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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lately, effectiveness has been a common topic of conversation in the philanthropic community. But, whose effectiveness are people talking about - the non-profit, the foundation or both? Both are important.

Our 2004 Annual Report highlights some of the impressive work of our grantees. They are to be commended; they provide the specialized services to populations with defined needs and are the ones who carry out our goal to improve the quality of life for the people living in the Chicago area. The Foundation monitors the effectiveness of our grantees in a number of ways; site visits, grant reports and financial reviews.

While it might not seem complicated to measure the effectiveness of our grantee's work, it is much harder to assess our own performance. We do not have a formal mission statement, which allows for our broad focus of giving, but also makes it difficult to judge ourselves. However, the guidelines for each of our five funding areas are clear and concise. And, although we have refined those guidelines from time to time, the essence has remained the same.

One of our goals at the Foundation is to make the funding process as easy as possible for our grantees. A practice that was started by my grandfather and we are proud to maintain is long-term funding. It provides our grantees with continuity, security and the knowledge that they don't need to reapply for a grant every year. Time and time again our grantees thank us for this approach to grantmaking. We also try to be flexible. If a grantee is starting a new program or would like to redirect funds, we can easily make the adjustment. Lastly, our early support of a new project can often help the grantee secure funding from other organizations.

My grandfather started the Foundation fifty-five years ago with two primary goals; first, to give back to the community that helped him prosper and second, to keep his family together. Engagement in philanthropy has brought our family closer together in spite of geographic distance and many years of not seeing each other. We share a common commitment to continue my grandfather's legacy and pass it on to future generations.

And, last but certainly not least, successful grantmaking cannot happen without the effective management of the assets. The last few years have proven especially challenging and unfortunately 2004 was no different. Stock markets started the year flat as questions concerning the direction of the economy kept movement

modest. Also, 2004 began with a relatively benign Fed and bond yields at historical lows. Fortunately, the year ended with a late stock market rally as the equity markets improved and bond yields increased. However, interest rates were up as the Fed sought to contain inflationary pressure. The Foundation's foreign equity portfolio out-performed our expectations, as the dollar tumbled further against most foreign currencies and the price for energy and other raw materials increased. Nevertheless, as a defensive measure and in response to anticipated Fed tightening, absolute return strategies were increased in 2004 to act as a surrogate for fixed income. We expect more volatility in equity and bond markets in 2005 and we believe we are well positioned to weather the storm.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Irene S. Phelps". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "I".

Irene S. Phelps
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STATEMENT OF VALUES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Siragusa Foundation is committed to honoring founder Ross D. Siragusa by sustaining and developing Chicago's extraordinary nonprofit resources. Through our five program areas, we fund organizations and projects that provide specialized services to populations with defined needs. The Foundation strives to improve the quality of life for people living in the metropolitan Chicago area.

Arts and Culture

The Foundation's Arts and Culture Program is committed to broadening audience involvement and access to Chicago's cultural institutions in an effort to foster a life-long engagement with the arts. More specifically, the Foundation supports community outreach initiatives and curriculum enrichment programs. The Foundation also supports projects designed to sustain and develop Chicago's artistic and cultural resources.

Education

The Foundation's Education Program primarily provides low income, middle income, and minority students with scholarships for secondary and undergraduate education.

Environment

The Foundation's Environment Program funds conservation and restoration projects, as well as, environmental education programs in the greater Chicago area.

Health Services & Medical Research

The Foundation's Health Services and Medical Research Program is balanced between medical research organizations, which are concerned with scientific inquiry and the exploration of treatment methods, and health service organizations, which provide direct social and clinical care.

Human Services

The Foundation's Human Services Program funds a large number of programs and organizations that address a wide range of current and pressing social needs. We are primarily interested in sustaining programs that, in the words of our founder, "help people help themselves." The Human Services Program targets underserved populations in the following areas: early childhood education; programs for the disabled; employment assistance programs; poverty, hunger, and homelessness; youth development; and women and girls.

2004 GRANTS

Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum	\$10,000
Alzheimer's Association, Inc.	5,000
American Brain Tumor Association	5,000
American Indian College Fund	15,000
American Red Cross	10,000
The Anti-Cruelty Society	5,000
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith	3,000
Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation	5,000
The Art Institute of Chicago	10,000
Art Resources in Teaching	5,000
Arthritis Foundation, Greater Chicago Chapter	5,000
Arts & Business Council of Chicago	5,000
The Associated Colleges of Illinois	10,000
Association of Small Foundations	2,500
Barat College of DePaul University	15,000
Bottomless Closet	5,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago	6,000
Boys Hope Girls Hope	7,500
Cabrini Connections	5,000
Career Resource Center, Inc.	5,000
Catholic Theological Union	6,000
Center for Disability and Elder Law	5,000

Chatham Hall	\$ 5,000
Chicago Abused Women Coalition	5,000
Chicago Botanic Garden	30,000
Chicago Children's Museum	5,000
Chicago Christian Industrial League	5,000
The Chicago Lighthouse	5,000
Chicago Opera Theater	5,000
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation	5,000
Chicago Women in Philanthropy	800
Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois	12,500
Children's Memorial Foundation	15,000
Community Extension Project	5,000
Council on Foundations	3,140
Court Appointed Special Advocates of Cook County	5,000
The Cove School	10,000
The Cradle Foundation	10,000
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School	5,000
Donors Forum of Chicago	12,848
Elmhurst College	20,000
The English-Speaking Union	5,000
The Field Museum	10,000
The Fisher House Foundation	500
The Foundation Center	1,000
Foundation for Hearing and Speech Rehabilitation	7,500

Girl Scouts of Chicago	\$ 17,500
The Goodman Theatre	5,000
Greater Chicago Food Depository	20,000
The Hadley School for the Blind	7,500
The Happiness Club	5,000
HarborQuest, Inc.	12,000
Holy Name Cathedral	10,000
The Hospice Foundation of Northeastern Illinois, Inc.	10,000
Howard Brown Health Center	10,000
Illinois Wesleyan University	20,000
Independent Sector	1,000
Infant Welfare Society of Chicago	5,000
International Game Fish Association Foundation	6,000
The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago	15,000
John G. Shedd Aquarium	10,000
Junior Achievement of Chicago	7,500
Juvenile Protective Association	7,500
Kayne-Eras Center	7,500
Keshet	5,000
Lake Forest Country Day School	5,000
Lakefront Supportive Housing	5,000
Les Turner ALS Foundation, Ltd.	9,000
Lincoln Park Zoo	10,000
Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly	5,000

Little Sisters of the Poor	\$ 5,000
Loyola Academy	10,000
Loyola University Chicago	15,000
Lyric Opera of Chicago	15,000
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois	4,600
Marillac Social Center	10,000
Matching Gifts Program	17,237
Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research	25,000
Meet the Wilderness	6,500
Mercy Home for Boys & Girls	7,500
Merit School of Music	10,000
Millennium Park, Inc.	714,400
Miss Hall's School	5,000
Morehouse School of Medicine	20,000
Museum of Contemporary Art	7,500
National Jewish Medical and Research Center	7,500
Neighborhood Writing Alliance	5,000
Neumann Association	5,000
The Newberry Library	10,000
Newcomb College at Tulane University	5,000
The Northwestern Memorial Foundation	30,000
Northwestern University	20,000
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine	10,000
Openlands Project	7,540

The Philanthropy Roundtable	\$ 2,500
Project Exploration	6,000
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy	2,500
The Renaissance Society	5,000
Resurrection Home Health Foundation	7,000
Roosevelt University	20,000
Rush University College of Nursing	5,000
The Salvation Army	5,000
The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	20,000
SHORE	10,000
Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows and American Art	5,000
The Society of Midland Authors	1,000
St. Ignatius College Prep	10,000
St. Joseph's Carondelet Child Center	8,000
Summerbridge Sacramento	10,000
Tax Assistance Program - It Adds Up	5,000
Teach for America	8,000
The Three Arts Club of Chicago	5,000
The Trust for Public Land	5,000
Tucson Regional Ballet	5,000
Tuesday's Child	10,000
The United Negro College Fund	20,000
United Service Organizations of Illinois	7,000
The University of Chicago	20,000

Vital Bridges	\$ 5,000
The Wetlands Initiative	5,000
Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart	20,000
Yale University	20,000
YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago	7,500
Y-ME of Chicagoland	12,500
YWCA Evanston/North Shore	5,000
Total 2004 Grants	\$1,803,565

ARTS AND CULTURE

The Foundation's Arts and Culture Program is designed to broaden audience involvement and access to Chicago's cultural institutions through community outreach initiatives and curriculum enrichment programs. The Foundation also supports projects designed to sustain and develop Chicago's artistic and cultural resources.

The Foundation has a deep commitment and a long history of support to a number of Chicago's major cultural institutions. This funding is guided by our founder's belief that a vibrant cultural scene is necessary for the city to thrive as a center for economic entrepreneurship, a destination for tourism, and a model for urban living. These organizations allow people of diverse backgrounds to share a common experience, which enriches their personal lives and helps build stronger communities. The visibility and resources of these organizations enables them to effectively engage the city's underserved population.

America's public schools are the primary provider of formalized arts instruction for America's youth. Current research has shown that arts education plays a critical role in a child's academic and social development. These studies indicate that arts education improves academic achievement, raises standardized test scores, increases self-esteem, and promotes community involvement. In addition, research has proven that arts education helps decrease negative behavior among at-risk youth. Nevertheless, an increasing number of Chicago Public Schools, especially those in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, provide students with little or no arts education. Perhaps most surprising is the fact that Illinois has no state mandate requiring arts instruction at any grade level and no budget to support arts programs that are not locally funded.

Art Resources in Teaching (A.R.T.) has successfully addressed the challenge of reduced arts instruction and limited art specialists within Chicago's Public Schools by placing professional artists in classroom residency programs. Residency programs are designed to encourage artists and teachers to design collaborative curricula that connect the arts to other academic areas through discussions, presentations, and hands-on art projects. A.R.T. recently established a new professional development program, Building Arts Capacity in the Classroom, which combines a residency program with an intense teacher training and mentoring program. This program was developed to ensure that an arts curriculum would be sustained after the A.R.T. residency has finished. An independent evaluation of the program found Building Arts Capacity in the Classroom to be an effective way to remove some of the reservations classroom teachers have about using visual arts in their curricula. As a result, teachers are

able to use a variety of instructional techniques to integrate visual arts into the classroom, thereby enhancing students' academic performance and the overall learning process.

