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Volleyball Game Nets Gift for Southington Education Foundation

Kelley Elementary School staff and students raised nearly \$400 for the Southington Education Foundation at a recent volleyball game that pitted fifth-grade students against their teachers.

“It was a great, not to mention historic, day because it was the first time the students beat the teachers and let me tell you my daughter still can’t stop talking about it,” said Kelley Nolan-Maccione, a Kelley School parent and member of the SEF board of directors.

The student vs. teacher showdown is an annual event at Kelley School and is always used as a fundraiser for various local and global charities. This year, physical education teacher Eric Korp, who coordinates the event and coaches the fifth graders in basic volleyball skills in after-school sessions, suggested the Southington Education Foundation as the recipient for students’ donations.

A bucket outside the gym yielded pocketfuls of change (and a couple of Chucky Cheese tokens) from the students, who pitched their pennies and other coins as they made their way inside the gym. Students cheered on their elder peers and their favorite teachers during the enthusiastic event, which also attracted many parents and grandparents.

The Southington Education Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to enriching the minds and lives of the town’s most impressionable community members – its school students – through support of innovative and creative initiatives that expand upon existing educational opportunities. The SEF recently awarded its first round of mini grants for a variety of projects and endeavors at schools throughout the district. Applications are currently being accepted for another round of \$500 mini grants. To learn more about the SEF, visit southingtoneducationfoundation.org.