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## **WINDHAM SENIORS PRESENT DONATION TO THE WINDHAM ENDOWMENT FOR COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT**



From left to right are: Diane Carpenter, Margaret Crisler, Cheri Maw accepting the check from Kuniki "Cookie" Belansky - Windham Seniors Treasurer, Lil Peabody - Seniors Secretary, Barbara Coish - Seniors President and Josie Capiello.

The Windham Seniors presented the Windham Endowment for Community Advancement a gift of \$2,500 on Thursday, April 22, 2010. The money will be earmarked towards a greenhouse to enhance the science curriculum at Windham High School. This is the next project being undertaken as part of the capital campaign for the school. Diane Carpenter said, "There is something poetic about the receipt of this gift on the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day!"

Cheri Maw, Chairperson for the Greenhouse Sub-Committee explained, "We are working to raise funds for a multi-purpose greenhouse at Windham High School. The greenhouse will be used to study plants, ecology, biology, genetics and the focus is to be a lab for students to understand the elements of the earth."

She further explained, "We are currently in the design phase." A basic structure would cost around \$50,000. "The project can be completed in

phases," added Maw. The goal is to have a structure in place for the 2011-12 school year. The seed money allows the committee to apply for grants.

Along with the donation from the Windham Seniors, additional donations have been received from George Cairn & Sons; and the Maw-Norman family. Diane Carpenter said, "Donations of any size are welcome."

The Capital Campaign for Windham High School runs through August. The Endowment has already gifted an acoustical shell, baby grand piano, symphonic chimes, bassoon, and eight wireless mikes to the high school.

The project is a group effort of the Greenhouse Sub-Committee, several Windham Garden Club members, the Windham Endowment, UNH Cooperative extension and the school. Ms. Maw said, "We are working collaboratively with the high school. They have embraced it in developing their curriculum."

President of the Seniors, Barbara Coish said, "The seniors were able to donate this money from previous seniors working hard on fundraising for different projects."