Similarly, by providing music instruction to students in metropolitan Chicago, the Merit School of Music helps youth achieve their artistic potential as well as stimulate their personal and academic growth. Half of our grant provides scholarships for low-income children to participate in Merit's Preparatory Program, an after-school program that prepares intermediate-level students for musical excellence and cultural enrichment. The other half provides one student with a scholarship for private advanced study. Research suggests that music instruction has academic and social benefits similar to those of a classroom curriculum that incorporates the visual arts. For example, a ten-year study, tracking more than 25,000 students, demonstrated that music making improves test scores, academic achievement, and reading proficiency. Research also shows that music instruction helps under-achieving students to perform at or above grade level expectations. Despite the many demonstrated benefits of music education, it is estimated that 28 million American school children receive little or no music education.

The Foundation's Arts and Culture Program supplements a critical gap in public school instruction and therefore helps schools to provide a more comprehensive and inclusive curriculum. Since arts education improves critical thinking, problem solving, and individual expression, these grants also help improve students' academic performance and social development. The Foundation believes that the arts play a significant role in making Chicago a livable and vibrant city. For these reasons, we consider our long-term cultural funding not only important and effective, but also a hallmark of The Siragusa Foundation.

Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum**\$10,000****Astronomy Connection**

This grant supported 'Astronomy Connection', a workshop series for middle school teachers. The series provided teachers with a science curriculum, a distance learning pilot using videoconferencing to augment classroom instruction and a website to complete workshop and student homework assignments. 2004 marked the first year that the distance learning component was integrated into the program and it proved to be highly successful in enhancing classroom curriculum.

The Art Institute of Chicago**\$10,000****Faces, Places, & Inner Spaces Story**

This grant supported several educational programs for the child-centered, interactive exhibition 'Faces, Places, and Inner Spaces', which attracted 72,000 visitors during 2004. These educational programs are designed to introduce children and their parents to works of diverse cultures, time periods, and geographic regions. The exhibition's activities included regular story-telling and art-making workshops that relate to works on view in the galleries, in addition to an annual family festival, parent workshops, and a 12-week after-school program.

Art Resources in Teaching**\$5,000****General Operating Support**

This grant assisted Art Resources in Teaching (A.R.T.) to deliver 398 visual art residency programs to 125 schools, totaling 1,488 days of programming during the 2003-2004 academic year. Programs ranged in length from one-day workshops to 16-session residency programs that served over 30,000 students and 1,400 teachers in kindergarten through the eighth grade. In April 2004, A.R.T. was proud to celebrate 110 years of continuous visual arts programming for school children in Chicago. The occasion was marked by a birthday celebration at the Washington Park Refectory that honored outstanding educators, schools, individuals, and donors who have made significant contributions to A.R.T. throughout its history.

Arts and Business Council of Chicago **\$5,000**

On BOARD New Board Member Training & Placement Program

In 2004, On BOARD trained and placed a class of 21 business professionals as apprentices on the boards of a diverse group of nonprofit arts organizations. The purpose of the On BOARD Program is to link business professionals with nonprofit arts boards as potential new members. The On BOARD Program includes 20 hours of training and an apprenticeship period, which ensures that placements are mission-based and effective..

Association of Small Foundations **\$2,500**

General Operating Support

This grant provided funding for the development of new program content for the 2004 National Conference, which included advanced sessions on evaluating nonprofit capacities, advanced training in specific program areas, and leadership succession strategies. The 2004 National Conference, held in Chicago in October 2004, was successful with 633 attendees, including 52 non-members and 186 members who had not attended recent conferences. Conference attendees gave each session an average rating of 6.5 on a scale of 7.0.

Chicago Children's Museum **\$5,000**

Programs for children with special needs

This grant supported a program at the Chicago Children's Museum (CCM) that pairs student volunteers from the Francis Parker School with children from schools across Chicago who have special needs. Together, the children and the student volunteers share a focused museum visit. More specifically, this grant enabled the CCM to provide free admission and cover the transportation costs to and from the museum. During the 2003-2004 school year, this program allowed nearly 200 children with special needs to enjoy the CCM.

Chicago Opera Theater**\$5,000****Chicago Public Schools Partners Project**

*This grant was used to support the Chicago Public Schools Partners Project, which provides students at Chicago Public Schools (CPS) with the opportunity to interact with opera performers, conductors, and directors. The Chicago Opera Theater (COT) also used this grant to establish music education programs at Audubon and Suder Elementary Schools, teaching music fundamentals in weekly recorder and chorus classes. In April 2004, these students performed at the Chicago Cultural Center. In addition to the music education programs, COT's touring outreach opera, *The Impresario*, performed at ten CPS schools before 1,800 students.*

Chicago Women in Philanthropy**\$800****General Operating Support**

This grant supported Chicago Women in Philanthropy's (CWIP) educational, technical assistance, and advocacy programs, which are designed to increase funding for organizations and programs serving women and girls. In 2004, educational programs for philanthropic and nonprofit professionals focused on women in the workplace. Technical assistance programs covered human resources, program evaluations, and cash management. CWIP is an entirely volunteer-driven membership organization for professional, philanthropic, and nonprofit leaders. In addition, CWIP is dedicated to increasing funding to organizations serving women and girls in Chicago.

Council on Foundations**\$3,140****General Operating Support**

This grant provided general operating support for the Council on Foundations. The Council provides technical assistance, research, publications, conferences, and forums for member grantmakers and is an important reference tool for foundations.

Donors Forum of Chicago**\$7,848****General Operating Support**

This grant supported the general operating expenses of the Donors Forum of Chicago. The Donors Forum is a membership organization of grantmakers in the Chicago metropolitan area that promotes and supports effective philanthropy.

Donors Forum of Chicago**\$5,000****Leaders of the Library**

This grant provided new research and reference materials for the Donors Forum Library, the Midwest's largest collection of resources on philanthropy, nonprofit management, and fundraising. In 2004, the library served over 10,000 patrons which included both grantseekers and grantmakers and answered more than 2,700 in-depth reference questions for Members, Associate Members, and Forum Partners. The Donors Forum Library is a key resource for fundraisers to communicate and research potential grantmakers.

The English-Speaking Union**\$5,000****General Operating Support**

This grant helped the English-Speaking Union (ESU) support various cultural and educational programs, which included its annual Shakespeare seminar and competition for high school students and teachers in the Chicago metropolitan area. Founded in 1920, the English-Speaking Union is an educational organization committed to promoting scholarship and the advancement of knowledge through the effective use of English in an expanding global community.

The Field Museum**\$10,000****Community Outreach Program**

This grant supported The Field Museum's education and outreach programs, which bring complex scientific concepts and diverse cultures to the public in an entertaining and readily accessible format. Through workshops, festivals, learning stations, field trips, overnight visits, demonstrations, and performances, The Field Museum brings science to life, educates people about the Earth and its people, and encourages an interest in the natural sciences.

The Foundation Center**\$1,000****General Operating Support**

This grant was applied towards efforts to strengthen the nonprofit sector by advancing knowledge about philanthropy in the United States. The Foundation Center collected and disseminated information on U.S. philanthropy, provided education to grant seekers, and ensured public access to the Center's information services.

The Goodman Theatre**\$5,000****Student Subscription Series**

This grant supported the Student Subscription Series, which provided 1,800 students and their teachers, a focused curriculum built around four productions during the Goodman's regular season. After the shows, cast and artistic staff members engage the students in discussion about the play. The discussion provides a forum for students to discuss their reactions and to sharpen their critical thinking skills. In 2004, the Goodman Theater began offering curriculum materials on-line for the first time. Proving these materials electronically greatly enhances the number of young people and educators that have access to these materials.

The Happiness Club**\$5,000****Ethics for Kids Character Educational Project**

The Happiness Club's Ethics for Kids Project uses positive music as an educational tool to inspire young people. A unique curriculum, which includes songs, is designed to address the issues of violence, drugs, smoking, and racial intolerance. In 2004, the curriculum was updated to include supplemental material designed specifically to help high school teachers tackle social issues through the arts.

The Independent Sector**\$1,000****General Operating Support**

This grant provided general operating support for The Independent Sector. The Independent Sector is committed to strengthening, empowering, and partnering with nonprofit and philanthropic organizations in their work on behalf of the public good.

The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago**\$15,000****JBC Middle School Dance Clubs**

This grant supported The Joffrey Ballet's Middle School Dance Clubs. During 2004, The Joffrey Ballet greatly improved this outreach program: The number of visits to participating schools increased, a formal partnership with the Chicago Parks District was established, and several new programs were created. In addition, The Middle School Dance Clubs enabled thirty children from Carnegie Elementary School to perform a modified version of Geroge Balanchine's 'Stars and Stripes' with Joffrey dancers at Ravinia. The children performed so well that they were given a standing ovation!

John G. Shedd Aquarium**\$10,000****Education Outreach Programs**

This grant supported The Shedd Aquarium's Education Outreach programming, which, in 2004, focused on engaging diverse groups of students, teachers, and families throughout Chicago. Through programs such as Aiming for Chicago Public School Excellence in Science, South Chicago Neighborhood Initiative, and teacher in-service sessions, The Shedd continues in its mission to strengthen science literacy and promote lifelong learning. These programs serve over 300,000 students annually.

Lyric Opera of Chicago**\$15,000****Lyric Opera Main Stage Productions & OPERAREACH**

This grant provided support for the Lyric Opera's 83 main stage performances presented to more than 300,000 Chicago area patrons. In addition, it helped the Lyric expand OPERAREACH, its youth educational and community outreach program to more than 80,000 Chicago-area students, teachers, seniors, young adults, and other outreach constituencies. Last, this grant supported the Lyric Opera Center for American Artists, a national center for the development of America's most outstanding young opera talent.

Merit School of Music
Scholarship Fund

\$10,000

\$5,000 of this grant provided advanced private study for a piano student who has demonstrated exceptional talent and dedication. The remainder of the grant funded scholarships for low-income children in Merit's preparatory program, an after-school program that prepares intermediate-level students for musical excellence.

