

The Duxbury Education Foundation

2006 Annual Report

Helping Duxbury
Students and Teachers
Reach Higher



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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

DIVOTS FOR DUXBURY

A unique golf tournament, with both a four-person scramble and a two-person, best ball competition. Participating golfers are encouraged to gather sponsors. Numerous raffles and prizes are donated and awarded each year.

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.

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.

The Duxbury Education Foundation, Inc.
Statement of Activities
 Unaudited
 As of June 30, 2006

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets:			
Contributions & Memorial Funds	\$ 10,005		\$ 10,005
Fundraising Events (net)	36,031		36,031
Interest, Dividends, Gains & Losses, and Market Adjustments Received from Endowment Fund	729		729
	-		-
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 46,765</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 46,765</u>
Expenses:			
Grants	66,794		66,794
Less: Expired Grants	\$ -		-
Transfer to Endowment	-		-
Printing & Non-program costs	3,997		3,997
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 70,791</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 70,791</u>
(Decrease)/ Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	(24,026)	-	(24,026)
Fund Transfers			-
Increase in Net Assets	<u>\$ (24,026)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (24,026)</u>

The Duxbury Education Foundation, Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
 Unaudited
 As of June 30, 2006

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Assets			
Cash	\$ 12,736		\$ 12,736
Investments @ Market	22,604	121,048	143,652
	<u>\$ 35,340</u>	<u>\$ 121,048</u>	<u>\$ 156,388</u>
Liabilities			
Grants Payable	\$ 2,400		\$ 2,400
Net Assets- Unrestricted	<u>\$ 32,940</u>	<u>\$ 121,048</u>	<u>\$ 153,988</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 35,340</u>	<u>\$ 121,048</u>	<u>\$ 156,388</u>

2006 Duxbury Education Foundation Board of Trustees

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that three years has past since I was first asked to join the Board of Trustees of the Duxbury Education Foundation ("DEF"). I am very proud of the work the DEF accomplished during my three years on the board, and especially of that which was accomplished this past fiscal year.

Now in its 17th year of operation, the DEF continues to have great success with our various funds raisers, including the Divots for Duxbury golf tournament, our Spelling Bee, and Dinners for Duxbury. We continue to receive tremendous support from the community as evidenced by the donations received from local businesses and families to support these events, as well as those received through our Annual Appeal and Gifts for Learning program.

In addition, we have taken the DEF into the age of the internet through the posting of our website. You can now find financial, grant, trustee, and event information simply by going to duxburyeducationfoundation.org.

That said, the best measure of our success is the amount of money that we put back into the school system through grants to teachers and administrators who want to take education to its highest level. This year, we issued over \$65,000 in grants affecting many different areas of education. As one would expect in this age of technology, many grants were directed toward new and innovative programs, including the purchase of additional interactive SMART Boards at DMS, funding of a robotics program in the elementary schools, and the implementation of sophisticated tracking software in the DHS guidance department. We also approved grants in many other areas including music, physical education, and art; and funded programs that will both ease the transition of students into DMS and provide education in the areas of drugs and violence.

Peacebuilders - Peacebuilders is an anti-violence youth program approved by the federally funded Safe and Drug Free Schools Act. The grant funds training of the staff for the Duxbury Middle School.

Pictured below are DMS staff during Peacebuilders training on August 31, 2006.



National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation ProStart - DEF funded the purchase of materials and related supplies for a two year program at Duxbury High School that allows students to explore careers in the hotel and restaurant fields. The expansion of the school's "Breadboard" program will also enable students to actively cater sport and club activities.

DHS Music Department - This year, DEF funded the purchase of a tuba for the Duxbury High School Music. In addition, DEF funded a stipend for professional musicians to work with string musicians at the High School. DEF also purchased microphones used for recording student performances on the computer – a valuable assessment tool for refining individual and group performances.

Robotics Equipment - DEF funded an innovative program for the implementation of robotics in the elementary schools. Lead teachers will integrate computer programming and robotics to students in K-8 using LEGO, a computer programming language, and Roamers.



Chandler School students learn to use new robotics equipment, purchased with funds from the Duxbury Education Foundation

Lastly, I am proud of the people that took their valuable time to make the DEF what it is today; an organization that makes a difference in the education of our children. Without the collective effort of the trustees, their spouses, the teachers and administrators, and the many volunteers, the DEF could not make the impact that it has, and will continue to as we proceed into the future.

William P. Gagnon, President, 2006

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DEF Grants Awarded in 2006

More than \$65,000 awarded this year



DMS School Read - 'A Single Shard' - This innovative project coordinates the community reading of one book, an effort designed to bring the DMS together as a community. DEF funded the development of this project, as well as a visit by Linda Sue Park, the author of "A Single Shard" to the Duxbury Middle School.

Where Everyone Belongs - "Where Everyone Belongs" (WEB) is a subsidiary of Link Crew, a successful program which DEF funded in 2004. It is a transition program for Alden School students, which welcomes sixth graders to DMS. DEF funded a grant for staff training for this innovative program.

Jewelry Making in 3D Art - This grant funded the purchase of new equipment, tools and materials to explore and expand this popular program at Duxbury High School.

Naviance Software for Guidance - DEF funded the purchase of software for the guidance department to facilitate transcript administration and other key guidance functions.

DHS Language Department Grant - This grant funded the development of curriculum and the purchase of materials for a Russian Language Course, Spanish Conversation I and Spanish Conversation II Courses, a Hispanic Culture Course and an American Sign Language Course; all to be offered at Duxbury High School.

SMART Board Interactive Whiteboard - Following the successful deployment of this innovative technology (funded by DEF in prior years), in the 2005-2006 school year DEF funded the purchase of five additional SMARTBoards for use in the Duxbury Middle School.



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