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Hope this helps!



HEADLINE ELEMENTS:

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1 Help the Putney eighth graders continue to receive  
2 annual awards

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4 TEXT BODY:

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5 Since 1996, the alums of the Putney grade schools have  
6 attended reunions — not only to socialize but primarily to raise  
7 money to give to two eighth-grade graduates each year.

8 That is in danger of coming to a close unless a minimum  
9 of three new board members join the board overseeing the  
10 project. Most of the current board has moved away or retired. The  
11 last reunion was held Aug. 31, 2019 and was the ninth reunion

12 held since 1996. Now funds have nearly run out, although there  
13 is enough for two 2026 awards.

14 It's not necessary to hold a reunion to raise funds for the  
15 students. There are an infinite number of ways to raise money for  
16 the student awards. Local businesses and residents could be  
17 contacted, for example.

18 Putney Grade Schools Reunion Ltd. became a 501(c)3  
19 nonprofit organization in 2019. Since then, charitable donations  
20 can be accepted. Each donation helps fund two annual student  
21 awards to Putney Central students every June.

22 The organization's name reflects the other grade schools  
23 in Putney's past — the Washburn School (Westminster Road), East  
24 Putney School (next to 150 Cemetery Road) and the Little Red  
25 Schoolhouse (West Hill Road — and at the time of the formation  
26 of the organization, several graduates of those schools were still  
27 living.

28 Contact us by Monday, May 18 with questions or if you  
29 are interested in helping continue this Putney tradition. Email me  
30 (Carolyn Handy) at [onlyhandy@gmail.com](mailto:onlyhandy@gmail.com); email Barbara Taylor  
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