



FY2023 IMPACT REPORT: DISCOVER, CONNECT, BELONG



The Gloucester Education Foundation drives innovation, encourages creativity, expands student opportunities, and empowers educators to strengthen teaching and learning in the Gloucester Public School District.

AS WE REFLECT on the past year of the Gloucester Education Foundation's (GEF) work, three words keep coming to mind: **Discover, Connect, Belong**. This year we have focused on the stories and insights of Gloucester students and are struck by how often they mention these themes. Students shared with us how they **discovered** new skills and passions through GEF-funded opportunities like band, auto tech, and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) courses. They told us about how they made **connections** with new concepts, friends, and adults, often outside of a typical classroom setting—in a studio, shop, or lab, or on a visit to a local business. And so many of them explained how participating in programs like O'Maley Academy, theater, and robotics helped them find their place within their school community, building a deep sense of **belonging**.

With the resources made possible by our generous community, we are able to support Gloucester educators in going the extra mile for their students to help them **discover, connect, and belong**. In addition to vibrant programs in our schools, this year your support also meant bringing back popular GEF events like The Power of Play, the Gloucester Student Arts Festival, and the GEF Education Bowl. By coming together to play, create, and celebrate, we hope you've all had the chance to reconnect with our programs, and feel a renewed sense of belonging in Gloucester after too many years apart.

Enjoy this recap of the great year behind us, and join us as we prepare for the even busier year ahead!



Emily Siegel
Emily Siegel
 Executive Director



Anna O'Connor
Anna O'Connor
 Board President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Anna O'Connor,
 President

Serena Low,
 Past President*

Ted Costa,
 President Elect

John Bjorlie, Clerk*

Justine Laurie CPA,
 Treasurer

Maiuza Alves**

Matt Beach**

Leslie Friday

Sarah Grow*

Karen Kenny

Joe Rosa

Maggie Rosa

Marianne Smith

June Steel

Brian Weed**

* term ended 3/31/23

** term began 4/1/23

STAFF

Emily Siegel,
 Executive Director

ADVISORS

Ben Lummis,
 Superintendent

Greg Verga, Mayor

Valerie Gilman, President,
 City Council

Kathleen Clancy, Chair,
 School Committee

STUDENT ADVISORS

Allie Nicastrò,
 GHS Class of 2023

Tyler Weed,
 GHS Class of 2023

Kyia Karvelas,
 GHS Class of 2023

Trinity O'Leary,
 GHS Class of 2023

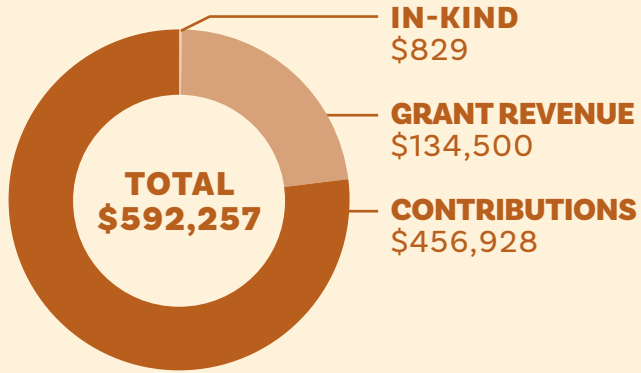
Hannah Olson,
 GHS Class of 2025

"It's been my absolute pleasure to be a part of this organization since the beginning, to see its growth and commitment to the children of Gloucester, our school district and teachers. I started as a parent with children in elementary school and have watched the organization grow from strength to strength as my kids graduated to pursue interests they learned firsthand in our public schools, with the support of GEF."

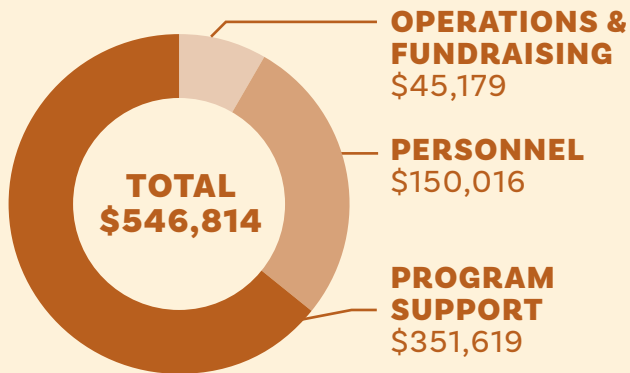
—SARAH GROW, GEF BOARD MEMBER 2006-2023

FINANCIALS

FY23 REVENUE



FY23 EXPENSES



NOTES ON FINANCIALS

The above figures are not audited. Audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, will be available from GEF later in the year.

