



SOMERSET HILLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

NEWS

Message From The Board

The Somerset Hills Education Foundation made remarkable strides during this year. We celebrated our tenth anniversary at the annual Chili Cook-Off, an event whose attendance (500) and net proceeds (\$60,000) have doubled over three years. Its success has fueled growth in the programs that we can support. Capped by \$41,000 to fund 26 grants this year, we have now dispersed \$158,000 to fund 112 mini-projects over our life. Further, we have committed \$73,000 to date to a new initiative – Computers on Wheels – that will provide a movable cart containing wireless laptops for each school in the district.

SHEF was pleased to be honored by the Middle Atlantic Consortium of Education Foundations with its “In Search of Excellence” award in recognition of our outstanding fundraising performance at the Chili Cook-Off event. To advance our partnership with the community, SHEF is now a member of the Bernardsville Chamber of Commerce and will actively participate in the upcoming Unity Day event.

We thank all of you for your past support, but wish to highlight several areas where we could still use your help. Many employers will match a gift made to an Education Foundation – if that applies, please enclose your company's matching gift form with any donation to SHEF. You may also make a contribution to SHEF through the annual United Way appeal offered by many employers – simply fill in our name (Somerset Hills Education Foundation) and tax identification number (22-344-6481) as a specific agency of choice. Finally, we are seeking additional volunteers or trustees to help our efforts, especially those with skill or interest in finance, fundraising, information technology, law, or marketing. We believe that SHEF brings great value to the district – if you agree, please contact us by any of the means shown in this newsletter or our website: www.shefnj.org.

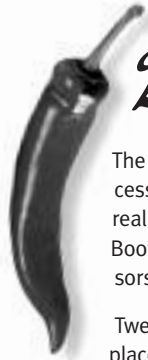
Sincerely,

Keith Kebel, Chairman

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Annual Giving Envelope is attached



2006 chili cook-off was a sell out!

The 2006 SHEF Chili Cook-Off, chaired by Tiffany Eby and Valerie Zanardi, was another tremendous success, raising \$60,000 to fund programs and projects in The Somerset Hills School District. Profits were realized from a combination of Ticket Sales, 50/50 Raffle, Silent Auction, Gambling Saloon, and a Photo Booth. This year, for the first time, we were pleased to have some of our expenses underwritten by sponsors, thus increasing the percentage of contributions dedicated to SHEF programs.

Twenty-three area chefs served up chili to the 500 partygoers, with the FlavorGeeks™ ranking first place in both the Celebrity Chefs' Choice and the Popular Choice. Ed McDowell and his crew tied for 1st place in the Popular Choice. In the Chefs' category, recognition also went to Patty Cookson (2nd place) and Angela Calzetta / Adam Zweig (3rd place). We would especially like to express our gratitude to our hosts Susan and Bob Landmesser.

At this year's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off we celebrated SHEF's ten wonderful years by recognizing all of the former trustees who have made SHEF what it is today. We would also like to thank all of the participants who competed and all of the advertisers and donors of auction items and supplies for their support in enhancing our children's education.

See our website- www.shefnj.org –

for a listing and thank you to all of the local merchants and families
who contributed goods and services to our main fundraising event.

Financial Contributions

A sincere thank you to all who have generously donated to SHEF in the 2005-2006 school year:

Ray & Tricia Abbiatici
Lisa Bothwell Abowitz
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2005-2006 SHEF GRANTS

The Somerset Hills Educational Foundation (SHEF) is pleased to support innovative programs in The Somerset Hills School District. Over the past ten years, dedicated trustees have donated time, energy, and enthusiasm to help SHEF accept donations totaling over \$220,000. This current school year, SHEF has dispersed over \$40,000 of the proceeds from fundraising efforts to the following grants:

Bedwell Elementary School

Fall 2005 Grants: Marilyn Burns Math Library, Community Connection, Computer Supported Writing, Miles Across America, Renzulli Learning, Attention Training in the Classroom

Spring 2006 Grants: Bedwell Bookroom, Bedwell Beats to the Djembe Drums, Hot off the Press for Teachers, Handmade Books

Bernardsville Middle School

Fall 2005 Grants: Cutting Edge Multi-Media Possibilities

Spring 2006 Grants: Electronic Classroom Jeopardy Update, World News @ Your Fingertips! (Both grants will be jointly used by BHS as well)

Bernards High School

Fall 2005 Grants: Community, Industrial and Agricultural Effects on Mine Brook, A Picture is Worth 1000 Words, InFocus, Computerized Molecular Modeling Chemistry Class, Financial Strategies, Improving Peer Leadership, Music/Art Research Paper, Hands-On Journalism, Powerful Portfolios

Spring 2006 Grants: Studio Extreme, "Lights, Camera, Action!," "Programmed for Success!"

