

# The Duxbury Education Foundation

## 2005 Annual Report

Helping Duxbury  
Students and Teachers  
Reach Higher



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year of operation, the Duxbury Education Foundation (DEF) continues to make great strides to enrich Duxbury students. This year, the DEF worked hard planning and executing a range of fund raising activities, and reviewing grant requests from teachers and school administrators.

The DEF raised over \$55,000 through fund raising activities and general donations. Thanks to the generosity of the community, DEF was able to fund more than \$55,000 in grant requests for the Duxbury school system. Grants were approved for the purchase of cutting edge technology in the classrooms, for development of innovative curriculum, for musical equipment and instruments, and for many other programs and resources which directly benefit our youngsters throughout the school system.

DEF contributors included families, businesses, individuals and foundations. Funds were raised through a variety of events and activities, including our Annual Appeal, the Spelling Bee, Dinners for Duxbury, the Divots for Duxbury golf tournament, and a first-ever Back to School Ball.

This year, we continued to focus on streamlining the grant submission and review process. In addition, we focused on tracking the effectiveness of grants after awards, to get a more complete understanding of the impact and success of the grants in action.

The DEF could not be successful without the diligence, hard work and enthusiasm of the board members and countless other volunteers who have contributed to the success of all of our efforts this year. Thanks to their hard work, and to the generosity of the community who continues to support this invaluable organization, we have been able to help in delivering enriching and innovative programs to Duxbury students. Thank you for helping us to continue to deliver on the DEF's charter.

Robin Markella, President

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*Alden School students learn to use new Orff instruments, purchased with funds from the Duxbury Education Foundation*



*Duxbury Middle School students in Mr. Armandi's 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies class work with a SMART Board, funded by the Duxbury Education Foundation.*

# The Duxbury Education Foundation, Incorporated

## Statement of Activities

Unaudited

As of June 30, 2005

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets:</b>			
Contributions & Memorial Funds	\$ 13,475		\$ 13,475
Fundraising Events (net)	42,238		42,238
Interest, Dividends, Gains & Losses, and Market Adjustments	6,668		6,668
Received from Endowment Fund	-		-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>\$ 62,382</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 62,382</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Grants	54,447		54,447
Less: Expired Grants	\$ (7,888)		(7,888)
Transfer to Endowment	5,000		5,000
Printing & Non-program costs	1,783		1,783
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 53,342</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 53,342</u>
(Decrease)/ Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	9,040	-	9,040
Fund Transfers			-
<b>Increase in Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ 9,040</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,040</u>

## Statement of Financial Position

Unaudited

As of June 30, 2005

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	\$ 13,931		\$ 13,931
Investments @ Market	\$ 71,893	\$ 117,970	\$ 189,863
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 85,824</u>	<u>\$ 117,970</u>	<u>\$ 203,794</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Grants Payable	\$ 23,308		\$ 23,308
Net Assets - Unrestricted	<u>\$ 62,516</u>	<u>\$ 117,970</u>	<u>\$ 180,486</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ 85,824</u>	<u>\$ 117,970</u>	<u>\$ 203,794</u>

# Duxbury Education Foundation

## MISSION

The mission of the Duxbury Education Foundation is to provide grants that will enrich and encourage innovative educational programs for students in the town of Duxbury.

DEF is a private, not-for-profit organization founded in 1989 after proposition 2 ½ budget cutbacks had forced the school systems to cancel many fine arts and enrichment programs.

A board of 15 Trustees who volunteer their time to review grants and to raise funds manages the Foundation. Any teacher or administrator in the Duxbury schools or anyone with a program designed to enrich the Duxbury students may apply in writing for a grant.

# DEF Fundraisers

# DEF Grants Awarded in 2005

*More than \$55,000 awarded this year*

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## **DIVOTS FOR DUXBURY**

A unique 'Ryder Cup' style golf tournament. Participating golfers are asked to gather sponsors, and individual and corporate sponsorships are also offered.

## **ANNUAL APPEAL**

Each year we contact every household in Duxbury, highlighting the past year's accomplishments and asking residents to continue their generous support of our schools and children.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL BALL**

First annual black-tie ball helped raise awareness and funds for the DEF.

## **GIFTS FOR LEARNING**

Donations are made on behalf of a teacher, administrator or significant person in a child's life.

## **SPELLING BEE**

A community event, the annual Spelling Bee attracts spellers and sponsors of all ages to compete in a friendly and challenging competition. Teams are divided into 'hives' that spell against one another before a crowd of cheering spectators.

## **DINNERS FOR DUXBURY**

This is a traditional DEF fundraiser in which sponsors invite guests to their homes for dinner. Attending guests are asked to make a financial contribution.

**Youth Risk Behavior Task Force (YRBTF)** - DEF funded the development of curriculum in response to the YRBTF. The YRBTF is a community-wide effort working to address the concerns regarding student risk behavior.

**Link Crew** – DEF funded an innovative program that partners high school juniors and seniors with freshmen entering high school. This year-long mentoring program eases the transition into high school. Duxbury was the first school on the East Coast to adopt the program.

**KIDS Consortium** – DEF funded a program that provides students with an opportunity to incorporate community-based work and learning activities within the curriculum.

**See it, Say it, Write it** - An innovative model created by speech and language teachers in Bridgewater that enables students to learn, build on and implement necessary language skills using digital information. The grant supported the purchase of computers, cameras and software.

**SMART Board Interactive Whiteboard** –DEF funded the purchase of two additional SMART Board Interactive Whiteboards, which are being used by Duxbury Middle School teachers in the seventh and eighth grade science and social studies classes.

**Kurzweil 3000** – Funding provided by DEF for this unique reading, writing and learning software for struggling students.

**Orff instruments** – The use of Orff instruments in current music education practices is considered to be the most concrete means of introducing and reinforcing abstract musical concepts. Purchase of barred Orff instruments was funded for the Alden School.

**AP Institute** - Funding was provided to enable three teachers to attend the AP Institute at St. Johnsbury Academy, ensuring continued accreditation of the High School's AP English program.

**Library Books** - DEF provided funding to update the library collections across all Duxbury schools.

**Math Enhancement** - Funding was provided to develop formal graphing calculator lessons for DMS math courses, to ensure compliance with the Massachusetts Mathematics Curriculum Framework.

**DHS Art Department** – Funding provided to purchase wall-mounted glass display units that will showcase student art, provide hallway embellishment and be compliant with recent fire code changes.

**Historical Perspectives** – Funding was provided for presentation to Alden 4th grade depicting life and contributions of Harriet Tubman.

**Economics** – Funding was provided for assessment tools for economics elective course at DHS.

**Entrepreneurship** – Funding was provided to develop curriculum for the Entrepreneurship elective course at DHS.

**AP Spanish** – Funding was provided for a week-long workshop for an AP Spanish teacher.

**Music Department** - A grant to fund the redesign and upgrade of the Music Tech Lab at Duxbury High School enabled the purchase of a ceiling mounted projector. Funding was also provided for the purchase of a stereo and play back system for the Music Department.

**Reading Database** – Funding was provided for bar-coding and database entry of Alden books.

**Fundamentals in Integrated Math** – Funding was provided for curriculum development for grades 7 and 8.