In FY23 the GEF board and our endowment fund advisors made a decision not to draw down funds from our endowment to support operations, which we typically do each year, given the down market and the stability of our annual fundraising efforts.

A YEAR IN NUMBERS



1K+ participants at The Power of Play, back for the first time since 2019



500 cars repaired by students in the GHS Automotive Technology program



400+ Gloucester-themed words brainstormed by students for a Gloucester poetry project debuting at the 2023 Arts Festival



204 original prints created on the historic Folly Cove Acorn Press by O'Maley 8th graders



51 songs learned and performed by the GHS Band



24 new wireless microphone packs for the GHS Auditorium, plus one gorgeous new sound board

"With so many remarkable GEF powered opportunities returning to our schools this year, it has been wonderful for our community to once again experience the full impact of GEF's support in expanding opportunities for Gloucester students. GEF's work is always about students being engaged, finding their voice, and becoming leaders."

—SUPERINTENDENT BEN LUMMIS



175 custom Gloucester coloring books given to the Class of 2035 at Countdown to Kindergarten

608 feet of bridges constructed and tested by O'Maley 7th graders



9 full-scale productions put on by GPS theater programs across all 7 schools



7 monthly excursions to STEM institutions for the 30+ members of the Gender Equity in STEM Club



PROGRAMS

ELEMENTARY

COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN | \$2,000

Annual community event to welcome new kindergarten families to the district

GORDON SUMMER STEAM CAMP | \$35,000

Year four of this hands-on, district-wide STEAM program for rising 4th and 5th graders

ELEMENTARY THEATER PROGRAM | \$15,000

Support towards putting on a 4th/5th grade musical at each of the five elementary schools

EARTH SCIENCE FIELD STUDY AT CRANE ESTATE | \$720

Mini-grant to pilot 4th grade field study aligned to earth science unit for Beeman students

BIKES FOR ALL | \$6,569

Establishing a unit in PE classes at the new East Veterans School, where all kindergarteners will learn the life skill of riding a bicycle

MY VOICE UKULELE PROJECT | \$2,208

Therapeutic music groups led by school psychologist and guest musicians at Veterans Memorial

MIDDLE SCHOOL

8TH GRADE PRINTMAKING | \$1,600

8th grade printmaking project with noted local artist, Mary Rhinelander, on the historic Folly Cove Acorn Press

O'MALEY RESIDENT SCIENTIST | \$14,000

Funding for a resident scientist to work side-by-side with students and staff in the O'Maley Science Center

O'MALEY ACADEMY | \$10,000

Annual support for O'Maley's dynamic afterschool and summer programs, which serve 250 unique students



O'MALEY ACADEMY: ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER SUPPORT | \$10,000

Targeted support for O'Maley Academy to increase access to and quality of programming for English Language Learners

HIGH SCHOOL

THE MENTOR PROJECT | \$30,000

A Wellspring-GHS-GEF collaboration that pairs juniors and seniors with mentors to craft post-secondary plans

LEGACY PROJECT MURAL | \$250

A large-scale mural by a GHS senior celebrating GHS graduates, in honor of the Gloucester 400+

AUTO TECH PROGRAM | \$50,000

Supporting a robust, state-of-the-art Automotive Technology program

PNEUMATIC COMPRESSOR SYSTEM | \$15,000

A match toward a significant investment to upgrade the capacity of vocational and engineering equipment

GENDER EQUITY IN STEM | \$10,000

GHS club that immerses students of all gender orientations to careers in STEM and the gender dynamics at play in these fields

AP SUMMER CLASSES | \$6,000

Summer courses to prepare GHS students for success in Advanced Placement classes

GHS BAND ROOM MAKEOVER | \$4,781

Sound treatment and equipment to support moving the music program to a larger space at GHS

“Writing a GEF grant proposal with the help of two students was amazing. I’m excited to share all that we’ve learned about the new sound equipment with future generations of students interested in live sound design and mixing.”