Museum of Contemporary Art
School Tours Program

\$7,500

This grant supported the Museum of Contemporary Art's (MCA) School Tours Program, which provides 50-minute guided tours of the museum's collections and exhibitions. During the 2003-2004 school year, over 10,000 students participated in programming designed to encourage critical thinking about contemporary art. As one of the nation's largest facilities devoted to the art of our time, the MCA offers exhibitions on the most thought-provoking art created after 1945.

Neighborhood Writing Alliance
Writing Workshops for Adults

\$5,000

This grant helped the Neighborhood Writing Alliance (NWA) engage 125 adults in twelve weekly writing workshops across Chicago. NWA believes that every person is a philosopher and encourages participants to explore their thoughts and experiences through stories and poetry. Participants' work is published in the award winning 'Journal of Ordinary Thought'. During 2004, NWA published four issues of the Journal. NWA participated in over thirty community readings and events, including several on Chicago Public Radio. In 2004, the Journal increased its subscriptions and readership, and has been utilized at universities and in traveling bookmobiles. By spreading the words and stories of these writers, the NWA broadens public awareness of pressing contemporary issues.

The Newberry Library
Unrestricted Book Fund

\$10,000

This grant supported the Newberry Library's acquisition of reference materials, monographs, and periodicals. The unfettered acquisition of new books is critical to maintaining the Newberry Library's role as an important research facility. The Newberry's collection documents the history and culture of Western Europe and the Americas from the Middle Ages through World War I. The Newberry's collections are free and open to the public, and serve more than 100,000 visitors annually.

The Philanthropy Roundtable

\$2,500

Fostering Philanthropic Excellence

The grant was used to support The Philanthropy Roundtable's programs aimed at fostering excellence in philanthropy and helping donors achieve their philanthropic intent and to advance opportunity and personal responsibility in America and abroad. The Philanthropy Roundtable also administers programs and services for donors and publishes 'Philanthropy' magazine.

The Renaissance Society

\$5,000

General Operating Support

This grant supported The Renaissance Society's programs for the 2003-2004 season, which included exhibitions by Dutch artist Mark Manders, German filmmaker Ulrike Ottinger, Chicago photographer Laura Letinsky, New York video/performance artist Joan Jonas, and a group exhibition presenting work by thirty-eight artists from sixteen Eastern European countries. The Renaissance Society, founded in 1915 to engage Chicago in the cultural and artistic movements occurring in Europe at that time, continues to maintain an international reputation as one of the finest resources for contemporary art.

The Smith Museum of Stained Glass and American Art **\$5,000**
Victorian Galleries

This grant was used to install Victorian stained glass windows from Chicago-area residences in galleries at the museum's west entrance. The museum uses the beauty of stained glass to educate approximately 3 million annual viewers about the culture and history of Chicago neighborhoods. The newly developed black-box galleries provide a dramatic theatrical setting that maximizes the visual presentation of these colorful stained glass windows.

The Society of Midland Authors **\$1,000**
Annual Awards Dinner

This grant was used to host the 89th Annual Banquet and Awards Presentation, which celebrates works by Midwestern authors. The annual awards include Adult Fiction, Adult Nonfiction, Biography, Children's Fiction, Children's Nonfiction, Poetry, and Literary Criticism.

The Three Arts Club of Chicago **\$5,000**
3Arts Gallery

This grant helped support five exhibitions during the 2004-2005 season of The 3Arts Gallery. Each exhibition pairs two artists, a mid-career artist who in turn selects an emerging artist, to create a lively visual dialogue. By designing a new website and signing up for webmail based support groups, The Three Arts Club increased gallery attendance by nearly 400 percent at every exhibition opening. In addition, exhibitions were regularly selected as critic's choice recommendations by publications including, 'New City', the 'Chicago Reader', the 'Chicago Sun-Times', 'Red Streak', and the 'Chicago Tribune'.

EDUCATION

The Foundation's Education Program primarily provides scholarships for higher education. Developing the next generation of leaders requires supporting students who are driven to learn, but may not have the resources to cover their studies. These grants fulfill a deeply personal commitment among our Board to expand the access and affordability of a college education. Our founder, Ross D. Siragusa, built a highly successful business empire during the height of the Great Depression, though he received no formal education beyond high school. In today's economy, however, nearly all jobs that yield a living wage require some education beyond high school; the earning potential of a college graduate over a forty-year career is nearly twice that of someone with only a high school diploma. Consequently, educating America's youth is critical to the health of our society, economy, and democracy.

Nevertheless, a growing number of qualified high school students increasingly find the cost of higher education beyond their reach. Over the last twenty-five years, the cost of higher education has consistently exceeded the rate of inflation by three and one-half percent. As a result, the purchasing power of the Pell Grant has declined: In 1980, a Pell Grant covered over thirty-five percent of the tuition at a public university, whereas today it covers only twenty-three percent. Thus, it is estimated that in 2004, unmet need prevented roughly one million qualified high school students from attending college.

For those students who elect to finance their education through loans, their situation is also discouraging: The average undergraduate debt has increased sixty-six percent since 1997 from \$11,400 to \$18,900. Increased debt presents an unfortunate situation that tends to negatively influence career choice as college seniors worry about securing a job that will allow them to repay their debt. The rising cost of higher education, in that it limits full access to the American Dream, tends to perpetuate the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

Over the last seven years, since the 1998 - 1999 academic year, the Foundation has granted more than \$1.3 million in scholarships. These grants have greatly improved the affordability of higher education for over 400 students. These scholarships are primarily need-based and are awarded to populations that are historically underrepresented in higher education, such as low-income, middle-income, and minority students. Many of our scholarship recipients have often commented that they would be unable to attend the college of their choice without the scholarship support. Over the same period, the Foundation has also contributed \$90,000 to programs that prepare historically disadvantaged

populations with the academic skills, motivation, and confidence necessary for successful college careers.

These grants, therefore, simultaneously benefit both individuals, with the access to higher education and the public at-large by improving the nation's economy, opening new avenues of knowledge and enhancing social equality. At the same time, they help universities attract and retain a diverse student body. A diverse learning environment enhances the learning experience for all students, promotes respect for others, and better prepares students to compete in a global economy.

American Indian College Fund

\$15,000

The Siragusa Foundation Scholarship Program

The American Indian College Fund provides scholarship support for Native American students to attend their choice of 34 Indian-founded tribal colleges throughout the United States. These scholarships provided direct support to 26 Native American students and helped make the dream of a college education a reality. The fund provides a unique educational opportunity for future Native American leaders and encourages them to work with one another to address issues affecting Native Americans, such as poverty, under-education, and cultural decay.

Associated Colleges of Illinois

\$5,000

College Readiness Program

The College Readiness Program is a year-round program that provides academic enrichment to historically disadvantaged students. This program helps guide the personal growth, academic skills, and motivation of disadvantaged youth towards successful college careers and leadership responsibilities. With high school graduation and college enrollment rates of 100 percent and 95 percent respectively, the College Readiness Program is making a dramatic, positive impact on the first generation, low income, and minority high school students it serves.

Associated Colleges of Illinois

\$5,000

The Program for Multi-Cultural Student Achievement

The Program for Multi-Cultural Student Achievement (PMSA) works to increase the retention and graduation rates of multi-cultural students on Associated College of Illinois (ACI) affiliated campuses. Multi-cultural student graduation rates are 25 percent higher at ACI member institutions than the statewide average, which demonstrates the positive effect of PMSA activities.

Barat College of DePaul University **\$15,000**
Learning Opportunities Program

This grant provided individual scholarships to eleven students participating in the Barat College Learning Opportunities Program (LOP), which provides students with learning disabilities, tutoring, and support services. The scholarships help offset the additional cost of these services. Without this financial support, it is unlikely that the scholarship students would be able to continue in the program.

Catholic Theological Union **\$6,000**
Oscar Romero Scholarship Program

This grant was used to help support thirteen Oscar Romero Scholars studying for a Masters in Theology and Ministry during the 2003-2004 academic year. During this time, the Catholic Theological Union (CTU) distributed a total of \$49,140 to Oscar Romero Scholars. In May 2004, three Oscar Romero scholars received their Masters degrees from CTU; two students with a Masters of Divinity and one with a Masters in Pastoral Studies. In its short nine-year history, eight students have graduated from the Oscar Romero program.

Cove School **\$10,000**
Scholarship Fund

This grant funded a partial scholarship for a fifth grade elementary student with severe learning disabilities. Cove School provides individual educational curricula for children and young people with a variety of learning disabilities with the goal of returning these students to their neighborhood schools in the shortest amount of time. Learning disabled students are at high risk and in danger of dropping out of school; however, Cove students have a higher rate of retention and graduation.

Cristo Rey Jesuit High School**\$5,000****Cristo Rey Scholarship Fund**

This grant was used to provide financial assistance to five Cristo Rey Jesuit High School students during the 2003-2004 academic year. Cristo Rey is a rigorous Jesuit college-preparatory school serving the immigrant population in Chicago's Pilsen and Little Village neighborhoods. The scholarship fund provides financial assistance to students who would otherwise be unable to meet tuition payments; the fund therefore ensures that a college preparatory education, as well as a unique work-study program, is available to the neediest adolescents from the Pilsen and Little Village communities.

Elmhurst College**\$20,000****Scholarships for Middle-Income Students**

This grant was used to provide partial tuition scholarships to four middle-income students at Elmhurst College. These scholarships are intended to affirm the often overlooked need of families with modest means who are unable to pay full tuition for their children. Elmhurst College is affiliated with the United Church of Christ, but its students come from a variety of religious backgrounds. The College seeks to build an intellectually rigorous and spiritually connected community by advancing the practical and professional relevance of the liberal arts tradition.

Hadley School for the Blind**\$7,500****Educational Assistance Programs**

This grant helped to sponsor two courses at the Hadley School for the Blind: 'Safety in the Home', which addresses emergency planning and 'Going Places', which covers transportation options to former drivers with visual impairments. The Hadley School makes all courses 100 percent accessible to people with visual impairments by utilizing state-of-the-art screen reader technology. The Hadley School provides tuition-free distance learning to blind and visually impaired people, their families, and professionals working in the field.

Illinois Wesleyan University **\$20,000**
Siragusa Foundation Scholarship

The Siragusa Foundation Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to middle-income students who do not qualify for state and/or federal aid. This funding makes Illinois Wesleyan affordable for such students, which is important in maintaining a diverse student body. Eighty-five percent of the students at Illinois Wesleyan receive some form of financial aid.

