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### President's Message

Despite a very poor economy, the community support for your endowment has been outstanding. Once again, this community is providing the necessary investment in its future, our students! The endowment continues to rebound and grow to the extent that our annual grant funding will only realize a minimal impact, if any, as a result of the downturn in the markets. To that point, we funded thirteen projects this past year. Very noteworthy, and one that has gained national acclaim, is the Turning Grease Into Fuel project. We are all very proud of their accomplishments. We continue to look forward to your support in helping us to continue the momentum in growing the Endowment. Thank you once again.

Sincerely,



Philip Friend

WEEF President

## Projects Funded for 2009 – 2010 School Year

The 13 projects funded in 2009-2010 total \$19,863.

These projects not only enhance students' abilities in such traditional areas as reading, writing and math, but also include music, technology and life skills.

**Children's Community Garden "Pea Pods":** to develop and implement an organic garden at Tower Street Community Center. Pea Pods will be a place where youths and adults will grow and harvest vegetables, fruits and flowers.

**Summer Family/Community Involvement & Library Program:** to support summer field trips whose focus is to prevent academic regression over the summer in mathematics, reading and writing. Children will be required to complete a weekly packet to participate in each trip.

**Guitars for Kids:** to purchase additional guitars for use by students in the Westerly Middle School, Dunn's Corners, Springbrook and Bradford Elementary Schools.

**Baking and Pastry Equipment:** to allow students to learn and explore the varieties of baking techniques and methods in preparation in baking and pastry. This grant funds baking and pastry equipment.

**Bradford Community Center Activities:** to support weekly activities that expose children to different experiences through stories, arts and crafts, music and games. This includes the purchase of computers to further the use of technology.

**Turning Grease Into Fuel:** to sponsor the Westerly Innovations Network Junior team to bring their Turning Grease Into Fuel (TGIF) project to the Community Problem Solving Conference in Michigan.

**Literacy and Math Games:** to purchase FROG Family Fun Pack sets that will enhance instruction of literacy skills and math skills in a kindergarten classroom. Games will be played in class and sent home with children to bridge the gap between home and school in a positive way.

**Portrait Studio Photography:** to support camera, software and projector purchases to add Portrait Studio Photography to current Photographic Communications Course.

**Netbooks:** to provide funding for netbooks to help further enhance the use of technology based assignments and projects at Westerly Middle School.

**G.O.A.L Program:** to support an after school / Saturday program designed for children, whose goal is to stretch student's learning by providing an enriching curriculum



**Film Clips for Character Education:** to provide supplemental resources for an advisory program for 6-8 grade students that will focus on making them better students and citizens. This resource consists of an 8 episode set of movie film clips for Character Education.

**I Have a Dream-College:** to expose fifth grade students to the college environment, giving them an image to associate with the word. Students visit the University of Rhode Island for a day and interacted with students and faculty.

**The Build-A-Book Literacy Program:** to provide students with tools and techniques to enhance their creative writing skills and generate excitement about the writing process; thus empowering them to meet or exceed current writing standards.



