

Donations Received in Memory of Teacher's Husband

BEF Endowment Fund receives substantial donations in memory of a teacher who was a BEF grant recipient

In 2007, Kathy Effenberger, a teacher at Riddle Brook School, received a grant from the Bedford Education Foundation (BEF) to attend a writing workshop at Columbia University. "Improving student writing levels had been a priority for the Bedford School district for several years. The workshop was outstanding and provided me with tools and knowledge that I could share with my students and fellow teachers," said Kathy. At the time, Kathy did not realize how much she would be able to give back to BEF and to all future teachers in the Bedford School System.

This past summer, John Effenberger, Kathy's husband of 29 years, passed away. John was a PhD chemist who, even in retirement, stayed focused on science and mathematics. Knowing John's love of education, the family asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Bedford Education Foundation. Kathy noted, "John would have loved this as a perfect use of memorial donations. Everyone's gift will contribute, in perpetuity, to the BEF mission of improving education in Bedford."

BEF Treasurer Paul Brock said, "BEF received almost \$12,000 in memorial donations in John's memory. All of these funds will be placed in the BEF Endowment Fund to ensure that we are meeting the family's wishes to have these donations be a lasting testimony to John Effenberger's love of education."

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