



**Upper Freehold Regional  
Education Foundation**

**“Bridging the Gap”  
Upper Freehold’s  
Community and the School Board  
Working Together**

**Back to School Night  
September 2010**

## Our Challenge – the Reality

- Reduction in 2009-2010 State Aid - **\$811K**
- Reduction in 2010-2011 State Aid - **\$1.71 Million**
- UFRSD 2010-2011 school **budget cut** by **\$4.91 Million** to meet final estimates by UF Township and Allentown Borough
  
- **Cuts were addressed by:**
  - Elimination of administrative, teaching, secretarial, para-professional, custodial, and security positions
  - Cutting extra-curricular activities, clubs, & school trips
  - Freezing or reducing necessary equipment and supplies purchases

# Our Goal and Plan – How we can “Bridge the Gap”?

- **Increase Awareness** – focus our efforts:
  - On the issues
  - On how the UFR Education Foundation can help
  - On how you can help
    - Volunteer Opportunities (time, talent, and tax-deductible contributions)
  
- **Bridge the Gap** resulting from these budget cuts by:
  - Working together with the:
    - Community
    - Parents
    - Staff
    - Students
    - School Board

# Who is **UFREF**?

## Mission Statement:

The Upper Freehold Regional Education Foundation was founded in December 2005 to:

***“Promote excellence in education by funding projects that enhance learning and education in the Upper Freehold Regional School District.”***

The UFREF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

# What have we done & how? **\$49,000** awarded since 2007

## Fundraising:

- Worked closely with community members for “Evening at the Arts” for the Music Program
- Partnered with MTFEE on “Fore the Kids” fundraiser (10/06)
- Comedy Night 2007 at Clarksburg Inn (6/07)
- **Sno-Ball Softball Tournament (2/08, 2/09, 2/10)**
- Night of Chance (3/08)
- UFREF Golf Outing (6/08)
- **Community Twilight Challenge 5-K and Children’s Fun Run (6/09, 6/10)**
- STAR Awards Program (ongoing)



## Grants:

- Formalized grant cycles in the spring and fall; managed via Grants Allocation Committee
- Awarded over **\$49,000** in grants since 2007, across 43 approved requests covering all three schools.

## Other:

- Bristol Myers Squibb grants AHS Robotics Club **\$30,000** using **UFREF** as the grant receipt vehicle.

## Opportunities to help come in several ways

VOLUNTEERING	CONTRIBUTING
Time and Talent	Tax Deductible Funds and Talent

***In collaboration with the School Board and all three Schools, the following opportunities in need of support have been identified...***

# These items can be funded by tax-deductible contributions:

## Elementary / Middle Schools:

- World Language Initiative.....**\$3,000 per semester**
- Grammar/Vocabulary “Word Work” Books Gr. 3-4.....**\$2,700**

## Middle School:

- Activity Restoration Funds:
  - Stokes (7<sup>th</sup> grade trip) – April 2011.....**\$1,308**
  - Washington, D.C. (8<sup>th</sup> grade trip) – May 2011.....**\$1,635**
  - Intramural Activities and Sports..... **\$1,000**
- Screenwriting and Filmmaking Clubs (12 kids).....**\$2,000 per ten-week session**

## High School:

- AHS Newspaper and Magazine.....**\$3,250**
- Art Advisor.....**\$3,447**
- Return Clubs: Knitting Club / Lang. Lab / Science Lab..... **\$1,380 per Club / Lab**

*“Unfortunately the drastic budget cuts necessitated the removal of many programs and field trips that our children look forward to. Hopefully with the help of generous donations to the Education Foundation, by concerned members of the community, many programs can be restored.” - Paul and Michele Anthony*

Time and Talent can be donated to help with:

**Volunteer Activities:**

- Safety Squad
- Optimist Club Advisor (HS)
- Math Enrichment Advisors
- Lunch Aides

***Please let us know if there are other causes and activities that you are interested in supporting!***



## What if I want to do more?

Sydney Guerrero  
Vice President, UFREF

- Volunteers needed
- Trustees needed
  - Seeking broad community representation
    - ✓ Including Millstone
  - Looking for experience in areas such as fundraising, public relations, grant-writing, non-profit, and legal
- Webmaster needed

***In addition to giving back, volunteering is a great way to meet new people and develop or enhance your skills!***

## Upcoming Events

- **STARs (Students, Teachers, Administration Recognition)**
  - Great way to show recognition
  - Make great Stocking Stuffers
- **Sno-Ball Softball 2011 (4<sup>th</sup> Annual)**
  - Saturday *following* Super Bowl Sunday
  - **February 12, 2011 (Save the Date)**
- **2011 Community Twilight Challenge and Kids' Fun Run (3<sup>rd</sup> Annual)**
  - **May 21, 2011 (Tentative)**

## We Hope We Helped You:

- Have a better understanding of the challenges of the community and how the UFREF, the School Board, and you can help:

### ***“BRIDGE THE GAP”***

- Spread the word and come together as a community
- Get energized and Get involved!

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