

WHAT IS THE
*Greece Education
Foundation?*

The Greece Education Foundation (GEF), was formed in June 2000 to enrich and enhance educational opportunities for Greece Central School District students and staff in a manner that supports student learning. The GEF receives gifts, bequests, and donations and subsequently provides grant funding to enhance educational programs that cannot be readily financed through local tax dollars or other public resources reflected in the annual school budget. These are beneficial projects that might not be initiated, improved, or maintained without outside funding.

The Greece Education Foundation is a non-profit organization that operates separately from the Greece Central School District. The GEF acts through the management and direction of a 19-member Board of Directors, selected from the community.

The Greece Education Foundation pledges to the Greece Central School District and to its students fiscal resources to continue to achieve excellence in education, in conjunction with fiscal accountability.



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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE GREECE EDUCATION FOUNDATION (GEF)

The mission of GEF is to work in partnership with the district to support goals for student learning through the district's goal setting process for continuous improvement in areas such as instructional excellence, student support, home and community partnerships, staff effectiveness, and fiscal responsibility. The GEF pledges to the district fiscal resources to continue to achieve excellence in education, in conjunction with fiscal accountability.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS ARE FUNDED BY GEF?

The Foundation has awarded grants that have allowed schools to: purchase computer software that supports the New York State Learning Standards; purchase books to support the teaching of character education to teens; and provide summer enrichment opportunities in social studies and science.

Each of the Greece Central School District's 20 schools have requested and been granted funding from the Foundation. Examples include the following:

- A digital camera and printer dock for use by Athena Middle School's 12:1:3 class. The use of pictures and photographs is an often used form of communication for these students
- Student workshops with young adult author Chris Crutcher at Arcadia, Athena, and Olympia high schools
- Drums for Apollo Middle School's African Drumming Ensemble
- Paid for Arcadia Middle School teachers to access a Web site that offers lesson plans, activities and videos for use in the classroom
- Vocal music master classes for Athena Middle and High School students
- Classroom reading book sets for Autumn Lane Elementary School
- Funded a variety of community-based field trips for transition students at Bridges

- Interactive anti-bullying assemblies at Craig Hill Elementary School
- Dance, Dance Revolution mats for Physical Education classes at Holmes Road-Buckman Heights Elementary School
- Transportation was provided so English Village Elementary School students could participate in Story Time with residents of Fleming Point Retirement Community. This project encourages community relationships
- Funded the purchase of math challenge cards to teach problem solving to students at Paddy Hill and Kirk Road Elementary Schools
- Provided funding for Lakeshore Elementary School Red Ribbon Week activities geared toward promoting drug free, healthy choices
- Provided plant bulbs, seeds, and other gardening materials for use by two first grade classes at Longridge Elementary School during their plant science unit
- Provided a quality digital camera for use by art students at Odyssey Academy
- Purchased software programs that reinforce math facts, reading comprehension, and recognition of sight words for Parkland-Brookside Elementary School



- A school-wide license to Web-based leveled texts for use in all Pine Brook Elementary School classes
- Purchased 12 pairs of snowshoes to be used in the West Ridge Elementary School health and fitness program

HOW DO I MAKE A DONATION TO THE GEF?

Contribution forms are available at any Greece Central School District school or at the District Office, 750 Maiden Lane, Rochester, NY 14615. You can mail a request for a form (or send the completed form) to The Greece Education Foundation, P.O. Box 217,

North Greece, NY 14515-0217. You can also call (585)234-8693, leave a message, and we will be happy to send you a form.

WHO CAN DONATE TO THE GEF?

Anyone! Businesses, alumni associations, graduates, parents, employees, community groups, individuals, parent-teacher associations – anyone is welcome to contribute to the Greece Education Foundation. All contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

CAN I DESIGNATE THAT MY CONTRIBUTION GOES TO A PARTICULAR SCHOOL OR GRADE?

You can designate your contribution to any district school, grade, class, or activity you wish, as long as it is compatible with the by-laws of the GEF and the policies of the Greece Central School District Board of Education.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GEF?

For more information, please call (585)234-8693, or visit our Web site at www.greecegiving.com.