

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." Certificates of Attendance for the February Workshop will be distributed.

4. The Executive Committee met on February 15th to begin realigning the Discovery budget in relation to the 08' – 09' Discovery Grant award. The committee will continue its work on this in order to submit a revised Action Plan and budget to the Graustein Memorial Fund as requested by March 31st.
5. I will be making a presentation on March 18th to the Granby Community Fund (GCF) with the intent of the GECC becoming a member organization of the GCF, as well as applying for an initial grant. In order for the GECC to be a member organization of the GCF and be eligible for annual grant consideration, the GECC needs a member of the Council to serve on the board of the GCF. This would require attending one evening meeting a month of the GCF. We need a volunteer for this position by March 15th. If you are a member of the GECC and already serve as a board member of the GCF through other community involvement, this would be a perfect fit for you. If you have interest in representing the GECC on the board of the GCF for this important annual grant consideration, please contact Joan Rogers by March 15th.