District

Fall 2005 Grants: SASI Safety Initiative- Handheld Student Database

Detailed descriptions of all 2005-2006 grants can be found at www.shefnj.org.

COWs in the Classroom

SHEF has committed to finance a new campaign entitled Computers on Wheels (COWs), which is a versatile way to bring much needed mobile technology to our students and teachers. A mobile cart bundle of 24 notebooks and a network printer will be purchased for each school in the district. Every notebook has a wireless connection to the cart, plugging into our district's network and providing internet access while having the freedom to move anywhere. Bringing a COWs cart into the classroom will provide computer access for a full class of students at one time, enabling the introduction of 21st-Century skills, enhancing student achievement, and improving the educational environment. "COWs in the classroom will make our children more competitive in a technology-dominated world," states Mr. Peter Miller, Superintendent of Schools.

To date, SHEF has pledged \$73,000, which in turn has purchased 42 laptops and 3 mobile cart bundles with network printers. We are pleased to announce that the Middle School COWs cart is fully outfitted and ready to use at the opening of the 2006 school year. SHEF is committed to continue funding this valuable project and hopes to complete the COWs carts at Bedwell and BHS in this coming year.

Donations to help continue the funding of the COWs program are being accepted on an on-going basis and are tax deductible. Please see the attached Annual Giving envelope for details.

SHEF Joins Chamber

SHEF has joined the Bernardsville Chamber of Commerce. Please come visit our booth at Unity Day at Nervine Pond on Saturday, October 7th.



Financial Report

SHEF Financial Report 2005-2006

Opening Balance		\$61,651
Receipts		\$99,986
Chili Cook-Off Revenue	\$74,148	
BHS Centennial	\$17,000	
Matching Gifts/United Way	\$3,505	
Vendor Campaign	\$2,575	
COWs Donations	\$2,450	
Interest	\$308	
Disbursements		\$128,895
Classroom Grants	\$40,947	
COWs Grant	\$69,060	
Chili Cook-Off Expenses	\$14,526	
Insurance	\$1,612	
Fencing Teams Grant	\$1,297	
Postal, Printing, Website	\$772	
Permits & Memberships	\$680	
Closing Balance		\$32,743

Giving Is As Easy As 223-446-481

Did you know that SHEF contributions can be made through the annual **United Way** appeal, which many organizations make available to their employees? All your family has to do is fill in our official name (Somerset Hills Education Foundation) and our Tax Identification number (223-446-481) as the specific agency choice for the United Way to which you would like to contribute.

Many companies also offer **Matching Gifts**. A full 100% of your donation to SHEF is matched and the funds are allocated to innovative programs for the children in The Somerset Hills School District. Please see the attached donation card to take advantage of these giving opportunities.

Please note that we have attached an envelope for our **Annual Giving campaign**. The Foundation enjoys 501(c)(3) status, so all donations are tax deductible and your support promotes educational opportunities for the 2,000 students at the Bedwell Elementary School, Bernardsville Middle School, and Bernards High School.

Please visit our website at www.shefnj.org if you are interested in volunteering to help on any of the Board's committees. Everyone is welcome!

Financial Contributions cont.

- Richard & Denise Diamond
- Bob & Linda DiBias
- Vinny & Wendy DiLeonardo
- John & Sandy Dobash
- Michael & Jamie Dobbs
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SHEF Celebrates Its 10th Anniversary!

It has been 10 years since a group of community leaders, business associates, and friends formed the Somerset Hills Education Foundation (SHEF) to focus on extending the quality education offered by The Somerset Hills School District. Throughout, our mission has remained the same: to promote and provide educational opportunities through innovative programs and projects.

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Save the Date For the 4th Annual
chili cook-off

Saturday, March 24, 2007

Co-chairs: Amy Chatwin (953.0804)
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Please contact either of them if you are interested in
volunteering with SHEF's major fundraising event.

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