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The Board needs to assign a member to review this year's requests. The entire package will be forwarded to the Board member () assigned for review and recommendations for action at an April Board meeting.

Town Manager's Office

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

To: Board of Selectmen

Date: March 20, 2008

From: Christine M. Joyce

Subject: Jenks Fund Request Allocation 2008

Below please find a summary of funding requests received in our office for 2008 Jenks Fund Allocations.

The current balance available for expenditure is: \$2,100.16

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Recommended Allocation</u>
Doli Atamian Campership Program Summer Activities	\$750	
Acton Memorial Library, Children's Summer Reading	\$700	
AB Lightning Fast Pitch Softball Team	\$500	
Project Graduation	\$150	
TOTAL REQUESTED:	\$2,100.00	
AVAILABLE FUNDS:	\$2,100.16	

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Jenks Fund Requests

The Acton Board of Selectmen is accepting requests for funding through the JENKS FUND. This fund was established in 1978 and its purpose is to conduct and maintain programs to benefit Acton's young people, particularly those between the ages of eleven and twenty-one.

The filing deadline is March 19, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. The Selectmen will act on these requests in late April.

Proposals may be sent to:

**Christine M. Joyce
C/O Town Manager's Office
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720**

Notice Placed in the Beacon and the Action Unlimited

DOLI ATAMIAN CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM, INC.
P.O. BOX 693
ACTON, MA 01720
(978) 263-0131

March 6, 2008

Mr. Dore' Hunter, Chair
Acton Selectmen
Acton Town Hall
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720

Dear Mr. Hunter:

The Doli Atamian Campership Program, Inc. (DACP) is submitting a request to the Jenks Fund. The grant will help fund our 2008 summer Campership Program for the children of low-income families living in the Acton community. The amount of our request is \$750, which will help to offset our projected deficit of \$3,500 for the 2008 summer Campership Program.

For the first 13 years since its founding , the Doli Atamian Campership had sponsored the children of clients of the Acton Housing Authority (AHA) in a variety of summer programs. With the establishment of a non-profit organization in 2000, the DACP broadened the application to include **all low-income families residing in Acton**, not just Acton Housing Authority clients. The Doli Atamian Campership Board, comprised of ten volunteers, oversees all program activities. The volunteers compose an annual fund raising letter that is mailed to individuals, businesses and other organizations. In addition, The Beacon and The Action Unlimited have been consistently supportive in writing articles and editorials to generate support for the annual fundraising effort. This publicity has yielded new donors who have become regular supporters.

Living in Acton in a low-income family is not an easy thing for a child. This program has provided a unique opportunity for many of these children to have the same experiences as many of their peers. It also provides respite for many of them who live in small apartments with no access to recreational areas. For those in need of summer school, the benefits have enormous potential for education success. In addition, the opportunity to raise funds for this program from the local community provides an important opportunity to educate the public about the existence of low-income families in Acton.

During the summer of 2007 the program provided a record high of "76 scholarships", 68 were to Acton children. To be eligible for the program a family's income must be within specific income guidelines that cannot exceed: \$52,950 for a two-member family, \$59,550 for a three-member, \$66,150 for a four-member, \$71,450 for a five-member and

\$76,750 for a six-member family. In 2007 the average family income of the children who participated in the DACP was \$18,889.

In support of the philosophy of its founder, Doli Atamian, the Board of Directors advocates for the betterment of the lives of local families. As in previous years the DACP looks forward to continuing to provide meaningful summer experiences to a greater number of children living in Acton.

Thank you for your positive consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Betty McManus, Chair

Board of Directors

Erin O'Brien Bettez
Maura O'Brien Champigny
TJ Dyer
Skip Kennedy

Nancy Kolb
Carol Lake
Brain Lanigan
Jane Mason
Kathy Schad

DACP's Thank You Notes '07

1). Thank you for your wonderful opportunities you have afforded these kids who are not able to afford summer camps which do turn into life changing experiences. I got a much happier, responsible and positive thinking child when she got home. She got to see that there is a big world out there with endless possibilities.

2). Thank you so much for the NARA Park Beach Pass- I had a blast this summer!! My friends and I really had fun and appreciate your generosity.

3). Thank you for funding my two summer school classes. In both classes I received As and am going to be able to attend 8th grade.

4). At dance camp I got to dance, laugh and have fun working out with dance steps.

5). Thank you so much for my happy summer.

6). Thank you so much for letting me go to baseball camp it was great it was one of the best camps I've ever been to.

7). Thank you so much for everything. Camp is the highlight of my daughter's year and has many friends to look forward to seeing every year.

8). This is my 6th summer at Camp Tavya and I will be attending as a CIT with a very special 4 1/2 week long trip to Israel.

