



THE SIRAGUSA FOUNDATION

2005 Grantee Report

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ARTS & CULTURE

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

Astronomy Connections

This grant supported ‘Astronomy Connections’, a professional development and curriculum implementation program for middle school teachers. Teachers received a free field trip, ongoing support, classroom materials, distance-learning programming, technology training and curriculum guides.

The Art Institute of Chicago **\$10,000**

Faces, Places, and Inner Spaces Program

Funds from this grant supported a range of student and family programs related to the child-centered exhibition Faces, Places, and Inner Spaces, which attracted 270,300 visitors during 2005. Activities included regular student tours, artist demonstrations, and story-telling and art-making workshops, as well as events during the museum’s annual family festivals. Now in its third year, Faces, Places, and Inner Spaces has become an on-going, fully integrated part of student and family programs at the Art Institute.

Art Resources in Teaching **\$5,000**

General Operating Support

The grant assisted Art Resources in Teaching (ART) to deliver 353 visual arts programs during the 2004-2005 academic year to 125 schools. Programs ranged in length from one-day workshops to 16-session, multi-year programs, totaling 1,635 days of programming which reached over 27,000 children and 1,350 teachers in kindergarten through eighth grade. In fall 2005, ART realized a long-term goal of creating a pARTnership Lab School with Smyser School, a Chicago Public School. Smyser School, located on the city’s northwest side, will serve as a training ground for emerging ART Teaching-Artists who will teach classes alongside veteran ART Teaching-Artists.

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

On BOARD Program

The On BOARD Program trained and placed a class of 19 business professionals with expertise in diverse areas of management on boards of arts organizations. Program participants underwent five sessions of training, plus an apprenticeship that provided them with the essential tools needed for meaningful and worthwhile nonprofit board service.

Association of Small Foundations **\$1,500**

General Operating Support

This grant was used in support of Association of Small Foundation’s (ASF) mission to build and strengthen small foundation philanthropy by providing quality programs, products and services to foundations with few or no staff. Using members, volunteers, staff and consultants, ASF published the first 12 titles in the new ASF Primer Series — a series of 8-10 page publications on key topics essential to running an effective and responsible foundation.

Chicago Children’s Museum **\$5,000**

Program for Children with Special Needs

This grant supports Chicago Children’s Museum’s (CCM) program that pairs Parker School student volunteers with children who have special needs. The volunteer partnership increases access for diverse needs classes and in the 2004-05 school year provided museums visits for nine classes, almost 200 students. In 2005, CCM positioned a key staff member to educate and facilitate training to all employees and volunteers. She is a valuable resource to the Parker School student volunteers in their work with special needs classes visiting the museum.

Chicago History Museum **\$12,500**

Reinventing the Chicago History Museum Capital Campaign

Chicago Historical Society is undergoing a complete transformation of the first and second floors of the museum to create a more open environment and expanded exhibition spaces. The renovation includes new Children’s Gallery, Costume and Textile Gallery, Chicago Room events space, and expanded Chicago History gallery, Chicago: Crossroads of America.

Chicago Opera Theater **\$5,000**

Chicago Public Schools Partners Project

The 2004/2005 Siragusa Foundation grant supported Chicago Opera Theater’s (COT) Chicago Public Schools Partners project. This project established new music programs at Von Humboldt School, Carl Schurz High School and the People’s Music School, teaching music fundamentals in voice training and instrumental lessons. Students from all outreach programs were invited to audition for (and many participated in) 2005’s outreach opera, Finding Yolanda, as well as attend COT main stage dress rehearsals. Participating teachers commented on the noticeable difference the outreach program made in their students reading and writing skills.

Chicago Shakespeare Theater **\$5,000**

Team Shakespeare

This grant enabled Chicago Shakespeare Theater (CST) to continue Team Shakespeare, its expansive arts-in-education program. Each year, the Theater strives to effectively communicate the Bard’s timeless relevance to today’s young people, reaching approximately 50,000 students and educators from varying social and economic backgrounds who all encounter Shakespeare within their school curricula. In 2005 CST established the Bard Core Curriculum, a focused effort to increase our service to underserved Chicago Public School (CPS) teachers. A professional development program aimed at growing student literacy, Bard Core works with participating CPS educators throughout the school year to introduce theater techniques that effectively break open Shakespeare’s language.

Donors Forum of Chicago **\$5,000**

Leaders for the Library Program

In fiscal year 2005, the Donors Forum Library and 3 Philanthropy Centers served approximately 10,000 people, who either visited those sites, asked reference questions or participated in workshops and training. The reference questions increased 13% over the previous year and were 20% over 2003 statistics. The value of the resources and expertise of the Donors Forum is growing.

