## What is the Georgetown Education Foundation?

The Georgetown Education Foundation (GEF) was founded in 1991 with the realization that supplemental financial resources to maintain excellence in our school system may not be available through traditional funding sources such as local support and state aid. Many thriving communities such as Hamilton/Wenham, North Andover, and Newburyport have also created successful education foundations. The GEF is a separate and distinct, non-profit organization, from the Georgetown Public Schools.



## What types of programs are funded through the GEF?

The GEF's primary mission is to raise money to support; Science, Technology, the Arts, and Innovative Teaching in the Georgetown Massachusetts School System

Here are some of the initiatives we plan to fund through donations to the GEF:

### Science

Updated science resources and materials along with special activities such as virtual field-trips to NASA.

### Technology

Wireless classrooms and projectors, Mimeo boards and/or Smart boards .

### The Arts

Updated art materials and musical instruments along with special programs such as the Artist In-Residence Program.

### Innovative Teaching

Teaching software such as Inspiration for visual learners.



## What is Pledge for Education?

Along with other fund raising initiatives the GEF has created a program called The Pledge for Education. The goal of this community pledge program is to raise money for both short and long term needs across all levels of education. The GEF is asking for everyone in the community to pledge a given amount of money over a five year period with a goal of raising over a quarter million dollars.

Your pledge will go directly towards enhancing the level of education at our schools. On a short term basis we will award grants for teachers who apply in the areas of arts, science, technology and innovative teaching techniques. Our long term goal is to create an endowment which will generate income through interest. Already money raised through the GEF has purchased a computer lab for Penn Brook school and helped fund the Connect Ed telephone notification system.



## How are grants awarded?

The GEF Board of Directors appointed a Grant Review Committee for purposes of reviewing grant proposals received from the Georgetown Public Schools. The Grant Review Committee will make recommendations to the Board of Directors on which grants should be awarded. All awards must be consistent with the mission of the GEF as determined by its Board of Directors. Grants will be reviewed between September and January of each year, with funds made available to the Georgetown Public Schools by June of each school year. The level of awards is dependent on the GEF's success in raising private donations.



## What is the Endowment Fund?

One of the GEF's main goals is to establish an endowment. The endowment fund will provide a permanent revenue source for grants and to support other activities enriching the educational opportunities of Georgetown's students. Many endowments are started with a grant or bequest and we hope that such gifts will eventually help ours to grow.



## What about Matching Gifts?

We can't do this alone. Many of you work for companies who are willing to make matching contributions to their employees. With just a small amount of effort on your end, we can take advantage of this powerful benefit and reach our educational goals quicker. Please visit the GEF website at [www.georgetowneducationfoundation.net](http://www.georgetowneducationfoundation.net), go to our donate page and click on 'matching gifts' to see if your company offers a Matching Gift Program.



## What if I want to honor a teacher?

If there is a beloved teacher who you would like to make your donation in honor of, please indicate their name on the pledge form. We will send a note to the teacher letting them know of your generous donation.