9). Camp Good News was a positive experience for my two children and I hope to send them next summer. They could not have gone without the help of the fund.

10). My son has enjoyed camp in the past but with increase bills I would not have been able financially to send him this year. This is the first year I've had to ask for help and truly appreciate your generosity. It is so nice to live in a community like Acton where people are so caring and generous.

11). Thank you so very much for making summer school possible for me. Now that I am back in school and in Geometry I so much appreciate that you gave me the opportunity to take advance algebra this summer.

12). I wanted to thank all of you for you helping me be able to go to karate. It meant so much to me.

13). I would like to thank everyone who helped make my summer special.

14). *I had so much fun in the camp at my favorite lake, swimming, playing games, and making new friends. I thank everyone who made it possible for me.*

15). *Camp was awesome! I loved fishing.*

16). *It been a godsend to be able to work a few weeks worry-free during the summer...I'd like to share with you my daughter's path. She is now 16 and secure in who she is and what she is reaching for in life...She went to camp many years, (through Camperships) then became a CIT...which led to volunteer work...so this summer she will be working for the Town. The Town has seen how responsible she has become through the years. So we should be very proud of this young lady. Without Doli I ask myself, "Where would she be?"*

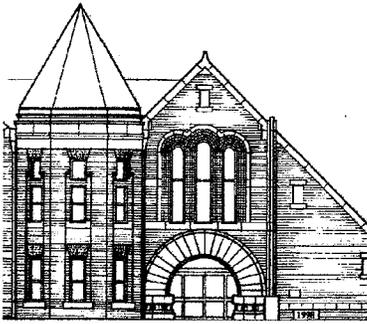
DOLI ATAMIAN CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM, INC.
2007 ANNUAL REPORT OF
SUMMER CAMPERSHIPS

A/B COMMUNITY ED. PROGRAMS	5
A/B SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM	4
A/B SUMMER SCHOOL	4
BOBBY'S RANCH	1
BRANTWOOD CAMP	1
BOSTON UNIVERSITY CHEERLEADING CAMP	1
CAMP GOOD EWS	2
CAMP MARSHALL	1
CAMP MITENTA	2
CAMP TEVYA	1
CAMP TONKOMEUPOG	1
COLONIAL BASEBALL	2
COLONIAL HOOP	3
DRIVER'S EDUCATION PROGRAM	3
DANCE STUDIO CAMP	2
EMAGINATION COMPUTER CAMP	1
GIRL SCOUT CAMP	3
GYMNASTICS	3
GUITOR CLASSES	1
KARATE CAMP	1
MARCUS LEWIS DAY CAMP	5
NARA FAMILY BEACH PASS	6
NARA SUMMER CAMP	7
PLANET THOREAU	1
ROBOTICS CLASS	1
SOCCER CAMP	3
SUMMER FENN DAY CAMP	1
TEAMWORKS	8
WESTFORD DAY CAMP PROGRAM	1
YMCA CAMP	1

TOTAL 76

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

ACTON LIONS, MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK, ACTON BOWLADROME, ALLEN ASSOCIATES, INC. CORTRON, WEST ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH, WOODSHIRE MANAGEMENT, GRAHAM & HARSHIP, P.C., JAMES FENTON & SONS, ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY PARISH, NORSWORTHY TRUST, RUTH CIRCLE ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, WEST ACTON MARKET, A/B COMMUNITY EDUCATION, BOSTON VENTURE, FAMILY & FRIENDS OF DOLI ATAMIAN AND INDIVIDUALS FROM ACTON & BOXBOROUGH COMMUNITIES



Acton Memorial Library

486 Main Street, Acton MA 01720

Tel 978-264-9641, Fax 978-635-0073, TDD 978-635-0072

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March 18, 2008

Board of Selectmen
Town of Acton
Acton, Massachusetts

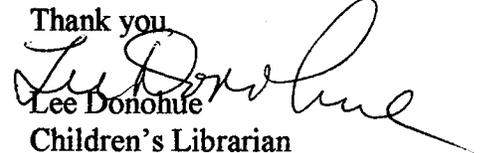
The Acton Memorial Library Children's Department requests a grant of seven hundred dollars from the Jenks Fund to help support the programs and activities for the 2008 Summer Reading Program. Students in Acton are prompted by their teachers to include reading as part of summer vacation and the library endeavors to assist in their efforts by providing age appropriate reading lists, a wide range of reading materials, and special programming.

We would like to host these programs over the course of the eight-week summer reading program:

- The Audubon Ark Outreach Program from Drumlin Farm which brings naturalists and native wildlife to the library.
- Alexander the King of the Jesters who takes his audience on an inspiring journey to medieval times. He prefers actions to words, from mind-bending sight gags to amazing stunts.