—JESSICA RUGGLES, GHS THEATER TEACHER

GHS AUDITORIUM SOUND UPGRADE | \$95,468

New, state-of-the-art soundboard and microphone system to dramatically improve performances, with a proposal co-authored by two GHS students

SENIOR ART FIELD TRIP | \$200

Mini-grant to allow Visual Arts seniors to visit the Gardner Museum, a first “post-Covid” experience

DISTRICT-WIDE

AUDITORIUM FEASIBILITY STUDY | \$25,000

The first step in determining the scope, cost, and timeline for renovations to the O'Maley and GHS auditoriums

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC | \$13,100

Funding to support the continued growth of the district-wide elementary and middle school bands

THE POWER OF PLAY | \$8,000

A community-wide “day of play for all ages”

GLOUCESTER STUDENT ARTS FESTIVAL | \$18,500

A celebration of visual and performing arts in grades PK-12 in Downtown Gloucester, re-envisioned in 2023 as a community block party



RETURN OF THE POWER OF PLAY



We asked Aurelia Harrison, a student journalist with *The Gillnetter* at Gloucester High School, to share their thoughts on *The Power of Play* and, in particular, the role GHS volunteers played in making the event a success. Here's what they had to say!

This year heralded the return of a beloved community event, placed on hold by the Covid-19 pandemic: *The Power of Play*. On Saturday, March 26, families flocked to the Gloucester High School field house to enjoy a day of kid-friendly fun. GHS students had the opportunity to work alongside community volunteers to staff the “play stations” and help guide participants around the event. There were six stations, each focused on a different theme: Move, Touch, Build, Create, Discover, and Games. The GHS volunteers weren't just there for show—they got their hands dirty, literally and figuratively. Parents were able to take a step back while they engaged their children in activities like fort-building, crafting, and looking for treasures in a sandbox. In a parachute activity at Discover, kids built their own gliders and watched with glee as volunteers floated them down from the balconies. In the egg-excavating activity at Touch, volunteers

taught the kids how to use eye droppers to get to the prize inside each egg. Students in the GHS band also came out to provide live music for musical chairs at Move, a popular feature. On their way out, student volunteers handed out gift bags with surprises for the kids, several of whom were more excited about a new frisbee than anyone would have thought possible. Hundreds of families left smiling, and dozens of GHS students left with a fresh enthusiasm for the community and for volunteer service.

Thank you to Cape Ann Savings Bank, Sawyer Free Library, and Seashore Comfort Solutions for their support of the 2023 Power of Play! See page 11 for the names of the many individuals and organizations that volunteered to make Power of Play a success.



As this report goes to print, we're getting ready for the return of another GEF event: the Gloucester Student Arts Festival! This downtown celebration will showcase student work, alongside art-making activities and food trucks galore. Thank you to our sponsors Institution for Savings, BankGloucester, and Gloucester 400+ for their support of the 2023 Arts Festival!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

This spring we spoke with six Gloucester students about their experiences in different GEF-funded programs, and how participating in these programs helped them **discover, connect,** and **belong.** Here's what they had to say!



WILL GEORGE (HE/HIM) • GRADE 5

East Gloucester Elementary School • 5th Grade Play

I had the honor of playing Peter Pan in the EGS 5th grade play this year. It was like going to summer camp, but after school. There were about 25 of us in the production. All of the cast rose up to the challenge. I remember that rehearsal was hard, but I felt motivated by my directors and my castmates. Before this experience, I didn't know I could sing songs and act. Now I feel confident with my singing voice and my acting skills. I suppose it could be my big break, or maybe my fallback plan. My first dream is to be a police officer and/or to work with animals. I also liked getting notes from the audience after the play. One said, "I love you, Peter Pan!"



LILY GOULART (SHE/HER) • GRADE 5

Beeman Memorial Elementary
Gordon Summer STEAM Camp

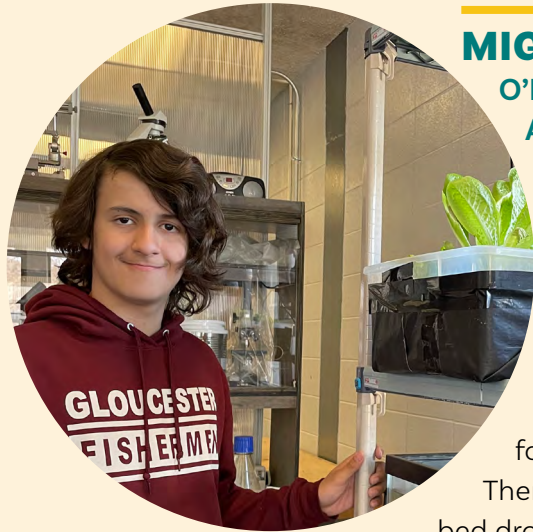
At camp we got to do all of these experiments, like making astronaut gloves and houses that had to protect a stuffed penguin from a sandstorm in outer space. It took me at least four tries to get it so that the penguin inside my house was safe! I wasn't really interested in science before, but this camp helped me see that science is all about investigating and experimenting, and it can be creative. I got to connect with my teachers in a different way; we spent a lot of time outside together, and they were sillier than during the school year. There were kids from every Gloucester elementary school, so I made friends from other schools. I can't wait to be with them at O'Maley next year.

