

# GCEF

GARRISON  
CHILDREN'S  
EDUCATION FUND



## ANNUAL REPORT 2023 - 2024



# ABOUT GCEF

The Garrison Children's Education Fund (GCEF) is a nonprofit working to enrich the educational experiences of all children in the Garrison Union Free School District. We do this by raising funds from our school community and making grants to teachers, parents and students for projects and experiences that bring learning to life for our children.

We work in collaboration with the school's administration to support district priorities through high-quality programming in the following priority areas:

- Visual, Performing and Literary **Arts**
- **Hudson River Valley** Science, History and Heritage
- Innovative **Academic Initiatives** in All Disciplines
- **Physical Education**

Founded in 1998, GCEF has distributed nearly \$1million in grants that have benefited thousands of students in the Garrison School District.

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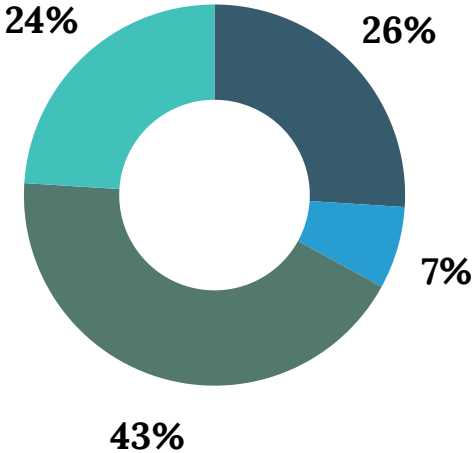
# GCEF GRANTS AT A GLANCE

Since September 2023, GCEF has allocated or committed just over **\$50,000** across a broad range of **grants that benefit all PreK - 12th grade students in Garrison**, including:

- Furnishings for a **new and improved counseling suite**, creating a safe, welcoming and comfortable environment accessible to all PreK through 8th grade students
- **Flexible seating options** to help support students' emotional, physical and sensory needs and help them better access learning in the classroom environment
- **Biographies for the third grade library** to broaden students' exposure to individuals representing diverse perspectives, experiences, historical eras and cultures
- Annual **PreK - 12th Grade Youth Climate Summit** that celebrates sustainability and our local environment while inspiring climate action
- A **special Unity Day event** with award-winning performer Jared Campbell
- **Mindful Yoga workshops** with the beloved Ms. Liz
- Ongoing **collaboration with the GUFs PTA** on annual favorites like **DEAR Week** and **After-school Enrichment**
- Several **field trips to educational institutions** throughout the region, like the Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island, West Point, and Teatown Lake Reservation
- And much more!

## FALL 2023 - FALL 2024 GRANTS ACROSS OUR PRIORITY AREAS

**Arts = \$12,800 (26%)**  
**Hudson River Valley = \$3,700 (7%)**  
**Academics = \$21,300 (43%)**  
**Physical Education = \$12,200 (24%)**



"I want to thank GCEF so much. My students really benefited from GCEF's generosity...I am so appreciative of the grants. They helped provide access to unique learning opportunities and hands-on experience for my students. These hands-on experiences are what students remember." - **Sara Stevenson, GUFs 3rd Grade Teacher**



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