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Education Foundation supports the arts at Gateway

Huntington- Over its 6-year history, the Gateway Education Foundation (GEF) has granted a total of \$11,688 to projects supporting the arts throughout the district. GEF has granted \$2,120 in funding to visual arts projects and \$9,568 to performing arts. The Foundation has helped support field trips and workshops on Broadway for band and choral students; has funded 11 musicals in the elementary and high schools; a glass fusion program at the middle school; a visiting pottery program at Chester and Littleville; a complete set of xylophones for elementary music classes; and master classes in improvisation and choreography for the Show Choir, and much more. Your donation on Giving Tuesday (November 27) can help the Foundation continue to do so.

The latest addition to the Gateway music department was the purchase of 10 Ukuleles. Beth Guertin, the middle/high school band director, was granted \$550 from the Foundation to start a Ukulele segment to the Gateway Middle School general music class. Designed to open up music to non-band students, this new and different curriculum gave opportunities for such students to quickly learn an instrument. With the generous donation of the Gateway Education Foundation, these students have found a new love for music that they otherwise may not have if it weren't for these opportunities in school.

Tuesday, November 27 is Giving Tuesday - a national day of generosity to non-profits like the Gateway Education Foundation and the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Foundation. "We need support from families, staff, alumni and community members now more than ever," said President Shirley Smith Winer, who noted that that the Gateway Education Foundation has funded 88 school and classroom projects totaling over \$90,000.

Please support the Gateway Education Foundation on Giving Tuesday by donating online (www.GatewayEducationFoundation.org) or mailing a check payable to the Gateway Education Foundation to 12 Littleville Rd., Huntington, MA 01050.

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