Loyola Academy **\$10,000**
Scholarship Program

This grant provided tuition assistance to students who otherwise would not be able to attend Loyola Academy, thereby helping Loyola fulfill its commitment to providing an education to a broad range of qualified students from diverse economic backgrounds. Loyola Academy is a Jesuit college-preparatory school whose proud mission is to challenge its students to become leaders in service and vocal advocates of justice.

Loyola University Chicago **\$15,000**
STARS Program

The STARS (Students Together Are Reaching Success) Program provides scholarships to students who have proven themselves academically and who agree to mentor freshman students of color as they transition to Loyola University of Chicago. Mentors also encourage mentees to develop their identity, cultural awareness, and leadership skills.

Morehouse School of Medicine **\$20,000**
The Siragusa Scholarship Fund

This grant was used to provide scholarship support to four students, demonstrating strong financial need to Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM). Two of the 2004 scholarship recipients are past recipients of The Siragusa Foundation Scholarship. One of only four black medical schools in the country, MSM provides medical education to those students whose mission is to eliminate health disparities among the nation's underserved individuals and communities. The School of Medicine targets and admits the neediest students, anticipating that they will return to their home communities to provide healthcare.

Northwestern University **\$20,000**
Undergraduate Scholarships

This grant supported partial tuition scholarships for three African American undergraduate students at Northwestern University in the 2004-2005 academic year. Funds were distributed from the Northwestern University scholarship endowment, which supports qualified, highly motivated young people throughout their undergraduate education. By offering support to minority students with financial need, these scholarships enable Northwestern to further its commitment to maintain a diverse student body.

Roosevelt University **\$20,000**
The Siragusa Foundation Performing Arts Scholarship Program

This grant was used to provide necessary scholarship aid to deserving, talented students studying in the in the College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University. During the 2004-2005 academic year, an orchestral studies major and professional opera major each received \$10,000 scholarships.

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago **\$20,000**
The Siragusa Foundation Scholarship

This grant provided scholarship support to two graduate students attending the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. The School has been an innovative arts education institution for more than 100 years and it continues to offer cutting-edge technical and conceptual education programs, pushing students to develop their unique talents and to further their artistic and intellectual careers. With its renowned faculty and wealth of resources, The School holds a premier position among the nation's art schools.

St. Ignatius College Prep **\$10,000**
Math and Sciences Program

This grant honors George Driscoll, Director Emeritus of The Siragusa Foundation, by providing St. Ignatius College Prep with instructional technology and other interactive classroom tools. In 2004, the science department used these funds to purchase DNA analysis equipment, including a digital microscope, polymerase chain reactor, and an analytical 0.0001 gram balance. These funds were also used to cover the upgrade of the ADAM interactive physiology software.

Teach for America **\$8,000**

One Corps Member Teacher in Chicago

This grant supported the recruitment, training and support of a corps member and their work to effect significant gains in student academic achievement. In 2004, 150 corps members worked in Chicago Public schools, reaching nearly 12,000 students. Teach for America is a national corps that calls on outstanding and diverse recent college graduates to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools and to become lifelong leaders in ensuring that all of our nation's children have an equal chance in life.

The United Negro College Fund **\$20,000**

Scholarship Fund

\$10,000 of this grant was used to provide college scholarships to four Chicago Public School students. The scholarships were awarded based upon the unmet financial need of these students as reported by their university's financial aid office. The remaining \$10,000 was used to support the United Negro College Fund's (UNCF) general scholarship fund. Without the UNCF scholarship fund, many deserving and highly motivated students would be denied access to higher education.

The University of Chicago **\$20,000**

Siragusa Scholars

This grant provided scholarships to two undergraduate minority students during the 2003-2004 academic year. The University of Chicago is one of the nation's top research institutions and its undergraduate program is designed to inspire and develop students' academic research skills.

Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart **\$10,000**

Scholarship Fund

These funds were used to provide scholarship support for two non-boarding students from Lake County. Woodlands Academy, located in Lake Forest, Illinois, is a college preparatory school for girls that provides a vigorous academic education deeply rooted in faith, intellectual values, and community service.

Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart

\$10,000

100 Year Anniversary

This one-time grant honored the one-hundredth anniversary of Woodlands Academy and will be used to provide scholarship assistance to low-income students.

Yale University

\$20,000

Siragusa Scholarship Fund

The Siragusa Scholarship Fund at Yale University supports an undergraduate minority student in the Arts Department. Entrance to the Yale Art Department is limited to students who have passed a rigorous sophomore review of their academics and artistic motivation. Yale art majors receive intense intellectual and conceptual training, which provides a thorough preparation for graduate study and professional work.

ENVIRONMENT

The objective of the Foundation's Environment Program is two fold: environmental education and open spaces preservation initiatives. Our founder was an avid sportsman and our grants honor his commitment to environmental conservation and his appreciation of nature. The Foundation believes that environmental education plays a critical role in generating the community support necessary to protect, restore, and maintain our threatened ecosystems and shrinking open spaces. The Foundation also considers protection and preservation of natural, open spaces vital to enhancing the quality of life in urban communities like Chicago. The Foundation's overall grantmaking is focused within the Chicagoland area; as such, we have a long history of supporting cityscape beautification and urban preservation projects.

The metropolitan Chicago region is fortunate to be home to a great diversity of plants and animals and to have access to a variety of natural environments that include wet lands, prairie grasslands, woodlands, and savannahs. Rapid industrialization, unfettered economic development, and poor land management, however, threaten the health of the region's environment. Pollution, climate change, destruction of wetlands, introduction of invasive species, and increased demand for water and other natural resources have further contributed to the environmental degradation of our region. Chicago's open spaces are at risk; therefore, it is essential that the community at large work together to promote environmental awareness and conservation. Openlands Project's TreeKeepers program serves as an example of the benefits derived from programs that marry conservation and education.

In 1998, when trees in Chicago became infested with the Asian longhorned beetle, Openlands Project's TreeKeepers' were the only non-profit organization in the country invited to partner with the USDA Forest Service to identify trees in Chicago infested with the beetle. Thought to have arrived in Chicago in wood pallets carrying Chinese imports, the Asian longhorned beetle is an exotic forest pest that feeds on a variety of hardwood trees. It has demonstrated formidable potential for harming many important commercial tree species in the forests of North America. In affected urban and suburban communities, the beetle causes the aesthetic and property values to depreciate as mature infested trees need to be replaced by young, less desirable beetle-resistant trees.

TreeKeepers assisted the city and federal government with a public education campaign regarding the beetle. Eight years, 1,500 trees and \$1.5 million dollars later, the Asian longhorned beetle has virtually been eradicated from Chicago.

Officials acknowledge that local residents played a vital role in helping to eliminate the beetle from our community.

In the past four years, TreeKeepers has trained over 800 volunteers to help maintain Chicago's urban forests. While partnering with the City of Chicago and Chicago Park District, over 400,000 trees have been planted. In addition, they joined with the City to locate and monitor infestation areas of gypsy moths in Chicago. Thanks to TreeKeepers, our urban forest in Chicago thrives.

The Foundation believes that by supporting both environmental education and conservation programs, we are better able to generate the community support necessary to protect and expand public open space. We believe that projects that include the general public are typically the most effective because they not only personalize the process, but they also call on local residents to take action. Lastly, we believe that these open spaces increase our level of engagement with the environment and, therefore, improve the quality of life in our urban cities. While development continues to threaten the health of our natural environment, the need to preserve open space is paramount.

Chicago Botanic Garden**\$20,000****Campaign for the Chicago Botanic Garden**

This grant supports the establishment of a new home for the School of the Chicago Botanic Garden, which will open in June 2006. The Campaign for the Chicago Botanic Garden seeks to secure \$100 million for capital improvement projects, the endowment, and educational and community programs. In 2004, construction began on the Esplanade, a spectacular redesign of the Garden's North Lawn. The area will serve as an entryway to the School of the Chicago Botanic Garden, as well as, providing visitors with dramatic lakeside views and engaging new garden elements.

Chicago Botanic Garden**\$10,000****The Children's Garden**

This grant helped to maintain the Children's Garden, a place where creative play supports the discovery and education of plants, gardening, and nature. The Children's Garden is the primary outdoor classroom for the Garden's educational programs. Throughout 2004, young people, ages two through eighteen, experienced the Children's Garden through summer camps, scouting events, and school programs. For the first time, the Children's Garden served as a learning destination for older students involved in the Botanic Garden's Science First and College First programs. These educational summer camps use the Botanic Garden as a resource for teaching botany, ecology, and environmental science to students in grades six through twelve.

International Game Fish Association**\$6,000****Education and the Junior Angler Outreach Program**

This grant supported the International Game Fish Association's (IGFA) educational outreach program. In 2004, these funds made it possible for at-risk youth to visit the IGFA, for a small group of children to attend one week of either spring or summer camp, and for 30 children from ChildNet take a fishing trip. ChildNet is Broward County's program for abused, neglected, and abandoned children. These programs educated participants about the importance of conservation and the protection of aquatic environments.

Lincoln Park Zoo**\$10,000****Animal Conservation Program**

This grant was used to support the goals of Lincoln Park Zoo's privately managed Conservation and Science Program, which focuses on both wild and captive animals. The purpose of this program is to improve wildlife conservation and animal management through scientific research, field conservation, population management, and training programs for students, zoo professionals, and conservation professionals. This grant also ensures that the Lincoln Park Zoo remains free to the public without sacrificing the Zoo's high standards for animal care and visitor service. In 2004, the Population Management Center of the Conservation and Science Program helped to provide consultation for over 60 species survival plans. These plans are cooperatively designed and managed by all American Zoological Association accredited zoos to ensure the healthy survival of endangered species.

Openlands Project**\$7,500****TreeKeepers**

This grant helped fund Openlands Project's seven-week spring and fall TreeKeepers classes, which train Chicago volunteers to maintain the city's 'urban forests'. During 2004, 70 new TreeKeepers joined Openlands Project's crew of more than 700 volunteers. Openlands Project protects and expands public open space by increasing Chicagoans' level of engagement with their immediate environment and by advocating for the legal preservation of open spaces.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy**\$2,500****Chicago Area Trail Projects**

This grant supported many Illinois Trails Conservancy projects in the Chicago area, including producing 'Organizing a Local Advocacy Group for your Trail', a brochure that provides phone numbers, Web Sites, and advice to local advocacy groups on how to maintain, clean, fund, promote, and police their local trails. This grant also provided funding for The Northern Regional Greenways & Trails Workshop.

