

GECC Chairperson Report
by Janet Ford, Chairperson
For: March 3, 2008 GECC Meeting

1. The Graustein Memorial Fund has offered the Discovery Grant to four new communities, bringing the total of Discovery communities in CT up to 53.
2. Discovery's Capacity Building program for 2008 includes three different opportunities during the year for two representatives from each Discovery community to participate in Facilitative Leadership Training offered by the Interaction Institute for Social Change (IISC). The first Facilitative Leadership Training will be held on March 17-19, 2008 from 8:30am – 5:00pm each day at the Farmington Homewood Suites in Farmington. As a result of this training in leadership development, people in organizations, schools and communities will build networks, collaborate, deepen their connections to one another, act on their commitments and achieve desired results. Some examples of IISC's work in the world include clients such as Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA, Cherish Every Child Springfield, the Ford Foundation, Public Schools of Brookline and Rochester Children's Zone.
3. 6th Community Preschool Workshop:

The seminar topic for the March 4th Preschool Workshop is “Early Literacy and Assessment.”

4. The Executive Committee met on February 15th to discuss realigning the Discovery budget in relation to the 08' – 09' Discovery Grant award.
5. Joan and I will be meeting on March 18th with the Gcf to provide a presentation with the hope of becoming a member organization as well as applying for an initial grant. In order to be a member organization we need to provide a board member for the community fund from the GECC. We need a volunteer for this position by March 15th.