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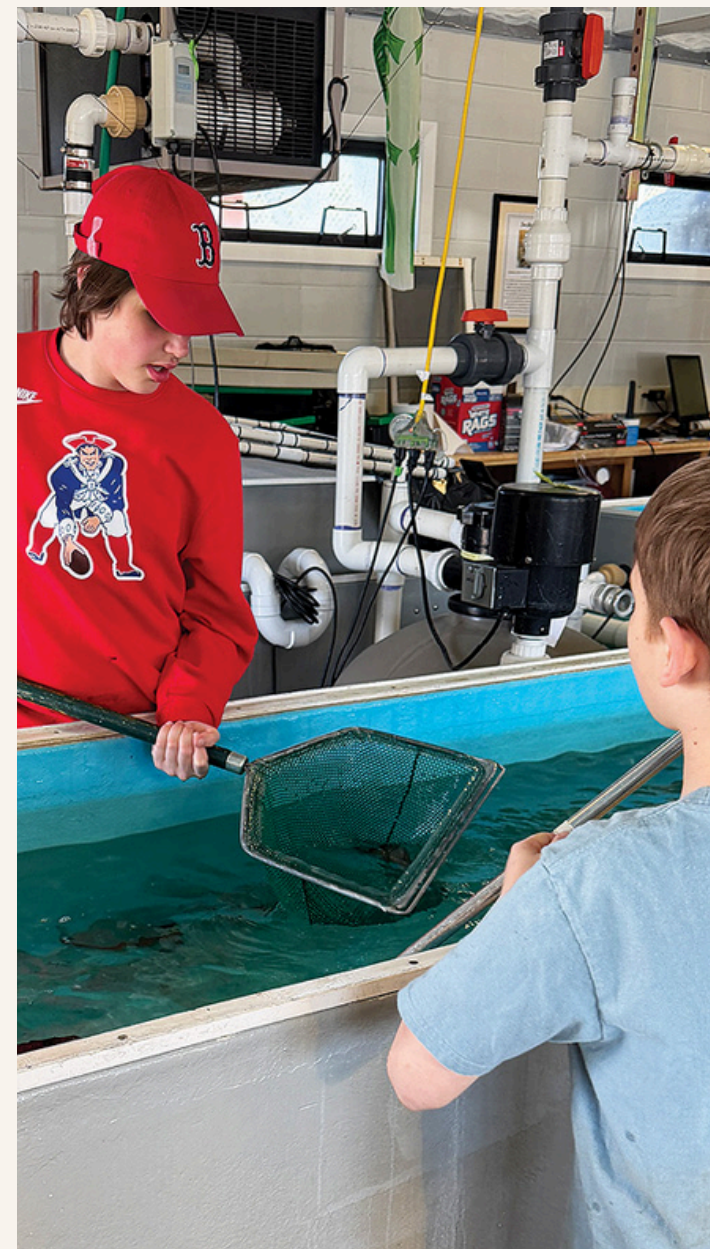
A grant from GEF helped transform Granby's Wildflower Meadow into an outdoor classroom. A new trailhead kiosk now guides visitors through the wonders of native plants and local biodiversity.

\$27,578

In 2025-26, GEF funded 17 grants to support lifelong learning in Granby.



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A FISHY THEORY TAKES SHAPE: GMMS STUDENTS PUT TROUT CAMOUFLAGE TO THE TEST

The Salmon Brook Ecology Center holds a special place in GEF's history as its very first grant award, embodying the hands-on learning that inspired the Foundation's creation. Today, that legacy lives on, where one GMMS student's question sparked a scientific investigation into trout camouflage. With GEF funding, the Fish Kids club redesigned a tank to test whether natural backgrounds influence fish coloration, documenting observations and examining results alongside a Connecticut DEEP fisheries expert. The experiment drew state-level scientific interest, giving students an authentic taste of research and carrying GEF's founding spirit of curiosity and discovery into a new generation.

Your contributions are what make innovative initiatives like this possible. Please consider making a donation to the Granby Education Foundation today.

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TEENS UNLEASH
INNER MAKERS

Granby Public Library is helping teens turn big ideas into real creations. A new summer Maker Lab Camp at Cossitt Library gave local students hands-on access to creative tools and technology to construct themed projects and learn new skills.



LEARNING
COMES TO LIFE

With augmented reality, GMMS students can hold science and history in their hands. GEF-funded Merge Cubes are bringing maps, artifacts, and data analysis to life through interactive technology that makes discovery tangible.



THE SHOW CAN
NOW GO ON

GEF proudly provided the seed funding to revive GMMS's dramatic arts program. After a successful pilot reignited student and family enthusiasm, the curtains rose on Frozen Jr., launching a new chapter of creativity and confidence.

NEW WAYS TO CONNECT, COMMUNICATE, AND PLAY

GEF partnered with Kelly Lane Primary School's speech and lanuage pathologist to purchase and install a permanent, accessible playground communication board so students of all physical and verbal abilities can express themselves, connect with peers, and join the fun.

BEAVERS AT WORK:
NATURE'S ENGINEERS

The Granby Land Trust is helping Granby discover the surprising power of beavers! Funded by a GEF grant, the GLT provided an expert-led community talk, with author Ben Goldfarb. Soon, educational signage at Creamer Pond in Dismal Brook Wildlife Preserve will also educate visitors how these remarkable animals shape healthy ecosystems.

GIVING HIGHLIGHTS

The Granby Education Fund (GEF) awarded \$27,578 to 17 grants during our 2025-2026 fiscal year, including the grants highlighted in this annual appeal. With your support, we're adding to an ongoing legacy of learning, innovation, and lasting community impact.

26 years of impact
236 grants awarded
\$1M+ invested in Granby



SUMMER FUN AT
SALMON BROOK PARK

GEF was proud to support the Granby Summer Fun Series hosted by Granby Parks and Recreation, designed to bring our city together through a new, free program at Salmon Brook Park. From concerts to family-friendly performances, this community celebration made summer memories accessible to local residents of all ages.



There are many ways to support GEF! Visit our website to learn more about board roles, donations, events, sponsorships, and more!

The Granby Education Foundation (GEF) supports educational programmings in our community through grantmaking. Your financial support makes this possible.



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