BETSY TELEP (SHE/HER) • GRADE 6

O'Maley Innovation Middle School • Band

I started learning clarinet last year in 5th grade, when I was at West Parish. I would come to O'Maley once a week for lessons after school with kids from the other elementary schools, so I got to know some of them before middle school started. I probably wouldn't have discovered my friend group if it wasn't for the band. This year at O'Maley, I've learned to read sheet music better, and a lot about communicating as a team. Mr. Menezes has us work together a lot; we have to decide what songs we're going to play, then practice and work together on smoothing out the rough spots. Being on stage and playing for the whole school is the best. At the beginning of the year, we couldn't even play one song together. Now we sound really good! I hope I get into the Innovators Band at O'Maley next year, and join the Docksiders when I get to GHS.





MIGUEL VILETE • GRADE 8

O'Maley Innovation Middle School Aquaponics

The Aquaponics lab was my favorite part of O'Maley's Science Center. Fish ate the food we gave them, then their waste in the tank water was pumped to the grow bed above it, where bacteria changed the waste to food. This food fed the plants growing there.

Then the excess water in the grow bed dropped through a filter and back to the fish tank underneath, and the cycle repeated.

Every morning, one student in our group came down to feed our fish and make sure their light was on, and to see if the water was clean. We learned how to prevent the growth of algae by lining our fish tanks with paper. At the end of the project, we ate the lettuce we grew with some ranch dressing. I didn't though; I don't like lettuce. I'd like to go into agriculture some day, so I was excited about this project.

PENELOPE KEYES (SHE/HER) • GRADE 12

Gloucester High School Automotive Technology

I decided to join Auto Tech during my junior year and discovered it was pretty different from my regular academic classes, because it's so hands-on. I love taking something apart, seeing what it looks like inside, and putting it back together. This program has made me so much more confident. I was shy before, but this environment encourages me



to talk. People from the community come into our shop looking for help with their cars; you need to be professional and have mature conversations with them. I've really connected with the other students here, too. We'll have a real-world problem in front of us, and we have to work together to solve it. After graduation my goal is to get into the Local 4 Union for heavy equipment operators. I was nervous before about being a woman trying to do this, but I went on a Women in the Trades field trip and connected with women in unions. That really inspired me.

HAVEN GULLETT (SHE/THEY) • GRADE 12

Gloucester High School GHS Technical Theater

I've been working as the prop coordinator for GHS shows, including *Clue*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *Anastasia*. I'm a senior studying theater and carpentry. Construction and theater go hand-in-hand; you can't have a show without it. I love working with my hands and creating new things. It was pretty fun to make **Clue's fake monkey wrench**, which I made from scratch out of several pieces of wood.

I've made swords, an old scroll, lanterns, and old-fashioned cameras, in the prop workshop, which I call "The Prop Haven."

Everyone becomes closer through being in the drama program. It's a great place to connect, make friends, learn new skills, and hang out. While I like having these skills, carpentry isn't going to be my career focus. I'd like to go into math and science, and I am looking to go to the Gloucester Biotechnology Academy next fall.



STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Last year GEF launched a Student Advisory Committee to bring student voices to our work in a more formal way. They serve as ambassadors and advisors and assist on special projects. This year their work included:

VETTING new program ideas from teachers and weighing in on grant proposals

VISITING GEF-funded programs with donors and board members

PRESENTING to teachers about GEF

CREATING testimonials to support GEF fundraising efforts

REPRESENTING GEF at school and community events

SERVING as student liaisons on planning committees for the Gloucester Student Arts Festival and Auditorium Renovation Feasibility Study

Through working directly with these students, GEF's staff and board incorporate their perspectives and connect with youth more consistently. We look forward to welcoming a second cohort next year!



Our 2022-23 cohort with Advisor Allie Nicastro's mural "Looking Forward," supported by GEF and the Gloucester 400+

"It is so exciting to be able to throw around ideas with a group of adults, and for my ideas and opinions to be heard and valued."