The Trust for Public Land**\$5,000****Chicago Urban Parks Program**

This grant was used to conserve critical open space for people in Chicago to enjoy. Projects in 2004 included the Haas Park Expansion Project, which added 75 percent more recreation space for over 2,000 children living in the Logan Square neighborhood on Chicago's Northwest side. This grant also supported the exploration of sites for new parks on the near-West side and along the Chicago River.

The Wetlands Initiative**\$5,000****Hennepin & Hopper Lakes**

This grant was used to support a portion of the 2004 restoration activities at the Hennepin and Hopper Lakes Restoration Project in Putnam County. During 2004, seeding and plugging, mowing, burning, and herbiciding took place to help restore the site to its pre-European settlement state.

HEALTH SERVICES AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

The Foundation's Health Services and Medical Research Program is balanced between medical research organizations, which are concerned with scientific inquiry and the exploration of treatment methods, and health service organizations, which provide direct social and clinical care. We believe that these two types of organizations provide vital and highly complimentary services. The Foundation's interests in supporting these two types of organizations, however, are widely different. First, in order to continually improve the quality of patient care, further effective treatment options, and increase the understanding of the pathogenesis of disease, we believe that it is important to support medical research programs. Second, because roughly one in seven Illinois residents are uninsured and therefore cannot see a doctor unless it is an emergency or if they pay for services out-of-pocket, we believe that it is important that the Foundation supports organizations that provide free or low-cost care.

We believe that the Foundation's grants toward asthma closely mirrors the Foundation's interests in both clinical care and scientific research. Asthma is a chronic inflammatory disorder of the airways within the lungs that is characterized by severe breathing difficulty and a chronic cough. Asthma affects over 17 million people in the United States and nearly 800,000 in Illinois. Asthma rates continue to rise across the globe, but nowhere is the problem more severe than among children and the poor; roughly nine percent of all children nationwide have asthma, a figure that has doubled since 1980 and low-income people are twice as likely to be afflicted by asthma. Asthma is the most chronic childhood illness in the US and is the leading cause of child disability.

While the cause of asthma is unknown, many studies have shown that several factors can lead to the development of asthma: genetics; development and growth of the lungs and immune system; various infections; and environmental factors. Moreover, because no one is certain what causes asthma, treatment options only address symptoms of the disease and are continuing to evolve. In response, National Jewish Medical and Research Center, rated the number one respiratory hospital by US News & World Report for the seventh year in a row, launched the Childhood Asthma Management Program (CAMP). CAMP is a major effort to understand and fight asthma in urban children. Our grants have supported a multi-center, randomized, double-masked clinical trial designed to determine the long-term effects of treatment for mild-to-moderate childhood asthma.

The study provided a comprehensive picture of the outcome of taking medication to manage childhood asthma. The results of this study have had a significant impact on recent revisions to the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma. Also, due to the findings in this study, inhaled steroids are now recognized as the preferred medication for the management of persistent asthma in both children and adults.

The Infant Welfare Society (IWS) has implemented the Asthma Management Program, a comprehensive initiative to manage asthma care. The IWS primarily serves Chicago's low-income Latino population; last year, less than one percent of their patient visits were covered by insurance and it is one of the few programs in Chicago that addresses the special needs of the Latino population. The goal of the IWS's Asthma Management Program is to educate all of their patients and their parents to employ a regular and preventative treatment through the proper use of equipment and oral and inhaled medications. With effective management, it has been proven that children will experience a decrease in severe breathing difficulties, ER visits, hospitalizations, school absences, and reduced physical activity. To help the diagnosis and management of asthma, the IWS screens all patients for asthma as part of their routine pediatric care.

The Foundation believes that by supporting both research organizations and clinical care, we are better able to provide care and treatment options for all. Just as many of the service providers the Foundation supports aim to provide comprehensive service and treatment, the Foundation also strives to support a comprehensive range of health and medical services. Furthermore, we believe that the organizations we support are doing tremendous work to enhance treatment options and to expand the access to quality health care.

Alzheimer's Association, Inc.

\$5,000

Early Stage Support Group

This grant was used to enhance programming for persons with early stage dementia. Funds contributed to the establishment of three new early stage support groups and helped finance a collaborative project with the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center to establish an early stage/early onset program for those who are diagnosed before age 60. This grant also provided funding for a half-day conference on early stage issues with the Alzheimer's Disease Center at Northwestern University.

American Brain Tumor Association

\$5,000

Post-Doctoral Research Program

This grant supplemented new and continuing fellowship awards in brain tumor research. These fellowships not only advance current research studies, but also encourage young scientists to enter and remain in the field of brain tumor research. Throughout the history of the research program, American Brain Tumor Association researchers have brought a wealth of new information on brain tumors to the forefront.

Arthritis Foundation, Greater Chicago Chapter

\$5,000

Research and Patient Programs

The Arthritis Foundation works with government and health care industry researchers to find new ways of preventing and treating arthritis. This grant supported research, public education, and patient services in the Chicagoland community. In 2004, the Arthritis Foundation launched a minority outreach program in Chicago's Chatham neighborhood that focused on promoting physical activity as a means to prevent and treat arthritis symptoms.

Children's Memorial Hospital**\$15,000****Julia Foster Porter Patient Care Endowment**

This grant supported the Julia Foster Porter Patient Care Endowment, which helps offset the cost of care for patients who are uninsured, under-insured, lack financial resources, or are ineligible for public aid. While charity care is critical to those families who need it most, support for charity care benefits every child and family who comes to Children's Memorial Hospital. Without the endowment, Children's Memorial would be forced to divert more of its operating dollars to cover charity care, which in turn would greatly impede its ability to make advancements in all other areas of care. In 2004, Children's Memorial's excess of cost over the reimbursement for Medicaid patients was \$24.5 million, compared to \$12.3 million in 2003.

The Foundation for Hearing and Speech Rehabilitation**\$7,500****Pediatric Otology Department at Children's Memorial Hospital**

This grant supported the Foundation for Hearing and Speech Rehabilitation's family support, education, and research programs in the Pediatric Otology Department at Children's Memorial Hospital. These one-of-a-kind programs provide doctors with the tools to precisely assess hearing loss in infants and help families navigate the intricacies of treatment, communication, and education so that their children may achieve at a rate equivalent to their hearing peers.

Howard Brown Health Center**\$10,000****Youth Drop-In Center**

This grant supported the Youth Drop-In Center, which provides free confidential assessment and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, as well as, counseling, family planning, housing assistance, and educational/vocational training. The grant also helped the Youth Drop-in Center provide risk-reduction education and healthy lifestyle programs, which included mentoring and psychological counseling services. In 2004, in response to needs expressed by Youth Drop-In participants, Howard Brown opened the Broadway Youth Center which allows the services of the Youth Drop-In Program to be offered six days a week. Previously, services were only available on Friday nights. The Howard Brown Health Center is one of the nation's premiere healthcare organizations specializing in the medical and social needs for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

Infant Welfare Society of Chicago**\$5,000****Asthma Management Program**

This grant supported the Asthma Management Program at the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago. This program screens all pediatric patients for asthma, provides comprehensive medical treatment to those diagnosed with the condition, and educates patients and their parents on proper asthma management techniques. This program offers critical preventative and early intervention medical services. From July 2004 through January 2005, the Infant Welfare Society provided 196 asthmatic patients and their parents with medical care, education, and supplies which included Flovent inhalers, Albuterol inhalers, and nebulizers.

Les Turner ALS Foundation, Ltd.**\$5,000****Proteomic Investigation of Sporadic and Familial ALS**

This multi-year grant supported the Les Turner ALS Research Laboratory at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. This research facility is now exclusively focused on studying the molecular and neurogenetic causes of Lou Gehrig's disease. The research program is currently studying the world's largest database of families affected by Lou Gehrig's disease with 821 families. This grant has aided the progress in discovering some of the differences in protein expression between diseased and normal spinal cords in animal models with ALS. Comparative studies of the different mouse models, as well as, human counterparts are planned or are in progress to further elucidate the mechanism of ALS and to gain insight towards finding new therapies to treat and prolong the life of ALS patients.

Les Turner ALS Foundation, Ltd.**\$4,000****Research Program at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine**

This grant supplemented researchers' salaries and equipment costs at the nation's largest, publicly supported, independent facility devoted to treating and preventing Lou Gehrig's disease. The research team is working towards understanding the pathogenesis of ALS. This grant has helped the Les Turner ALS Research Laboratory develop the largest resource of DNA samples from familial and sporadic ALS patients, especially trios and discordant sibpairs. Tissue banking has been fundamental in the team's discovery of two genetic causes of ALS in 1993 and 2001, as well as the examination of genetic predisposition in sporadic cases.

Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research **\$25,000**
Cytoprotective Genes in Heart Failure Study

Heart disease remains a leading cause of morbidity and mortality in this country, yet the molecular basis underlying the susceptibility and progression of heart disease is largely unknown. This grant helped fund research focused on identifying genetic defects in cardioprotective proteins that make the heart vulnerable to injury, precipitating heart failure and arrhythmias. Over the past year, two novel genes responsible for inherited forms of heart failure (dilated cardiomyopathy) and arrhythmia were discovered. This work provides new insight into molecular mechanisms for heart disease and has been published in high impact journals.

National Jewish Medical and Research Center **\$7,500**
Childhood Asthma Management Program (CAMP)

This grant supported a multi-center, randomized, double-masked clinical trial designed to determine the long-term effects of treatment for mild-to-moderate childhood asthma. The study provided a comprehensive picture of the outcomes of taking medication to manage childhood asthma, including clinical impacts, changes in pulmonary function, and adverse effects. The results of this study have had a significant impact on recent revisions to the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma. Also, due to the findings in this study, inhaled steroids are now recognized as the preferred medication for the management of persistent asthma in both children and adults.

Northwestern Memorial Healthcare **\$30,000**
Siragusa Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship

This multi-year fellowship supported research studies that integrate complicated clinical treatment practice with state-of-the-art model care patterns to provide maternal fetal medicine specialists with more accurate and effective ways of treating and caring for new mothers and infants. 2004 Siragusa Fellow Dr. Ann Bryant's research focused on HIV during pregnancy. She has been instrumental in implementing a statewide initiative for rapid HIV testing of patients whose status is unknown at the time of labor. Dr. Ann Bryant's work in HIV and pregnancy has been nationally recognized by the Centers for Disease Control, and is being considered as a model for nationwide implementation.

