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For the last two years, the Glastonbury Education Foundation (GEF) has been actively working to promote excellence, innovation and creativity in education for our children and community. This report is, in essence, a biannual community report to keep Glastonbury residents and corporate citizens apprised of our activities, contributions and future plans. In two years we raised \$170,000 to fund activities that fall outside the scope of the Board of Education, PTSO and PTO budgets.

Our first initiative involved the entire community. In 2004 we teamed with The Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce and UCONN research experts to distribute a survey to every Glastonbury household to learn what issues and ideas citizens would like the foundation and the Chamber of Commerce to address. The results have served as a roadmap to guide our board of directors in determining GEF projects and priorities.

The foundation is committed to supporting community-school partnerships as well as projects that meet the increasing requirements of 21st century education for our children and teachers. Our accomplishments are highlighted in this report. The foundation worked with the Board of Education and Superintendent Alan Bookman in determining the best use of the funds.

Notably, results of the audio enhancement pilot, a program in which a teacher's voice is amplified so all students in the classroom can hear the teacher equally well regardless of where they sit, as well as the tablet laptop pilot program, appear to be unmitigated successes. Two visiting expert speakers we brought to Glastonbury— Pulitzer Prize winning author and historian, Doris Kearns Goodwin, and national expert on adolescent brain development, Michael Nerney— were extremely well received.

Currently, the GEF is concentrating its efforts on building and equipping a state-of-the-art digital communications center to be housed in the high school. Fundraising for Phase 1 of this project is complete and construction on the studio has begun. We have allocated \$70,000 to purchase enough equipment for a club to form and for use by January 2007. Our annual November fundraiser raised over \$130,000 of which \$90,000 is for Phase 2 to finish equipping the studio, which is scheduled to open for high school classes and community use next fall.

Members of the foundation board are proud of the role we have been able to play to promote excellence, innovation and creativity in education for our children and community. There is still much to be done and it could not have been done without the support of Glastonbury residents and businesses. I also want to thank current and past board members, ex-officio members, advisors, and the many volunteers who have devoted many hours to our many projects. A special thank you goes to the Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce board and staff for providing administrative and clerical support, and the hundreds of donors, sponsors and contributors to the foundation.

Sincerely,
Ira W. Yellen, APR
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