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The Hamilton Wenham Education Fund
Annual Report to the Community
2009-2010



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Edfund Adopts
**New
Strategic Plan**



The Hamilton Wenham Education Fund is an independent, non-profit organization committed to advancing educational excellence in the Hamilton Wenham regional schools.

Investment Overview

FY2009-2010

Total Endowment <small>6/30/10</small>	\$ 1,289,084
Net Operating Income	\$ 84,927
Net Investment Income	\$ 26,831
Total Net Income	\$ 111,758

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We are the Edfund

Dear Hamilton Wenham Community,



Ken Wilson
Edfund President
2009-2010

This year has been an exciting time for the Hamilton Wenham Edfund. We decided to undertake our first long range planning process while continuing some of our fun and exciting community events. Our annual Christmas Tree Sale and entertaining Idol and Trivia Contests attracted both young and old, and provided for great community gatherings. I particularly want to thank all of our student volunteers for their help and participation with all these events.

I also want to thank everyone who contributed to our annual appeal. Your donations helped the Edfund to grant approximately \$85,000 to our schools this year. We appreciate and depend on you to make a difference in our public schools.

The Edfund is on the move as we head into our 20th year. We mark this exciting birthday with a new plan to expand the breadth and reach of our volunteer board and enhance our interaction with the schools and the community. The Edfund founders had a great vision over 20 years ago when they established a permanent and sustainable endowment that could provide annual grant funding for items above and beyond the school budget to support excellence in our public schools. What they could not foresee is how complex and difficult funding public education and education reform would become today. We hope our new Strategic Plan will establish a framework for the Edfund boards of the future to be at the front edge of the discussions and the potential solutions. I am proud to say that we are on the leading edge of educational foundations in the nation today and are often referenced as a model for establishing educational foundations in other communities.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at our events and schools during the 2010-2011 school year.



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Wilson'.

Ken Wilson
President
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Hamilton Wenham Education Fund

The Hamilton Wenham Edfund

Making a Difference Today and Building a Legacy of Support for Tomorrow



Deb Evans
Edfund Vice President
2009-2010

The Edfund Mission

The Hamilton Wenham Education Fund is an independent, non-profit organization committed to advancing educational excellence in the Hamilton Wenham regional schools.

Building on the Past | Celebrating 20 years

The Edfund has a rich 20-year history and long legacy of support for our public schools. Established as a community initiative in 1990 with the principal goal of building a permanent endowment fund to perpetually support our public schools, we have built a strong foundation for their benefit. The vision of our founding members and your contributions over the past two decades have enabled the Edfund to fulfill its commitment to advancing educational excellence.

Making a Difference Today

The Edfund is a community of volunteers led by a board of directors consisting of 20 residents from Hamilton and Wenham. As outlined in our new Strategic Plan, the Edfund will be a leader in focusing community involvement and collaboration to advance education in our public schools. We sponsor “fun” and “fund” raising events throughout the year to build spirit and broaden participation in the community. The Edfund is a community effort, supported by hundreds of contributors and volunteers, local businesses and family foundations. We depend on support from people like you!

Planning for Tomorrow

The Edfund, through its Strategic Plan, will be enhancing its grant-making process to better enable our schools to access opportunities available to enrich the student experience. In addition to project specific grants, we are introducing a mini-grant program to provide smaller grants to faculty on a rolling basis. We will also expand our fundraising activities toward soliciting larger resources to fund these activities and continuing to build the endowment.

Thank You Hamilton and Wenham

The Edfund is powered by the contributions of dollars, time and commitment from residents of our two towns. Your contributions and involvement over the years have had a direct impact on the quality of education in our regional schools. This is what makes the Hamilton Wenham Edfund unique.

Edfund Events

Building Community throughout the Year

Event Chairs

Edfund Idol
Heather Ryan
Edfund Trivia
Charlotte Lidrbauch
Annual Appeal
Bonnie Hammerl
Christmas Tree Sale
Ed Hogan

This year's Edfund Idol Contest brought out a talented group of students from elementary through middle school. The annual Christmas Tree Sale was a terrific kick-off to the holiday season; we are very grateful for the ongoing community support in purchasing trees from the Edfund. In this year's Team Trivia Challenge, Team Menudo narrowly defeated last year's first place victors, The Grateful Dads. Rocket Power again won the Junior Division trophy.