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

\$10,000

Wound Healing Research Laboratory

This grant to the Wound Healing Research Laboratory allowed continued studies of chronic, impaired healing in the elderly. Using microarrays, six genes of interest, which are expressed differently in the elderly wound healing model, have been successfully identified. These genes are being evaluated in more detail.

HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Program is the Foundation's largest and most diverse program area. Over the past ten years, the Human Services Program comprised nearly 40 percent of the Foundation's total grants and in 2004, the Foundation awarded \$348,100 to 49 human service organizations. Although we support a myriad of human services organizations, the program area is guided by our founder's belief that the purpose of a charitable foundation should be to help people to help themselves. The Foundation's Human Services Program includes grants across a variety of areas, such as: early childhood education; programs for the disabled; employment assistance programs; poverty, hunger, and homelessness; youth development; and women and girls. These areas of interest are not formally established. Rather, they are illustrative of the Foundation's general interests.

It is our belief that in order for social change to be sustainable, public perception must be conducive to change. Thus, our evaluation considered not only the extent to which the organizations we support are improving their constituents' quality of life, but also their influence on public opinion. The Foundation's support of programs for the disabled most clearly illustrates how these criteria work in tandem.

Founded in 1951, SHORE Community Services (SHORE) gradually evolved from one mother's response to the absence of educational programs for disabled children into a community-based agency that addresses the developmental, educational, and vocational needs of people with physical and developmental disabilities. During its 54-year history, SHORE has not only improved the quality of life among countless disabled people, but it has also helped transform traditional perceptions of the disabled. When SHORE was established, the disabled were typically viewed as patients requiring treatment or special services. Consequently, they tended to be institutionalized or isolated from the larger community. Today, however, the Federal government mandates that students with disabilities be mainstreamed into classrooms and other educational programs. We believe that SHORE helped influence certain attitudinal and environmental factors that made these broader changes plausible.

The programs we support at Keshet lend credence to the value of academic inclusion. For nearly 25 years, Keshet has provided educational, recreational, and vocational programs for children and young adults with developmental disabilities. The Peer Buddy Mentoring Program, for example, assigns a normally developing child to a Keshet classroom twice a week. They participate

in a variety of structured activities with Keshet students, including class work, vocational assignments, and computer projects. In addition, the visiting students complete a thorough training program and are encouraged to interact with Keshet students outside the classroom. This program has not only succeeded in altering common misconceptions of the disabled, but, by promoting compassion and friendship, it has also improved the quality of life of its constituents. As one participant explained, "I realize that the Keshet students have special needs, but I don't think that they should be set apart. I think that if people had a better understanding of what 'disabled people' are like, they could realize that we are really all the same." Though these changes may appear small, we believe that they are the necessary precursors to broader change and greater inclusion and tolerance of people with disabilities.

Similarly, the Neumann Association helps to improve the quality of life for the disabled while building a more compassionate community. Founded in 1949, the Neumann Association provides housing, recreation, rehabilitation, training, and employment opportunities to disabled adults. More specifically, our grant supports Neumann Neighbors, a training and business enterprise that provides employment in janitorial and landscaping services. This program helps adults with developmental disabilities become self-sufficient by achieving and maintaining employment. By engaging the disabled into the economic and social fabric of the community, this program has enhanced their self-image and thereby improved their quality of life. In addition, this program has helped improve the community's relationship with the disabled. Although these programs are vital in creating a sense of independence and self-determination among the disabled, there is no Federal or Illinois state mandate to provide occupational programs for young adults over age 21.

The necessity of these programs is two-fold. One, by integrating disabled people into the mainstream, these programs help challenge common misconceptions and create a more tolerant and understanding community. Second, because these programs empower a historically disadvantaged population, they are improving their quality of life. One by one, the incremental steps each of these programs make to change public perceptions helps create an environment where greater change will be sustainable and the lives of the disabled improved.

The American Red Cross**\$10,000****Support to Hurricane Victims in Florida**

This grant provided general operating support to The American Red Cross to aid victims of the 2004 Florida hurricanes. The American Red Cross responds to hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and fires, and other disasters to assist those in need.

The Anti-Cruelty Society**\$5,000****Pet Visitation Program and Two Teacher Workshops**

This grant supported the Pet Visitation Program and two Teacher Workshops. In 2004, the Pet Visitation Program expanded to eighteen sites, with 32 volunteers. The two teacher workshops, which focused on classroom animals and animal abuse, were held for elementary and secondary educators from Chicago Public Schools.

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith**\$3,000****General Operating Support**

This grant provided unrestricted funds, which enabled the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to further its fight against anti-Semitism, bigotry, and hatred. The ADL watches for instances of extremism across the United States and also plays an important advocacy role in educational, legislative, and inter-group dialogue.

Bottomless Closet**\$5,000****General Operating Support**

This grant helped provide business clothing and image coaching to 1,353 low-income women who wish to enter or re-enter the workforce. Many of these women could not find professional work without the clothing necessary to make a positive impression in interviews, attain employment, and ultimately achieve economic self-sufficiency. Eighty-five percent of the women served indicated that they rely exclusively on Bottomless Closet for clothing. Bottomless Closet also offers career development services at no cost.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago**\$6,000****General Operating Support**

These unrestricted funds enabled Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago to administer their five core service area programs: Character and Leadership Development; Health and Life Skills; the Arts; Sports, Fitness and Recreation; and Education and Career Development. These programs helped endow 18,000 Chicago youth in 26 locations with the support and skills they may not have otherwise received.

Boys Hope Girls Hope**\$7,500****General Operating Support**

\$5,000 of this grant went toward general operating support and the remaining \$2,500 went to Girls Hope. The general operating support supplemented the development of a new website and other marketing materials. In 2004, all of the high school seniors at Boys Hope Girls Hope graduated from high school and went on to college. Boys Hope Girls Hope helps young adults (scholars) who are at-risk, yet academically capable, to realize their potential by providing value-centered, family-like homes, and education through college.

Cabrini Connections**\$5,000****Tutor/Mentor Connection**

This grant was used to expand the Tutor/Mentor Connection (T/MC) program. T/MC provides a range of activities designed to increase the number of non-school tutor/mentor programs available in both high-poverty areas and near under-performing Chicago Public Schools. More than 30,000 people visited the T/MC web site or participated in T/MC events, such as conferences and training session. The T/MC program is designed to help 'pull' low-income youth through school and into professional jobs, as opposed to being 'pushed' into graduation and then forgotten.

Career Resource Center, Inc.

\$5,000

General Operating Support

This grant provided career development services for thirty-four individuals facing employment transition. The Career Resource Center offers practical and professional assistance in a supportive environment, which empowers clients to conduct an effective job search, thereby increasing his/her economic self-sufficiency. Career Resource Center's clients participate in private, confidential job search sessions, interview practice, internet research, networking sessions, and workshops. In addition, many clients are provided office space, equipment, and reference materials at no-cost.

Center for Disability and Elder Law

\$5,000

General Operating Support

This grant helped underwrite the salary of the Center for Disability and Elder Law's (CDEL) Pro Bono Coordinator. CDEL provides legal services at no-cost to low-income and disabled persons in Cook County through an extensive network of pro-bono attorneys. The types of cases managed by CDEL are varied, ranging from brief advice to complex litigation. In 2004, CDEL served 4,033 clients. Last year, CDEL also developed a peer review program, which partners new volunteer paralegals with a mentor to help them develop their interviewing and writing skills.

Chicago Abused Women Coalition

\$5,000

Hospital Crisis Intervention Project

This grant supported the services of the Chicago Abused Women Coalition's (CAWC) Hospital Crisis Intervention Project (HCIP) at Stroger Hospital. These services included domestic violence counseling, crisis intervention, legal and medical advocacy, emergency shelter, and referral service. The HCIP served over 400 clients in 2004 and provided domestic violence training for 4,898 healthcare providers. HCIP makes a significant impact on victims of abuse because their services reach individuals who shun traditional domestic violence programs or those who are afraid to talk to the police.

Chicago Christian Industrial League **\$5,000**

General Operating Support

This grant was used for general operating support of the Chicago Christian Industrial League, which through its 18-month residential program provides more than 800 homeless men, women, and children each year with the support, resources, training, and opportunities they need to break the cycle of poverty and become financially independent.

The Chicago Lighthouse **\$5,000**

Birth-to-Three Family Intervention Project

This grant supported in-home services for 131 families with vision-impaired children aged 0-3 years. Weekly visits by vision teachers provided developmental therapy to the children and support to their families. The teachers also taught parents how to simulate and encourage the child to improve visual attention, scanning, and tracking through a variety of specialized developmental and educational activities.

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation **\$5,000**

Attorney Manual Update and Supplement Program

This grant was used to update and publish the Attorney Training Manual for volunteers and other legal service providers. Chicago Volunteer Legal Services facilitates pro bono legal work for the working poor by providing attorneys with the supporting research staff and administrative resources they need to work a case for free.

Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois **\$12,500**

Englewood Early Head Start

This grant supported early childhood education programs for low-income, at-risk infants and toddlers and job training, parenting skills, and support services for their parents in Chicago's Englewood, West Englewood, and New City communities. In addition, this grant provided funding to implement the nationally recognized Focus Portfolio, which captures and documents developmental milestones for children 0-2 years old.

Community Extension Project**\$5,000****After-School Tutoring Program**

This grant supported five after school and evening tutoring programs for disadvantaged youth in West suburban areas of Chicago. From September 2004 to January 2005, 146 youth between the ages of six and seventeen received 2,126 hours of tutorial assistance from 32 teen and adult volunteers. The Community Extension Project helps youth who might otherwise 'fall between the cracks' to develop their academic, social, recreational, and leadership skills.

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Cook County (CASA)**\$5,000****General Operating Support**

This grant enabled Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Cook County to expand its volunteer recruitment, training, supervision, and retention programs. CASA volunteers are committed and highly trained individuals who serve as advocates for abused and neglected children in Cook County Juvenile Court. In 2004, CASA conducted 6 training sessions and swore in 104 new volunteers. This brought the total number of active volunteers to 235, which allowed CASA of Cook County to serve 568 children in need. This represents a 35 percent increase, over 2003, of the number of children served.

