

2008 Financial Grant Recipients

Environment

Lace School Outdoor Education \$1,875 Darien, Illinois

The outdoor education trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the 5th grade students. It's a three-day camp-like experience away from home. The trip is an emotionally charged, action packed adventure designed to give children an understanding of nature. The children will learn survival skills such as tracking, compass use and animal encounters; they also learn about leather working, geology, microscopes and aquatic studies. Our Grant to Lace School Outdoor Education will enable students to attend who otherwise would not be able to afford the trip.

Blooming Earth Garden \$ 500 Carol Stream, Illinois

The Blooming Earth Garden is an outdoor classroom that will provide an exciting hands-on learning experience across all elementary grade levels at Evergreen Elementary School in Carol Stream. The four season outdoor classroom will feature three separate areas—a bird garden; a prairie garden; and a butterfly garden.

Hinsdale South High School
Courtyard Project \$3,000 Darien, Illinois

The Hinsdale South High School Courtyard project is an ongoing project. The courtyard will provide an outdoor performance area, house an outdoor learning laboratory and will improve the aesthetics of the campus. This project will have a performance area that will be used for musical and dramatic presentations. The outdoor learning laboratory will be used by AP Environmental Science, Ecology, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Environmental Concerns Club.

Literacy

This is Me, Inc. \$2,250

Chicago, Illinois

This is ME Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping Chicago-area adolescent and teen girls thrive. The grant will help fund a program called Hanson Park Literacy Project. Books have been purchased for all the members of this project.

St Gregory Episcopal School \$2,250

Chicago, Illinois

St Gregory Episcopal School is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that provides high-quality elementary education to boys from low-income communities in order to prepare them for admission to private and selective secondary schools. The grant will help aid in a remedial reading and writing program.

Theater Arts

The Actors with Special Needs

Theater Group \$2,500

LaGrange, Illinois

The Special Needs Theater program is under the umbrella of the LaGrange Township Adult and Community Education program. The mission is to provide an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to learn about theatre, perform in a production, learn acting and music skills, and work as a cohesive team to put on a musical production.

Chicago Hope Academy \$1,000

Chicago, Illinois

Chicago Hope Academy is a private non-denominational Christian High School located on the near west side of Chicago. The grant was requested to help develop and strengthen their drama club, as it serves as an outlet for the students' creativity and talents. The Grant will enable the program to go the next level.

Music

Wood Dale Jr. High School Guitars \$2,500 Wood Dale, Illinois

At Wood Dale Jr. High School all students receive music as part of their yearly curriculum. With the grant money Wood Dale Jr. High School will purchase 20-24 guitars to allow all 8th grade students hands-on instrumental instruction.

Cass Jr. High Band \$2,500 Darien, Illinois

The Cass Jr. High School music program has had many financial cuts over the years. They started a program called Band Enrichment through Master Classes. This effort has helped Cass Jr. High band develop a strong, successful band program. This grant will help defray cost of the Master Classes.

Keeneyville Elementary School
Jazz Band \$1,000 Hanover Park, Illinois

“Keeping the Beat” is a program that will provide musical experience for students who might not otherwise be able to afford the opportunity to gain skills that encourage a lasting joy for listening to and performing instrument music. Our grant will help with the cost of the summer program for “Keeping the Beat”.