— ALLIE NICASTRO, GRADE 12

"By writing about my thoughts on grant proposals, I have encouraged the board to support programs that, as a student, I would have liked to see during my education."

— TYLER WEED, GRADE 12

"With our presentations to the GEF board, I felt like I was able to build a new type of confidence in public speaking."

— KYIA KARVELAS, GRADE 12





2022-2023 DONORS

This list includes contributors who made gifts between April 1, 2022, and April 1, 2023. We make every effort to ensure accuracy; please let us know if we have made an error or inadvertently omitted your name.

MAJOR DONORS (\$25,000+)

Mollie and John Byrnes Gordon Foundation
Lyon-Waugh Auto Group
Joe and Maggie Rosa

COMMUNITY LEADERS (\$10,000-\$24,999)

Applied Materials Foundation
J.M.R. Barker Foundation
J.J. and Jackie Bell
Cape Ann Savings Bank
Institution for Savings
Michele May and David Walt
McCarthy Family Foundation
Youths' Friends Association

SCHOOL SPONSORS (\$5,000-\$9,999)

Bruce J. Anderson Foundation
Beauport Financial Services LLC
Janis and John Bell
Kathleen and Kevin Clancy
Linzee Coolidge
Marty and Michele Del Vecchio
Caroline Gill
Stanley Marchant
Kim McGovern
Stephen and Jean Muniz

The Theda and Tamblin Clark Smith Family Foundation, Inc.
Tina Snider and the Snider Foundation

GRADE SPONSORS (\$1,000-\$4,999)

Edward and Mary Anderson
Annisquam Sewing Circle
Anonymous
Associated Charities of Gloucester
Joseph and Paula Axelrod
BankGloucester
Jim and Chris Barker
John and Cynthia Bjorlie
Bomco, Inc.
Michael and Ann Mary Bresnan
Kimberly and Stephen Buckley
Joe and Beth Calomo
David and Carole Campbell
Cape Ann Community Foundation Inc.
Ted and Janice Costa
Bob and Gigs Cunningham
The Event Company
Faria Restaurant Group, LLC
Generous Gardeners

Galen Gibson Scholarship Fund
Clyde and Lucy Gillard
Pixie Harrington and Bob Gillis
David and Peg Leeco
Serena and Patrick Low
Kevin Littman
Peter and Kimberly Macleod
Roy and Shelagh McCauley
Christine L. McGrath and Patrick J. Salony
New England Biolabs Foundation
Mark and Renee Olsen
Kristen and Rob Parsons
Ruth Pino
David Pistenmaa
Michael and Patricia Rosenblatt
Richard and Anne Rosenfeld
Rotary Club of Gloucester
Sawyer Free Library
Seashore Comfort Solutions
Ed Shoucair and Kaye Lynn Johnson-Shoucair
Dana and Nancy Silva
Sally and Tom Simons
Trina Smith
Lizel and Hoff Stauffer
June Landergren Steel

Charles Steiner
Bob and Carolyn Stewart
Barbara McLaughlin and Richard Weiss

FAMILY SPONSORS (\$400-\$999)

Anonymous
Gregg and Nikki Bach
Tom Burger and Andrée Robert
Jill and Peter Cahill
Cape Ann Chapter DAR
Sarah and Gib Carey
Hal and Ginny Cogger
Barry Corden
Peter Feinstein and Miriam Weinstein
Marion Frost
Garuda Fund, Boston Foundation
Valerie and Paul Gilman
Sarah and Jason Grow
Laura Harrington and David Rosen
Michele Harrison
Colleen Hogan-Lopez
Rabbi Steven Lewis and Laura Wiessen
Monica Madruga
Bob and Eileen Matz
John and Aria McElhenny
Wendy and John Nasser
Stephen and Anna O'Connor
Dana Olson
Karen Quillen
John and Dawn Sarrouf
Emily and Stuart Siegel
Michael and Diane Slezak
Marianne and Robert Smith
Trinity Congregational Church, Missions Committee
Jason Vizena and friends
George and Joan Waterhouse
Samantha and Alexander Watson
Dick Wilson
STUDENT SPONSORS (\$100-\$499)
Jerry Ackerman