The Cradle**\$10,000****The Nursery and Special Needs Infant Adoption Program**

This grant provided medical care and nursery essentials to 96 infants admitted to the Cradle Nursery in 2004. Half of the babies had special medical needs, usually as a result of exposure to drugs or alcohol. The Cradle is also a resource for the families of high-need adopted children; it provides essential infant care supplies as well as initial and on-going medical assessments, medicine, lab tests, and therapies.

The Fisher House Foundation

\$500

General Operating Support

This grant provided general operating support to The Fisher House Foundation. The Fisher House Foundation donates "comfort homes," built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times - during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury.

Girl Scouts of Chicago

\$12,500

Helping Girls Grow Strong: The Campaign for the Girls Scouts of Chicago

This grant to the Girl Scouts of Chicago's capital campaign helped rebuild camps in Indiana and Wisconsin. With the \$3.25 million raised from the campaign, Girl Scouts of Chicago constructed a year-round troop house at each camp and a program center in Indiana, which significantly increased their outdoor program offerings to thousands of Chicagoland girls.

Girl Scouts of Chicago

\$5,000

GirlSpace

This grant supported GirlSpace, formerly Neighborhood Activity Centers. GirlSpace allows girls from Chicago's disadvantaged neighborhoods to gather after school in a safe place and to participate in a range of programs, workshops, and activities. Working with Chicago Public Schools, individual Girl Scouts strengthened their self-esteem, developed leadership skills, and learned the basics of financial literacy.

Greater Chicago Food Depository

\$15,000

Construction of the New Food Bank

This grant was used to support the construction of the Greater Chicago Food Depository's (GCFD) new state-of-the-art food bank and training center. The new facility is able to distribute up to 80 million pounds of food, twice as much as before. To date, the GCFD has successfully raised almost \$26 million of the \$30 million capital campaign goal. In March 2004, the Food Depository moved into its new food bank and training center with uninterrupted service to its clients.

Greater Chicago Food Depository**\$5,000****Chicago Community Kitchens**

This grant was used to support the Greater Chicago Food Depository's (GCFD) Chicago's Community Kitchens (CCK) program. The goal of CCK is to empower underemployed and unemployed adults, who desire a life change, with the skills and support necessary to develop a career in the foodservice industry. CCK produces nutritious meals for the GCFD's Kids Cafes while preparing students for a productive career. The 22 Kids Cafes in Cook County provide hot meals, nutrition education, and tutoring in a nurturing environment to more than 1,500 children at risk of hunger. In 2004, 141,260 meals were sent to GCFD's Kids Cafes and 21 of the 24 students that graduated from the CCK program in 2004 are now gainfully employed.

HarborQuest, Inc.**\$12,000****STRIVE/Chicago Career Path Project**

This grant supported the operations of the Career Path Project, which provides career advancement services to low-skilled and under employed adults through computer learning labs. In 2004, the organization fully integrated its service delivery systems, resulting in a comprehensive blending of classroom training and on-the-job private sector work experience.

Holy Name Cathedral**\$10,000****Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development works to address the root causes of poverty. This grant has supported the Campaign's educational work, which in 2004, included seminars on integrating faith and justice, the citywide Justice Day gathering, the development of an archdiocesan-wide justice network with 100 parish justice leaders, and the formation of a Spanish-speaking justice leadership team representing key large parishes.

The Hospice Foundation of Northeastern Illinois, Inc. **\$10,000**
Bereavement Services

This grant supported the Hospice Foundation's Bereavement Program, which brings warmth, compassion, and friendship to hospice shelter residents at the end of their life's journey. The Bereavement Program provides a range of services, which include counseling, grief support groups, Camp Courage, the 'Hope through Healing' letter series, memorial services and 'Handling the Holidays' seminars. Over the years the Bereavement Program has helped more than 3,950 individuals with comprehensive grief support services.

Junior Achievement of Chicago **\$7,500**
Economic Education Program

This grant was used to support Junior Achievement of Chicago's Whole School Economic Education Program. Specifically, this grant enabled over 400 students to gain a fundamental understanding of the free enterprise system. In 2004, the Economic Education Program increased its student outreach by 5.5 percent.

Juvenile Protection Association **\$7,500**
Parent-Infant Development Program

The goal of the Juvenile Protective Association (JPA) is to keep families intact by quickly intervening in physically and emotionally abusive situations and by providing the counseling and therapy these families need. In 2004, over 200 individuals benefited directly from JPA prevention and early intervention services. Outreach efforts through training sessions, consultations, and presentations throughout Chicago indirectly brought JPA's expertise in child welfare, early child development, and supporting troubled parents to more than 2,100 families.

Kayne-Eras Center **\$7,500**
Enrichment Program

This grant funded enrichment activities for academically-challenged students in the Los Angeles area. Activities included art, music, dance, drama, computer education, science, team sports, field trips, and self-defense. These activities are designed to help young people develop self-esteem, physical coordination, social skills, self-expression, a sense of exploration, and a sense of teamwork.

Keshet **\$5,000**
General Operating Support

This grant helped Keshet meet the ever-growing demand for education, recreation, and vocational programs for individuals with developmental disabilities. Keshet programs in Chicago promote inclusion and support independence - where every individual, regardless of his/her disability, is given opportunity to participate as fully as possible in the mainstream of community life. In 2004, Keshet was recognized by the State of Illinois' Autism Project as an endorsed training site.

Lakefront Supportive Housing **\$5,000**
Employment, Education, and Training Programs

This grant supported the Employment, Training, and Education (ETE) programs. These programs are divided into two areas, Training & Education and Career Services, which are designed to help Lakefront tenants and community members find stable employment. Lakefront Supportive Housing works towards a permanent solution to homelessness by developing affordable, supportive housing facilities.

Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly **\$5,000**
Visiting Program

Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly is committed to relieving loneliness and isolation through friendship and companionship. The visiting programs establish regular visits and match volunteers or staff members with the elderly. Socialization activities include holiday parties, homebound celebrations, and regularly scheduled luncheons. This grant provided unrestricted funds to support these visitation programs. In 2004, 1,000 elderly were served with over 25,000 visits.

Little Sisters of the Poor **\$5,000**
General Operating Support

Little Sisters of the Poor provides impoverished elderly people of all creeds, races, and ethnic backgrounds with care and housing. They ensure that the aged are respected, loved, and cared for with the dignity each of them truly deserves. This grant was used to support the operating expenses of the home.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois**\$4,600****Wish Granting Program**

This grant was used to make the wishes of two children living in Chicago with life-threatening medical conditions come true. The first wish went to Shakila, a 12 year old suffering from painful and degenerative Renal Disease whose wish was to go on a shopping spree. The second wish went to a three-year old boy named Trevion who wished for a computer. Trevion loves playing games on his computer especially when he cannot go outside while undergoing treatments to cure his Neuroblastoma.

Marillac Social Center**\$10,000****Psychological Testing**

This grant enabled Marillac to employ a Ph.D. Psychologist to evaluate, assess, and treat children who were born drug-addicted and as a result, have manifest behavioral and learning difficulties. In addition, the psychologist screened pre-school children for developmental delays, provided appropriate therapy, and tested school-age children identified as having cognitive difficulties, addressing their needs with parents and staff. The psychologist delivered needed services to nearly 200 children in 2004. Through testing and counseling, the children can learn to improve their socialization skills and behavioral patterns.

Meet the Wilderness**\$6,500****Wilderness Adventure Education for Chicago Area Youth**

Meet the Wilderness is an adventure and life skills program that introduces low-income Chicago youth to the beauty of Eagle Country, Colorado. This grant allowed Meet the Wilderness to host 80 Chicago teenagers from Cristo Rey and North Lawndale high schools, and St. Agnes, St. Agathas, St. Romans, Casa Juan Diego, and St. Georges parishes for six days at the organization's Colorado facility. Meet the Wilderness builds the self-esteem, communication, and teamwork skills of program participants through a vigorous expedition in the Colorado wilderness.

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls **\$7,500**
Life Skills Program

For nearly 120 years, Mercy Home, a nationally recognized nonprofit, has been a haven for abused and neglected children. This grant provided support for the general expenses associated with caring for, educating, and preparing at-risk children for an independent future. Mercy Home is open to boys and girls who have suffered neglect and abuse and who seek the chance to rebuild their lives with educational opportunities, counseling, and the support of a loving family.

Neumann Association **\$5,000**
Transitional Services Program

These grant funds were used to purchase uniforms, equipment, and supplies for the start-up of Neumann Neighbors, a job training program and business enterprise for individuals with disabilities. This enterprise, which provides janitorial and lawn care service, has contracts with several community businesses.

Project Exploration **\$5,000**
Sisters4Science

Sisters4Science is an after-school science and leadership development program where girls' interests drive the curriculum. Girls explore topics such as scientific illustration and engineering with female scientists, participate in field trips, and take part in intensive science experiences such as Girls' Health and Science Day and the All Girls' Expedition.

Project Exploration **\$1,000**
Philanthropy Program

This one-time grant allowed the third and fourth generations of The Siragusa Foundation to learn about the concepts of philanthropy, volunteerism, and service by spending a morning touring Project Exploration's Dinosaur Lab. The Foundation believes that by encouraging philanthropy at a young age, it will become an integral part of each successive generation's daily lives and serve as a first step in working together as members of The Foundation's Board.

Resurrection Home Health Foundation

\$7,000

Long-Term Care Program

Resurrection Home Health serves low-income, chronically ill, and socially isolated elderly in Chicago who, after discharge from the hospital, still need medical and social attention and monitoring. The Long-Term Care Program is designed to enable these patients to remain in their own homes rather than face unnecessary or premature institutionalization. In 2004, the Long-Term Care Program provided services to 63 seniors. This grant supported general operating expenses of the program.

St. Joseph's Carondelet Child Center

\$5,000

Vocational Education Program

This grant supported the Vocational Education Program, which provides the residents of St. Joseph's Carondelet with basic work skills and the self-confidence needed to enter the job market. In 2004, St. Joseph's hired a Vocational Education Manager, purchased educational software, and continued the in-house work-study program. St. Joseph's Carondelet has cared for orphaned boys and girls since 1864 and is the only center of its kind with a no-decline policy.

