

**SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**  
**GRANTS AWARDED FOR 2008-2009**  
**SCHOOL YEAR**

1. **Dr. Meg Meeker, M.D. Pediatrician Presents: “Because It’s All About Kids, It’s All About You!”**

Dr. Meeker has published numerous books about raising healthy sons and daughters including, “Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters”. Rich and Lisa Merlo were so impressed by Dr. Meeker’s message that they invited her to speak at the Hinsdale Community House in a community-wide program. The event was held on October 16, 2008.

Amount: \$1,000

2. **Barbara Rinella Portrays Albert Einstein**

Well renowned storyteller, Barbara Rinella, portrayed Albert Einstein to a packed house of children and their parents in a program held December 2, 2008 at Madison School. The event was sponsored by GECO.

Amount: \$275

3. **District-Wide Nutrition Fair**

On January 15, 2009, the District sponsored a community-wide nutrition fair featuring numerous exhibitors, speakers, and activities for all ages and grade levels. Theresa Wilkie organized the comprehensive, well-attended event.

Amount: \$750

4. **Michael Maniaci Spoke “About Bullying, Why We Should Care And How This Issue Affects Us All.”**

In a continuing effort to address social and emotional learning issues, SELAS sponsored this timely and important presentation addressing bullying. Mr. Maniaci spoke to an interested group of parents on February 4, 2009.

Amount: \$500

5. **Green Footprints**

Theresa Wilkie and Susan Tiemstra along with District 181, sponsored an eco-friendly event for young children and their families on April 15, 2009. A number of vendors contributed recycled materials that were used to create a nature sculpture art project using an old shoe and tree plugs. The children learned of the importance of recycling and planting trees in the environment.

Amount: \$1,000