Rebecca and Francis Aliberti
Jen and Ron Schoolhouse Fund
Alicia Quintano
Amanda Babson
Lansing and Wendy Banks
Ann Banks
Matt Beach and John Lamirande
JoAnn Bell
Karen Bell and Robert M. Cox, Jr.
David and Sally Benjamin
David and Lida Bernard
Marcia Binney
Chris and Catherine Boucher
Peter Brau and Beth Fritzsche
Casey Breton
Dale Brown and Curtis Gollrad
Hugo Burnham
Michael and Nina Calomo
George and Judy Carter
Bill and Betsey Colby
Joan and Hugh Collier
Columbia Insurance Agency, Inc.
John and Polly Connors
Roger Corbin and Liz Serpa
Phil and Mary-Alice Curcuru
Phil and Eve (deceased) Cutter
Theresa Dannaher
Steve and Dawn Dexter
Cathy and Stephen Doe
Barbe Ennis and Stefan Abramo
Susan and Gregory Federspiel
Lyn Fenollosa
Mrs. Andrea Fincke
Ed Fischer and Dawn Pratson
C.B. Fisk, Inc.
Victoria Fortune
Helene French
Leslie and Caleb Friday
Cathy and Mark Fulford
Jane Gagliardi
Rosanna Garcia and Paul Rummel
Lucile Gatchell

Bonnie Sylvester and Jonas R. Gavelis
Gloucester High School Class of 1967 Reunion Committee
Jennifer Gillis
Gloucester Writers Center
David Goddess Fund
Anthony and Samantha Goddess
Samantha Goddess and friends
Rosalyn and Richard Gold
Janet and Mark Gottesman
Jerry and Pattie Goulart
Megan and Matthew Graziano
Gary Griffis and Leslie Pearlman
Catherine Gunn
Carl and Judy Gustin
Patricia Hadley
Jon Hardy and Alexandra Rhinelander
Jay and Karen Harrison
Edward Hart and Anita Robbo
Paula and Gerald Hart
Carol and Taylor Hedges
Robert Heineman and Susie Field
Dick Higgins
Juliana and Peter Hood
Kevin Hutchinson and Kathy McLearn
Fred and Deanie Johnson
Martin Joyce-Brady
Jonathan Katz and Norah Wylie
Eileen Kelley
Karen Kenny and Philip Chase
Lynne Khambaty
Ben Kiser
Peter and Karen Koch-Weser
Amy Kohut
Justine and Michael Laurie
Joann and Rob Leavitt
Linda Lamarche
Carol Linsky
Jackie Littlefield
Debra Lucey
Marianne Lufkin



Matt and Rosemary Lundberg
 Noel Mann
 Francis and Gail Masse
 John and Mary Ann McCormick
 Dan and Jenifer McDougall
 Dennis McGurk
 Carol McNeill
 Mermade Press
 Fern Miller
 Katie Misuraca
 Marty Morgan Lindsay
 Sean and Colleen Murdock
 Charles and Stella Nahatis
 National Grid
 Stevie Neal
 Ralph and Maureen Noble
 North Shore Orthodontics
 Ruth and Kirk Noyes
 Jason O'Connor and friends
 Orlando & Associates PC
 Daniel Ottenheimer and Martha Morgan
 Amanda and Andrew Pacholec
 Simon and Beth Paddock
 John Curtis Perry and Sarah Hollis Perry
 Isabel Pett and friends

Ralph and Irene Pierce
 Kathy and Ted Pomfret
 Jonathan and Susan Pope
 Jane Porter
 Mark and Pamela Poulin
 Nora Priest
 Dianne Quigley
 James and Amy Racofsky
 Al and Erica Raine
 Amy Randazza
 Ben and Courtney Richardson
 Linda and Bucky Rogers
 Denise Rouleau
 Robert M. Russell
 Bob and Debbie Ryan
 Rich and Nancy Safier
 Gail Sarofeen and Peter Wolfskehn
 Mary Saunders
 Jessica Schwarzenbach
 Robert and Sandra Shea
 Pauline Sheedy
 Christopher Sicuranza
 Gary and Dorothy Siden
 Julie Siden
 David and Patricia Slade
 LeeAnn Smith
 Marianne Smith and friends
 Peter Souza
 Anne-Seymour St. John and Albert Ellis

Heather Stewart and Caitlin Featherstone
 Naomi Stonberg
 Jack and Marie Sweeney
 Anthony and Wendy Tarricone
 Deborah Telep
 Susan Towne
 Janet and Billy Trefry
 Janet Ulwick and Stephen Sacca
 Sarah Warren
 Teresa R Weber
 Brian and Dee Dee Weed
 Michael and Candace Wheeler
 Beth White
 Randy and Heather Widtfeldt
 Tom and Kristin Zarrella
 Millie Zinck
 Glenda Zink
CONTRIBUTORS (UP TO \$100)
 Albano Electric Co., LLC
 Susan Albiero
 Jillian Amero
 Anonymous
 James Arabian
 Amy and Brian Barry
 Selma Bell
 Mary Benham
 Elizabeth Bish, D.C.
 Sharon and James Bragg
 Jenn Brooks