The English-Speaking Union **\$5,000**

Educational and Cultural Programs

The Siragusa Foundation grant helped significantly with the mission of the ESU to promote scholarship and the advancement of knowledge through the use of English throughout the world. They offered a Shakespeare Seminar and a Shakespeare Competition, making available these opportunities to high school students at no cost to them.

Executive Service Corps of Chicago **\$5,000**

General Operating Support

This grant helped defray the cost of consulting projects with Chicago based nonprofits dedicated to health and/or human services. Through the use of highly trained volunteers, ESC bolsters the infrastructure of these organizations at fees that even the smallest of agencies can afford.

The Field Museum of Natural History **\$10,000**

Community Outreach Program

This grant helped support more than 2,800 innovative education programs that engaged 651,000 people from all backgrounds, ages, and levels of sophistication in building a greater understanding of the extraordinary richness of human cultures and natural environments. These programs included internet-based virtual exhibitions, satellite links that brought fieldwork to life for visitors and partnerships that connected Museum scientists with local classrooms.

The Foundation Center **\$1,200**

General Operating Support

This grant supported the Foundation Center's (FC) effort to strengthen the nonprofit sector by advancing knowledge about U.S. philanthropy. The FC collects and disseminates information on philanthropy, conducts research on the field and provides public access to resources through libraries, the website and Cooperating Collections. Some of the FC's recent publications include Social Justice Grantmaking; Foundation Expenses and Compensation Interim Report; Foundation Funding for Arts Education; and Foundation Funding for Children's Health

The Goodman Theatre **\$5,000**

The Student Subscription Series

This grant supported the 19th season of the Student Subscription Series, a comprehensive program that pairs teacher training and classroom study with attendance at four of the Goodman's productions. Approximately 3,500 students and teachers from 38 Chicago Public High Schools participated in the Series during the 2004-2005 season. In 2005, the Goodman implemented a new strategic plan for education designed to guide the growth of educational programming at the Goodman over the next five years. As part of this plan, during 2005, the Goodman increased the technology used in conjunction with the Student Subscription Series by introducing "behind the scenes" DVDs, in place of more costly videos, and by increasing the amount of educational information available for downloading from the Goodman's website. These advances increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Goodman's communication with educators, parents and students.

The Happiness Club/HealthWorks Theatre **\$5,000**

Ethics for Kids Character Education Program

In 2005, this grant helped enhance and expand the arts/character education development workshops for teachers and contributed to twenty programs offered at various Chicago Public Schools. Students of The Happiness Club programs were encouraged to create their own social issues based songs, dances, plays and poetry so they could serve as mentors for socially and economically challenged peers.

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago **\$5,000**

Education & Community Programs

This grant supported Hubbard Street Dance Chicago's (HSDC) Education & Community Programs which served over 30,000 students, teachers and family members through: professional development workshops; K-8 in-school residency programs including the Focus Schools Initiative, Moving in New Directions and Dance in the Classroom; High school and after-school programs and Hubbard Street 2 dance performances

The Joffrey Ballet **\$15,000**

Education & Community Engagement Programs

This grant supported The Joffrey's Education & Community Engagement (ECE) programs. The ECE Programs, which are offered in Chicago Public Schools, Park Districts and at The Joffrey studios, are committed to empowering individuals and developing life skills through creative and educational programming while strengthening ties within Chicago's communities.

John G. Shedd Aquarium **\$10,000**

Schooling with Shedd Education Outreach Program

Support from this grant helped Shedd Aquarium provide high quality classroom, lab, self-guided tours and school auditorium programs for children in grades K-12. The engaging hands-on inquiry based learning, served 218,315 students in 2005, continuing Shedd's mission to creatively connect students and inspire them to make a difference.

Literature for All of Us **\$1,500**

Book Group Program at Irene Dugan Alternative High School

This grant helped serve 47 girls in two weekly book groups at Irene Dugan Alternative High School during the 2004-05 school year. Funds were used to help provide curriculum planning, professional facilitation of book discussions, poetry writing exercises, a published poetry anthology, two weekend writing retreats, and a public poetry reading. The girls immersed themselves in the world of literature, reading and discussing books such as "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou and "I Ask the Impossible" poems by Ana Castillo. Their discussions of these literary texts were focused, articulate and moving.