St. Joseph's Carondelet Child Center

\$3,000

Solace Place Program

This grant enabled St. Joseph's Carondelet to offer educational instruction and residential treatment for high-risk males ages 14-21. The Solace Place Program provides special education, vocational training, and therapy and targets individuals recovering from conduct disorders and depression. Many of the individuals involved in the Solace Place Program also suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Salvation Army**\$5,000****General Operating Support**

This grant helped fund The Salvation Army's Family Management Program. In 2004, the program provided 650 low-income women, who were pregnant or had one child under one years of age with case management, material relief, education, and support to ensure the health and well being of both mother and child. The Salvation Army serves people with problems ranging from a lack of food and shelter to drug addiction and physical or sexual abuse. The Salvation Army's numerous social service programs assist more than one million people across metropolitan Chicago annually.

SHORE**\$10,000****General Operating Support**

This grant was used to maintain SHORE's programs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities. SHORE's services include early childhood intervention, developmental training, residential, respite, vocational, and seniors programs. In 2004, SHORE served 370 children and adults on the North Shore and the north side of Chicago.

Tax Assistance Program - It Adds Up**\$5,000****Tax Assistance Program**

This grant enabled the Tax Assistance Program to provide free, confidential tax preparation services to working poor families at 19 community sites throughout Chicago and in four outlying suburbs. In 2004, 1,641 volunteers served 8,130 low-income families and returned \$10.3 million in tax refunds and credits.

Tuesday's Child**\$10,000****Early Intervention/Parent Training**

This grant facilitated the addition of the Birth-to-Three Program into all of the Tuesday's Child programs. In addition, it helped train and certify the staff in Early Intervention and provided case management services for participants. Seeing the value of Birth to Three programming over the past three years inspired Tuesday's Child to take the steps to infuse comprehensive services into all programs in 2004.

United Service Organizations of Illinois, Inc.**\$7,000****General Operating Support**

In 2004, The United Service Organizations (USO) of Illinois provided care and comfort to over 120,000 military personnel and their families. Among its many services the USO provides family programs, outreach services, access to recreation and cultural programs, service referrals, and transition assistance to its service members. The USO of Illinois also hosted numerous deployment and homecoming ceremonies and distributed 2,450 care packages in 2004.

Vital Bridges**\$5,000****Food Services for People Living With HIV/AIDS**

Vital Bridges (formerly Open Hand) used this grant to purchase food for low-income men, women and children living with HIV and AIDS in metropolitan Chicago. Vital Bridges is a \$4.6 million organization that serves more than 2,400 people infected by HIV and AIDS each year. Vital Bridges combines residential care, food distribution, nutrition counseling, and other supportive services with advocacy and education to help people with HIV/AIDS live healthier, more stable lives.

Y-Me of Chicagoland**\$12,500****"Just For Teens" Breast Health Education**

This grant was used to support Y-Me of Illinois' 'Just for Teens' program, which reached over 8,100 young women in the 2003-2004 school year. The expenses associated with this program include a part-time program coordinator, training for new volunteers, telephone and internet usage and printed materials. In addition, Y-Me was able to purchase several new breast models and to train additional presenters, which will enable them to reach more young girls. Y-Me is the nation's leading resource for breast cancer information and support services.

YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago**\$7,500****Pilsen YMCA Young Leaders Program**

This grant supported the Young Leaders Program at the Pilsen YMCA, which brings together fourth and fifth graders, families, teachers, and substance prevention experts. The program promotes alcohol, tobacco, and drug resistance skills and also increases leadership skills. Participants attend a weekend leadership conference, a one-day family reunion, and weekly family meetings at the YMCA. Especially exciting, in March of 2004, twenty-five members and graduates of the Young Leaders Program at the Pilsen YMCA teamed up with the Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation for a Community Clean-up Day. The project was planned, organized, coordinated, and carried out entirely by the youth. The Department of Streets and Sanitation generously provided supplies.

YWCA of Evanston/North Shore Chicago**\$5,000****Destiny Girls**

This grant was used to support the Destiny Girls program, an after-school and summer leadership development program, that strives to empower adolescent girls by teaching skills and strategies that lead to higher self-esteem and independence. The program also identifies ways to eliminate racism and hatred. In August, 2004 the College Preparatory Club was established after the first Destiny Girls College Tour. The tour focused on college life, including college selection, financial aid applications, and course selection.

THIRD GENERATION

Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation **\$5,000**

Research to find a cure for the Neimann-Pick Type C disease

This grant supported important research that investigates HDL cholesterol levels in Neimann-Pick Type C (NP-C) patients. Research efforts also include the creation of an NP-C mouse colony to rapid-test drugs that could be beneficial in slowing the progression of NP-C. NP-C is a genetic, pediatric, neurodegenerative disorder that affects thousands of children and young adults each year.

Chatham Hall **\$5,000**

Writer in Residence

*This grant funded a writing workshop with novelist Nancy Peacock. Peacock has published two novels: *Life Without Water*, a New York Times Notable Book in 1996, and *The Home Across the Road*. She met with three creative writing classes and critiqued a manuscript for each student enrolled in the writing classes. She also gave an all-school reading and a writing workshop. The Writer in Residence has energized Chatham Hall's growing creative writing program and inspired an increasing number of students.*

Lake Forest Country Day School **\$5,000**

Financial Aid for a Low-Income/Minority Student

This grant provides financial aid support to a family from North Chicago. The current recipient is in the sixth grade. These funds help Lake Forest Country Day School (LFCDS) realize one of their Mission Statement's core values: diversity. LFCDS is committed to becoming a diverse community in which differences in backgrounds, origins, perspectives and talents are explored and celebrated, thereby fostering an enriched educational environment that prepares its students for life in a global society.

Miss Hall's School **\$5,000**

Elizabeth Gatchell Klein Arts Center

During their years at Miss Hall's School (MHS), nearly 97 percent of MHS girls enroll in the School's Arts program, which offers a range of courses in the visual, literary, and performing arts. This grant helps sustain the breadth and depth of this program's annual offerings. In 2004, several students were invited to exhibit their work alongside Norman Rockwell's personal collection at the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

Newcomb College at Tulane University **\$5,000**

Newcomb Leadership Conference for Girls

This grant supported a leadership conference for middle school girls facilitated by Mortar Board, the senior women's honor society. The goals of the conference are to help young girls discover their leadership abilities and to build self-esteem and confidence in the hope that they will become more involved in their communities and schools.

Rush University College of Nursing **\$5,000**

Junior or Senior Year Scholarship

Rush College of Nursing has made the recruitment of new nursing students a priority and an integral component of this process is offering a strong financial aid package. This grant helps Rush offer additional scholarships to students in need, thus helping put an end to the nursing shortage. The Magnet designation of Rush nurses' ensures that its students entering the community upon graduation have a high level of clinical proficiency.

Summerbridge Sacramento **\$5,000**

Part-Time Program Coordinator

Summerbridge is a year-round, tuition-free college preparatory program serving highly motivated students from low-income schools in the Sacramento, California area. This grant paid for a program coordinator for the school-year tutoring and enrichment program for middle school students, and for early college outreach presentations to over 700 sixth graders.

Tucson Regional Ballet

\$5,000

General Operating Support

This grant subsidized the admission price for low-income and special needs children so they could attend ballet performances. The Tucson Regional Ballet provides affordable, accessible, and quality ballet for the Tucson, Arizona community.

FOUNDER'S HONORARY GRANTS

Millennium Park

\$714,400

Millennium Park and the Joan W. and Irving B. Harris Theater for Music and Dance

Millennium Park, Inc. is a nonprofit organization established to raise funds for the beautification and cultural enhancements of Millennium Park. The Park, which officially opened in July of 2004, provides architectural and landscaped beauty in a convenient location to other area cultural attractions. Millennium Park, Inc. provides funding and operational support to oversee the design, construction, restoration, maintenance and the preservation of the elements of Millennium Park.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2004	2003
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 14,840	\$ 7,359
Certificate of Deposit	10,000	
Investments at Market Value	33,122,614	32,507,559
2004 cost - \$24,026,257		
2003 cost - \$25,456,639		
Pending Trades Receivable		6,515
Other Assets		
Fixed Assets (Net of Depreciation)	56,049	65,864
Security Deposit	12,713	12,713
	\$ 33,216,216	\$ 32,600,010
 Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accrued Liabilities		
and Credit Card Payable	\$ 8,670	\$ 12,499
Net Assets - Unrestricted	33,207,546	32,587,511
	\$ 33,216,216	\$ 32,600,010

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Revenue		
Contributions Received	\$ -	\$ -
Dividends and Interest	585,315	645,081
Realized Gains (losses) on Investments	563,536	(4,809)
Changes in Unrealized Gains	<u>2,045,448</u>	<u>5,487,889</u>
	<u>3,194,299</u>	<u>6,128,161</u>
 Grants and Other Expenses		
Grants	1,803,565	3,642,634
Investment Management Fees	246,409	237,165
General and Administrative	521,909	485,854
Federal Excise Tax	<u>2,381</u>	<u>3,444</u>
	<u>2,574,264</u>	<u>4,369,097</u>
 Increase in Net Assets	 620,035	 1,759,064
 Net Assets at Beginning of Year	 <u>32,587,511</u>	 <u>30,828,447</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u><u>\$ 33,207,546</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 32,587,511</u></u>

GUIDELINES

The Foundation supports organizations in the areas of arts and culture, education, the environment, health services and medical research, and human services. For further information on our program areas, please refer to page eight.

The Foundation is primarily interested in grants towards both specific programs and general operating expenses. The foundation typically does not support capital expenditures or endowments. The Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals from outside the Chicago area. The Foundation also limits potential grantees from applying for funds to once per calendar year. The Foundation does not support individuals or political advocacy.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Before submitting a formal proposal to the Foundation, prospective applicants should submit a two-page letter of inquiry outlining the background of the organization and the proposed project. The letter of inquiry should describe succinctly the project for which funding is requested, including how it relates to the Foundation's interests, the target audience, and the estimated program budget.

After reviewing the letter of inquiry, the Foundation may request a formal proposal. This proposal must include the following materials:

- Grant application form (available on-line)
- Internal Revenue Service tax-exempt 501(c)(3) letter
- Audited financials for the most recently completed fiscal year
- Project budget for the current and coming fiscal year
- Projected versus actual budget for the most recent year

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