Garrett Brown
 Bill Bruns
 Daisy Buchanan
 Michelle Budrow
 Margaret and Andrew Calkins
 Irma Cohen
 Phyllis and Douglas Comeau
 Linda D Cook
 Peter Cunningham
 Jackie Curley
 Edward and Beth Dahlmer
 Rachel Davis
 Brent Davison
 Melissa Dimond
 Georgia Dominick
 Stefan Edick
 Dani Farina
 Jeffrey and Melissa Francis
 Cynde Francis
 Janet and Frank Garrison
 Timothy and Celeste Geary
 Jodi Gennodie
 Douglas Gesler and Jean Reiser
 Marianne Giambanco Paquette
 Gina Glendening
 Abigail and Alex Gold
 Nome and Dan Graham
 Tony Gross and Abbie Lundberg
 Jim Gutstadt and Nancy Goodman
 Anne Haendiges
 Caroline Haines
 Susan Hall
 Diane and Scott Horne
 Mark and Jane Jenkins
 Dede and David Johnson
 Miranda and Carl Johnson
 Debi and Ed King

Mrs. Barbara Kozel
 Cassandra Kreitzberg
 Peter and Pam Lane
 Tom Lattof
 Amy Lew
 Sarah Lonberg-Lew
 Jill MacWhinnie
 Adah Marker
 Katy Marques
 Paul and Catherine McGeary
 Roger McNeill
 Barry Moir and Laila Goodman
 Barbara Motl
 Avis Murray
 Betsy Nalley
 Michelle Nicastro
 Bruce and Kimberly O'Connor
 Arlene and Gerald O'Neil
 Elaine and Thomas Paradis
 Stacey Pawson
 Christin Peterson
 Corey Pinkham
 Barnaby Prendergast
 Geoffrey Raine
 Martin and Kay Ray
 David Rideout and Heidi Redston
 Michael and Anne Ronan
 Sandra and John Ronan
 Scott and Fran Salah
 Marc and Sydelle Sandler
 Anna Sanfilippo
 Claudia Schweitzer
 Shaw's
 Jessica Shore
 Jonah and Bayla Siegel
 Jody Simoes
 Lisa Smith
 Patti Spanks
 Adrienne Sweet
 Lee Swekla

Frances Taplett
 Hazel Von Roseninge
 Heidi Wakeman and Coley Bryan
 Grace Wall
 James and Lea Watson
 Tad and Muffy White
 Peter and Leah Willett
 Ariane Wolff
 Tim and Megara Wood

GEF'S HONOR-A-TEACHER PROGRAM:
Donations were made recognizing the following educators

Gregg Bach
 Celestino Basile
 Debbi Biondo
 Jessica Brigham
 Paula Brown
 MaryKate Cannavan
 Laura Carlson
 Dawn Chaisson
 Shannon Comeau
 James Cook
 Jane Cullen
 Alyssa D'Antonio
 Stephanie Davis
 Janet Dickinson
 Kerri Donahue
 Max Feely
 Ruth Flaherty
 Krystal Fleming
 Rich Francis
 Rory Gentile
 GHS Teachers
 Dan Graham
 Jennifer Grant
 Lisa Groleau
 Jacqueline Hernandez
 Abigail Hood
 Telena Imel
 Dan Jewett
 Herberta Johnson
 Shannon Killian
 Jamie Klopotoski
 Steve Lacey

Kim LaCoste
 Alexandra Legendre
 Jessica Lichtenwald
 Lori Lukegord-Johns
 Barbara de Oliviera
 Jeff Maddalena
 Anna Makris
 Rayanne Menery
 Carlos Menezes, Jr.
 Laurie Mott
 Carrie Mueller
 Amanda Pastel
 Michael Perreault
 Jack Porter
 Rachel Rex
 Timothy Rose
 Kerri Russo
 Amy Sanchez
 Sarah Scafidi
 Lauren Sclafani
 Grace Scola
 McKayla Shaw
 Khris Silveria
 Megan Speidel
 Sarah Tjlasma
 Christine Travers
 Sarah Waitkus
 Allison Walsh
 Cynthia Wonson

GIFTS WERE MADE IN HONOR OF:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bolland
 Kathy Clancy
 Neville Clancy
 Rosario Giambanco-Floyd
 Nancy Leavitt
 Barbara Schlichte
 Emily Siegel
 Rev. Lawrence Starr and Valerie Wolf
 Robin Towne

GIFTS WERE MADE IN MEMORY OF:

Val Babson
 Jim Dowd
 Ann Hurd
 Roger Parady

THANK YOU!

