



Dear Neighbors and Friends:

SHEF Renaissance

Since its inception in 1996 as a charitable 501(c)3 organization, **Somerset Hills Education Foundation (SHEF)** has honored the mission to promote and provide education opportunities through innovative programs and projects that benefit students of The Somerset Hills School District by encouraging excellence, facilitating access to creative learning and teaching, fostering students development; building community and business partnerships and raising awareness of educational challenges and solutions. To that effect, SHEF has donated over one million dollars to the Somerset Hills School District for *innovative education projects*, big and small, directly to the district and through teacher grants.

This year, our Board of Trustees is fortunate to welcome an experienced new superintendent of schools, Dr. Brian Brotschul, as an ex-officio board member. With the addition of six new trustees, two legacy trustees and a group of dynamic faculty representatives, we form a strong partnership on a mission to strengthen access to high quality education to K-12 students in the Somerset Hills School District.

Appeal for Donations

At the heart of our mission lies the unwavering belief in the transformative power of education. With your generous support, SHEF can continue to empower young minds, create opportunities and shape brighter futures. Your contribution, no matter the size, paves the way for our students to access innovative STEAM programs, character education, student-led initiatives, and the improvement of learning experiences of neurodiverse youths. **100% of your tax-deductible donation helps** us fulfill SHSD needs for student impact.

No Cash/No Problem

Our **No Cash/ No Problem** policy means that we welcome *in-kind donations*. Now we invite you to feel deep gratitude for your blessings and be moved to share them. Here are some examples of cashless contributions that can help us reach our goals.

- Do you have vacation property or a special club membership that you might be willing to share with a lucky winner? Donate that for our holiday season raffle smorgasbord.
- Do you own or operate a local small business? Consider donating your services to add to the auction buffet we're building for our upcoming events.
- Do you have neighbors and friends who didn't get this letter? Please tell them about SHEF's work. A problem shared is a problem halved.

Our Values

We at the Somerset Hills Education Foundation hold these three beliefs as our core values:

1. Education can eliminate fundamental problems like poverty and ignorance
2. Education can build bridges between the community and a new audience of ambassadors
3. Education can empower individuals, broaden horizons, and pave the way for social progress.

If you're a neighbor and friend who aligns with these views, there are so many ways you can be a part of the SHEF solution! To find out how your contribution can be instrumental, please reach out on social media @shf_nj on Instagram & at Somerset Hills Education Foundation on Facebook or directly at www.shfnj.org

Equally, donations may be:

- made online at https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign_id=JBTHS93FQ5P4Q
- mailed to Somerset Hills Education Foundation, PO Box 533 Bernardsville, NJ 07924

Sincerely,

Olga Christie
Chair, Somerset Hills Education Foundation