We are always looking for other fundraising event ideas. If you have one, please let us know! Contact us at hwedfund@comcast.net.

October

Edfund Idol
Showcasing
Local Talent

November

Annual Appeal
Donate Online
www.hwedfund.org

December

Christmas Trees
Students Volunteer
Community Cheer

April

Edfund Trivia
Team Menudo
Wins Competition



HW Edfund Strategic Plan 2010-2015 Revised Vision and Mission

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The Edfund embarked on a strategic planning process in February, 2009, to determine its future role in developing a public/private partnership to advance public education in the Hamilton Wenham regional school district. President Cathy Lanois appointed a Strategic Planning Committee and the Edfund retained Bill Jaques of Jaques & Company, non-profit development consultants, to help design and facilitate the planning process.

The opening sentences of the Edfund's new Vision Statement captures the intent of this Strategic Plan: **The Hamilton Wenham Education Fund will be a dedicated advocate committed to enhancing educational excellence in Hamilton and Wenham. We will be a leader in harnessing community involvement and collaboration to advance our public schools.**

The Committee began its work in March 2009 and completed its task in December with unanimous adoption of this new Plan by the Edfund Board of Directors. The planning process included numerous committee meetings, interviews with various HWRSD personnel, leaders of school support organizations, Hamilton and Wenham town officials, state government officials, representatives of educational foundations/organizations in other communities, educational experts, and community members. Committee meetings also included traditional development and planning tools, environmental and organizational analyses, and vision formation, strategy development and implementation plans.

"All of the directors of the Edfund are very excited and pleased about our new Strategic Plan. We believe it will provide a roadmap for expanded education and dialogue on fundraising in general, the funding of public education, and education reform. We hope our plan will help us to understand and work collectively to solve the funding issues in our community. We are proud of, and grateful for, the collective commitment that this plan represents to the future and to the children of our community."

Ken Wilson
President

Initiatives of the Strategic Plan

The Edfund Board has reorganized itself internally to implement and manage the strategic initiatives developed under this five year Plan. Committees, comprised of Board members and other volunteers from the community, have been formed to manage these initiatives as follows:

Communications

Launch and sustain an enhanced communications initiative to raise visibility of the Edfund and enhance communication with faculty, students, and community members.

Development

Develop additional fundraising programs to expand resources for program enhancement, endowment, and capital projects.

Grants

Broaden grant making to improve the “product” -- substance and quality of the student experience, encouragement of curricular development/innovation, quality of teaching, and long-term good health of the schools.

Community Involvement

Involve and engage more stakeholders: townspeople, volunteers, donors, school district administration, and town officials.

Board and Governance

Strengthen the Edfund’s knowledge about schools, educational landscape/trends, school reform and school funding reform, and best practices for education foundations.

“The Edfund looks forward to leading these efforts to ensure that our children get the kind of education that they need for the 21st Century. The challenges of public schools today are not just in Hamilton and Wenham but across Massachusetts and the nation. We want to be in the forefront of meeting these challenges and making a positive impact to solve them.”

Deb Evans
Vice President

Edfund Grants

Preparing our Students for Today's World



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The Grant Process

The board solicits and receives grant applications submitted annually by each school. The Grants Committee reviews the school requests, collects information and makes recommendations to the Edfund board for approval.

Grants Awarded in 2009-2010

Edfund grants have affected all levels of the educational experience in our district. This year's grants were unique in that they enhanced technology already in place. For example, the elementary and the middle school mathematics grant requests were for technology to be used with existing Smartboards. The middle school English proposal called for additional computers, and the high school proposal was for an additional computer lab as the existing lab was fully utilized.

Grants remain the cornerstone of the Edfund's support with the goal to broaden grant making to improve the "product" - substance and quality of the student experience, encouragement of curricular development/innovation, quality of teaching, and long-term good health of the schools.

The Edfund will be enhancing its grant-making process in future years to better enable our schools to provide opportunities to enrich the student classroom experience. In addition to project specific grants, we are introducing a mini-grant program to provide smaller grants to faculty on a rolling basis. It is hoped these mini-grants will enable teachers to bring subject-specific experiences directly to the classroom.

+ **FACT:** Since its inception in 1990, the Edfund has funded more than \$600,000 in grants to the Hamilton Wenham Regional School District.