Treely Dowd, Marty Del Vecchio, Emily Siegel, Heather Widtfeldt, Roseann Vidal, Amy Donnelly, Erin Schondelmeier, and Lexi Thomas for photographs.

2022-23 VOLUNTEERS AND IN-KIND SUPPORT

VOLUNTEERS

Heather Widtfeldt,
Event Chair, Power of Play
Beth Calomo, Event Chair,
Bowl for Education
Maiuza Alves
Michele Ameno
Misty Amero
Kim Bouchie
Joanna Bushfield
Joe Calomo
Ingrid Conti
Beth Dahlmer
Rebecca Dowd
Marty Del Vecchio
Maria Galante
Abigail Gold
Chelsea Goldstein-Walsh
Jordan Hoffman
Doug Kerr
Erica Keyes
Joana Lima
Aria McElhenny
Kristin Michel
Carlotta Patten
Amy Racofsky
Christina Ursul
Members of:
GHS Docksidiers
GHS Football Team
GHS Photography/
Videography
GHS Drama Club
GHS Interact Club
GHS Student Council
GHS National Honor
Society
...and many other GHS
student volunteers!

IN-KIND SUPPORT

1623 Studios
Bass Rocks Golf Club
Beauport Financial Services
The Bookstore of
Gloucester
Cape Ann Art Haven
Cape Ann Lanes
Cape Ann Museum
Cape Ann YMCA
Cape Ann Whale Watch
City of Gloucester
Dogtown Books
Duckworth's Gloucester
The Event Company
Gloucester Stage
Company
Gloucester Marine
Genomics Institute
Greater Cape Ann
Chamber of Commerce
Hammond Castle Museum
Kindred Gardens Early
Learning & Care
Oak to Ember
MAGMA
Maritime Gloucester
Mystery Train Records
Pathways for Children
Sassy Square Marketing
Schooner Adventure
Seaside Circus
Short & Main
Tonno
Treetop Yoga
WS Game Company

"By volunteering with GEF, I have been able to help bring science and discovery to kids in the Gloucester area. When I see these kids light up with curiosity and wonder and achievement, I realize how incredibly important this is and how lucky I am to be doing this with GEF."

—DOUG KERR

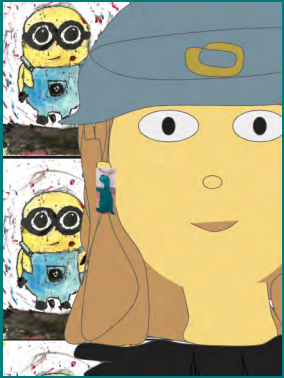
"My season as a Gloucester public school parent is ending, but I will continue to make time to support GEF. I've enjoyed connecting with other volunteers and being involved in fun events that raise money to improve the opportunities in our schools."

—BETH CALOMO



"Volunteering with GEF as a new resident of Gloucester has helped me connect with the community, discover with like-minded individuals, and foster a sense of belonging for my family while also providing a fulfilling way to utilize my marketing skills."

—JOANA LIMA



www.thinkthebest.org Phone: (978) 282-5550  @gloucestereducationfoundation  @gloucestereducationfound



PO Box 1104
Gloucester, MA 01931

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Gloucester, MA
Permit #17



ALUMNI UPDATE

REBECCA DOWD
GHS Class of 2019
Wesleyan University Class of 2023
GEF Intern, 2021-22

“I wasn’t sure I would be prepared when I got to college. But once I got there, I never felt that out of my depth academically because throughout my time in the Gloucester Public Schools I had learned to think creatively, make connections, and experience inspiration.

Take the bridge-building project I did at O’Maley. From the start, the expectation was never that the bridges would last. The fun was discovering how many people you could pile on—the more the better!—and the thrill of it finally crashing the (safe) foot or two to the ground.

This project, like so many the Gloucester Education Foundation has supported over the years, taught me that it’s OK to be a beginner. So when I got to college I knew it was safe to try new things, and I wasn’t afraid to fail.”