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**Making a difference
in your community**

A small boy was running up and down the beach feverishly hurling starfish back into the water before they died. An old man approached him. “Do you honestly think your work will make any difference?” he asked skeptically. The boy looked at him with sparkling eyes, held up a starfish and said, “it makes a difference to this one!” and threw the starfish back into the sea.

Education-Business Partnership Committee

Our purpose is to involve the business community with the schools serving the B.G. area in order to provide students with the appropriate skills to meet the demands of our local businesses through the next millennium.

We strive to achieve this purpose through the following four goals:

Goal 1: To have students that are aware of the career opportunities in Buffalo Grove and the surrounding area.

Example: Through a career shadowing opportunity at Buffalo Grove H. S., a senior interested in a career in television, spent a day with a local cable station producer. The student is currently filming local sporting events.

Goal 2: To have students that can relate classroom curriculum to real life situations.

Example: Through the problem-based learning program, a local company approached eighth grade students in District 21 with a real life issue; "Our company is planning to export our product for the first time. We would like your recommendations as to whether we should pursue this initiative." The students later presented their findings to company representatives. The students improved their research, math, English, and presentations skills and the company received a fresh perspective on their issue.

Goal 3: To have teachers who are current on today's business issues and career trends.

Example: Through the Teacher-In-Residence Program at District 21, two teachers spent two weeks rotating through several departments at a local electronics company. The teachers were able to relate how classroom curriculum connects to real world applications and bring that expertise back to their classrooms.

Goal 4: To have businesses that are involved in preparing their future work force.

Example: A local architectural firm hosted two non-paid summer interns from Stevenson H.S. The students quickly realized that while the CAD program they are learning in the classroom is pertinent, technology for this profession is rapidly progressing and they will need to continue their CAD training throughout their careers.

Opportunities for participation include:

- Classroom speaker
- Volunteer classroom reader
- E-Mail mentor
- One day career shadowing host
- Non-paid summer internship host
- Summer employer
- Career fairs
- Teacher-In-Residence/Teacher Trek host
- Problem-based learning

"I found this opportunity to be very rewarding and enjoyed the enthusiasm of the students in their quest for further knowledge."

Dr. Julianne Kraut
Access To Psychological Services,
Chamber Member

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

For more information on how you can become involved with your local school districts, please complete this form and fax or mail it to the B.G Area Chamber of Commerce office. *(Please complete or attach business card)*

Name

Company

Address

City & Zip

Phone

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E-Mail Address

- I am a current member of the Buffalo Grove Area Chamber of Commerce.
- I am not currently a member of the Chamber, please send me information on membership.

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