



Guided by our interest in promoting stronger involvement in our schools and investment in our children, each year **BerwynCARES** launches the Berwyn Challenge to promote teacher inspired projects via DonorsChoose.org. The 2009 Challenge was our most successful to date! Thanks to generous contributions from our community and from around the United States and over \$4000 in grants from BerwynCARES, 19 projects were funded and 2000+ students impacted.

### **Congratulations to the 2009 Berwyn Challenge Grant Recipients!**

#### **Becoming Beethoven**

Middle school students interested in music, but not enough supplies to meet their individual needs receive five new keyboards.

*Funding from donors around the United States.*

#### **Books for Boys**

Boys think may they don't like to read, but often they haven't found novels that hook them. This project helped fill a Language Arts Library with novels written for boys.

*Funding from the Berwyn community and donors around the United States.*

#### **Caudill Up & Read\***

A wide selection of novels nominated for the Rebecca Caudill award will be the basis of a reading contest for eighth grade students.

*Funding from the Berwyn community and BerwynCARES.*

#### **Choir Can't Be Seen. Only Heard.\***

An expanding show choir with 40+ students received choral risers for performances but will benefit the school for years to come.

*Funding from the Sing to Live Community Chorus and BerwynCARES.*

#### **Helping Parents Help Their Kids Learn to Read**

A social worker who teaches a monthly parenting group for parents with students in special education received resources to help parents help with homework.

*Funding from the Berwyn community and donors around the United States.*

#### **A Long Way Gone & Modern African Politics**

An Honors Legislative Government class for high school seniors will learn about modern African politics in order to spark interest in global issues.

*Funding from donors from around the United States and BerwynCARES.  
Matching funds provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

#### **Mini Mozart – Composers for the 21st Century**

Increased literature and reading vocabulary are needed throughout the curriculum. Learning about composers through new books will help these kids see music & reading as partners.

*Funding from donors around the United States.*

#### **Motivate These Kids**

Students with fine-motor needs received new hands-on materials to help reading development.

*Funding from donors around the United States.*

### **Movement Education Equipment**

Outdoor sports equipment will inspire play and good health during lunch periods.

*Funding from donors around the United States.*

### **Music Matters! \***

Middle-school children will have hands-on access to new percussion instruments in a time when funding for music education is limited.

*Funding from the Berwyn community and BerwynCARES.*

### **Projector for Pronouns, Persuasive Writing & More\***

A Language Arts teacher will use LCD technology in the classroom to engage students in both writing and grammar.

*Funding from BerwynCARES.*

### **Rainbow Reader Table Needs Chairs**

Kindergarten received chairs to go with a new Rainbow Reading Table in their reading center.

*Funding from the Berwyn community.*

### **Reading is Fun**

A reading specialist received new materials to motivate emerging readers.

*Funding from donors from around the United States.*

### **Say Cheese. \***

A Technology teacher in a K-5 school requested new digital cameras to facilitate classroom projects.

*Funding from BerwynCARES.*

### **Techie Musicians**

A new large external hard drive will allow the music teacher to save music, program information and student performances from year to year and for years to come.

*Funding from donors around the United States.*

### **We See Your True Colors of Light**

At this middle school theater students are responsible for just about every aspect of the creative process sound, set, props, costumes, makeup, and now LIGHTS too.

*Funding from donors around the United States.*

### **Where are the Science Fiction Books?**

A 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher added 65 science fiction books to a growing library funded via DonorsChoose.

*Funding from the Berwyn community and BerwynCARES.*

### **Writing is Fun\***

Children from kindergarten through third grade who are considered below grade level received a new activity center.

*Funding from BerwynCARES.*

### **You Mean...That's Poetry? \***

Middle-school students will study and learn to write like poets using new classroom materials.

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**\* A BerwynCARES grant of \$200-\$1000 provided the balance of funding to complete projects noted with an asterisk.**