Your donations directly effect the classroom experience

In 2009-2010, \$84,980 in grants were awarded

\$42,432

Elementary Schools

Buker, Cutler, Winthrop

- 15 SMART Document Cameras
- 18 SMART Wireless Slates
- 18 SMART Response Systems
- 12 FLIP Video Cameras

Connecting Our Students to the 21st Century

Project requested new technology to broaden the capabilities of elementary classroom Smartboards previously purchased by the Edfund and parent groups.

\$8,580

Middle School

Miles River

- 4 SENTEO Response Systems
- Support Components

SENTEOs for Mathematics

Grant purchased 4 sets of SENTEO handheld interactive response systems that were made available to all grade 6-8 math classrooms. The new math program has numerous components that directly link to the system.

\$4,020

- 8 HP Desktop Computers

Computers for Writers

Grant purchased two desktop computers for each grade 6-8 English classrooms. Students are able to work on writing and editing assignments in the classroom.

\$29,948

High School

Hamilton Wenham Regional

- 30 HP Laptop Computers
- 1 Printer
- 1 Wireless Access Port
- 1 Cart

Mobile Technology Lab

Grant created a mobile laptop lab with 30 laptops and a printer, providing high school students a much needed alternative venue for conducting research and writing projects.



The Edfund Endowment

Assuring Future Enhancements for our Schools



Carolyn Libelo
Treasurer



Investment Committee
Mark Johnson
Chair

The Endowment as a Source of Revenue

Our endowment fund is an investment vehicle used to generate a permanent source of revenue. Annual fundraising activities and income from the endowment's investment portfolio helps it grow. The ultimate goal is to grow a sustainable endowment that will perpetually provide funds for grants from the income it generates.

Endowment Management

The Edfund retains a professional investment advisor to manage the endowment fund investments. Management of the fund is carried out under the guidelines of a written investment policy of the board. Edfund directors with professional investment experience serve as liaisons between the board and the investment advisor and monitor the performance of the endowment portfolio on an ongoing basis.

The Amount of Funds Available for Grants Each Year

The Edfund board calculates an annual percentage of the endowment fund balance at fiscal year-end to allocate grants to the schools. This is a traditional endowment funding formula that maximizes the benefit to our students today while ensuring the growth of the endowment for tomorrow.

Ways to Give to the Edfund

All gifts are acknowledged with a personal note to the donor and recognition in the Edfund Annual Report.

Annual Giving - make a donation in response to our annual appeal or directly to Hamilton Wenham Education Fund, P.O. Box 2433, South Hamilton, MA 01982. You may also make a donation online by visiting our website, www.hwedfund.org.

Honorary and Memorial Giving - make a donation as described above in honor of or in memory of a favorite faculty member or other person of your choice. These gifts are also acknowledged to the recipient.

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Corporate and Foundation Giving - sponsorship of the Edfund by corporations and foundations has a significant direct impact on advancing education in our schools. We welcome this support and will recognize corporations and foundations that sponsor the Edfund in press releases, publications, and our website, bringing visibility to your company, product or service.

Financial Report

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Edfund
FY2009-2010

Income

Annual Appeal	80,787
Other Gifts	19,436
Christmas Trees	7,645
Trivia Challenge Night	1,421
Account Interest & Misc	422

Total Gross Income from Operations **\$ 109,711**

Expenses

Administrative

Annual Appeal Report, printing, supplies	4,260
Annual Appeal Administration	2,520
Postage & Delivery	970
Website Design	329
Marketing Materials	325
Miscellaneous	1,104

Legal & Accounting

Accounting & Annual Review	6,222
Filing Fees	88
Strategic Plan	7,936
Liability Insurance	1,030

Total Gross Expense from Operations **\$ 24,784**

Net Operating Income	84,927
Net Investment Income	26,831

Total Net Income **\$ 111,758**

Endowment

Total Funds 6/30/10 **\$1,289,084**

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As a result of the adoption of the Strategic Plan, the Board of Directors has reorganized the Edfund's committee structure to implement and manage the initiatives outlined in the Plan. Each of these committees is chaired by an Edfund Director and includes members from the Board as well as other members of the community who have expertise in these respective areas. The Edfund thanks these volunteers for their time and assistance in advancing public education in our regional school district.



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