The Acton Memorial Library provides children of the community numerous options to have an exciting and happy summer. Based on the nearly 2000 participants in the program last summer the library will again be the site for reading, listening, crafts, learning, volunteering, and family fun. To ensure another successful summer program and provide the community with imaginative, stimulating, and free programs, please give favorable consideration to our request.

Thank you


Lee Donohue
Children's Librarian

February 7, 2008

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Jenks Fund Committee
c/o Acton Town Hall
472 Main Street
Acton, Ma 01720

Jenks Fund Committee Members:

Hoping the third time is the charm (previously requested consideration in 2006 and 2007), I am writing to ask you to consider the 2008 AB Girls Lightning Fast-Pitch Softball Team as a possible recipient of a 2008 Jenks Fund grant. Any funding you may see fit to provide would greatly help reduce the expenses incurred by the families who support this team and these girls.

The Lightning Fast-Pitch Softball Team is group of highly motivated and committed Acton and Boxborough 7th, 8th and 9th grade girls, and their dedicated coaches. This Lightning team began six years ago, and many of the girls who started with the team back then are still playing which speaks to the girls' passion for this sport, commitment to this team, and their coaches' and families' continued support of these athletes.

In the first year, the Lightning team had mixed success; however, 2006 brought a dramatic turnaround. There were several Beacon articles as well as one Boston Globe Northwest weekly article written about the team. The 2006 team made it all the way to the Nationals in Mississippi. Our 2007 season had its share of great accomplishments too. These girls fought hard in every tournament and ended the 2007 season placing first in Massachusetts and third in the Northeast region in their age group.

The current 2008 team was formed after conducting tryouts in September 2007. This team has already begun indoor batting sessions. In addition, some girls practice at the high school pitching and catching clinic Sunday nights.

All members of the 2008 team are Acton and Boxborough residents, which is not always the case with many of the teams we play against. Players' parents and families are all part of the commitment needed for each athlete to be an effective participant on this team.

In addition to practices, this year's team will play in approximately seven tournaments. This year's tournaments will be played close to home as well as quite a distance from Acton and Boxborough. The 2008 Lightning has been selected to play in Cary, North Carolina, at the Nationals based on the team's 2007 outstanding record. At this point (separate from travel expenses), team expenses are estimated at a baseline of more than \$6,280, and each player's expense will be approximately \$520+. Families will incur incidental expenses for every tournament. For the games played far from home, we will also have travel expenses. In addition, the North Carolina tournament will also result in each family incurring the cost of flights (typically the athlete and one parent), hotel fees, etc. Any funding would be a big help to the team. The financial assistance would also recognize the team for their

dedication to softball and the sportsmanship they continually display in the competitive tournament atmosphere.

As a parent of a player, I am asking you to consider this team as a recipient of a grant from the Jenks Fund. Unfortunately in 2006 I submitted a proposal too late, last year I understand no funds were awarded.

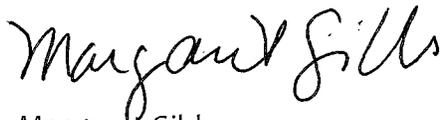
These girls are hard working, enthusiastic, and dedicated. The girls have had a wonderful experience playing on this team for these coaches and representing Acton and Boxborough well with their athletic skills, sportsmanship, and love of the game.

The Lightning's head coach is Gary Ropiak, 78 Alcott Street, Acton, 978-635-5329. Gary's email is garyropiak@gmail.com. He may be reached if you need additional information about the team.

Please consider the 2008 AB Girls Lightning Fast-Pitch Softball Team as a worthy recipient of a monetary award from your fund.

On behalf of the team, I truly appreciate your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely



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Project Graduation
Susan Sheehan
Fundraising Chair
12 Berry Lane
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978-635-0967

March 17, 2008

Town of Acton
Board of Selectman
Acton, MA 01720

Selectmen/women,

I am writing to you to request funding for Project Graduation from the Jenks Fund. This is the 19th year for Project Graduation, an all-night substance free party for ABRHS Seniors only. It runs from 10PM on graduation night till 5 AM.. This event has a variety of activities and entertainment to keep our youth engaged for those seven hours. There are many volunteer hours logged in to plan and implement Project Graduation. We raise over \$15,000 to fund Project Graduation each year.

This event is a town wide effort to keep our youth safe on a night that is historic for drunk driving and death for high schoolers. We are a self supporting program sponsored by the PTSO. We receive no funding from the school budget. It is all through donations from parents, the townspeople and the Acton-Boxborough business community that we obtain our funding.

I hope you will consider our request for funding this year.

Very Truly Yours,



Susan A. Sheehan
Fundraising Chair for Project Graduation
www.ABprojectgrad.org

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