Lyric Opera of Chicago **\$15,000**

Lyric Opera Main Stage Productions, OPERAREACH, & Lyric Opera Center for American Artists Training

This grant helped the Lyric present 92 world-class operatic performances, as well as hundreds of meaningful education and community outreach programs to benefit audiences of more than 400,000 patrons. Highlights included: Lyric's celebrated new production of Mozart's "Don Giovanni"; Lyric's enchanting premiere/new production of Janáček's "The Cunning Little Vixen"; the glorious Golden Jubilee Concert and Gala; Lyric's widely successful world premiere of William Bolcom's "A Wedding"; acclaimed Lyric revivals of "Das Rheingold", "Fidelio", "Aida", and "Götterdämmerung"; Lyric's revival of "Tosca" which introduced Chicago audiences to Franco Zeffirelli's legendary production of this opera; the spectacular season finale of three complete "Ring" cycles which played to full-house audiences for all Lyric Opera performances.

Museum of Contemporary Art **\$7,500**

School Tours Program

The grant supported the School Tours Program which offers fifty-minute guided tours during the school year free-of-charge to school groups. Tours introduce key skills for analyzing and understanding contemporary art. Students are encouraged to explore such themes as identity through active looking and discussion about artists' subjects, methods and materials. In addition, each student received one free family pass to encourage a return museum visit.

Millennium Park **\$10,000**

Millennium Park Conservancy & Harris Theater for Music and Dance

Millennium Park successfully opened in the summer of 2004 to great acclaim. Although the Park is largely completed, additional design and construction projects were in progress or completed during 2005 including landscape and hardscape improvements to accommodate the estimated 3 million visitors to the Park. This grant helped to capitalize the operations and management of these continued improvements.

Neighborhood Writing Alliance **\$5,000**

Writing Workshop for Inner-City Adults

This grant helped support the Neighborhood Writing Alliance (NWA) host eight weekly writing workshops in underserved neighborhoods. Throughout the year, over 120 adults discussed and wrote about their personal histories and everyday experiences. Selected poetry and prose was published in the quarterly 'Journal of Ordinary Thought.' NWA participated in 27 neighborhood and citywide readings.

The Newberry Library **\$10,000**

Unrestricted Book Fund

This grant supported the Newberry Library's acquisition of reference materials, monographs, and periodicals. These resources provide the context for understanding and interpreting the primary sources and culturally significant items that comprise the Newberry's collections. These collections are free and open to all, and serve more than 120,000 visitors annually with collections encompassing the history and culture of Western Europe and the Americas from the Middle Ages through World War I.

The Philanthropy Roundtable **\$2,500**

General Operating Support

This grant supported The Philanthropy Roundtable's programs and publications, whose purpose is to foster excellence in philanthropy, to protect philanthropic freedom, to assist donors in achieving their philanthropic intent and to help donors advance liberty, opportunity and personal responsibility in America and abroad.

The Renaissance Society **\$5,000**

General Operating Support

This grant provided general operating support for The Renaissance Society's 2004-2005 season. Exhibitions included Yang Fudong; A Perfect Union, More or Less; The Here and Now; Su-Mei Tse and Rebecca Morris. The season also included two major commissions and two exhibition catalogues.

Sacred Heart Schools **\$5,000**

Ana Miyares, "Day in the Life" Photographic Project

This grant was used to hire professional photographer, and alumnae, Ana Miyares to take "Day in the Life" black and white photographs of the children hard at work and play in the school's new building. These photographs were enlarged to poster size, framed, and hung on the walls in the stairwells reflecting the lives of the students occupying each of the floors of the new addition. Due to its high profile location, the Ana Miyares, "Day in the Life" photographic project provides an opportunity for all students, parents, prospective families, alumnae/i and guests to visualize the vibrancy and vigor of life at Sacred Heart Schools.

Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows and American Art **\$5,000**

Contemporary Gallery

The grant was used to install a gallery of contemporary stained glass windows from Europe and the United States. Because of state budget problems, the state of Illinois did not fund the original installation program; therefore, it was decided to install a less expensive contemporary gallery.

Society of Midland Authors **\$1,000**

Annual Awards Dinner

This grant supported the 91st annual dinner and book awards competition for best works of nonfiction, fiction, biography, poetry, children's fiction, children's nonfiction and criticism by Midland writers. Last year at the 90th anniversary annual banquet and awards presentation, Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley proclaimed the date to be Society of Midland Author's Day in Chicago.

Steppenwolf Theatre Company **\$7,500**

Cross-Town Teen Ensemble

This grant supported Steppenwolf's Cross-Town Ensemble for Young Adults, an intensive 12-week mentorship program that allows twenty inner-city high school theater students with limited access to the arts to develop performance and writing skills. In 2005, the students met twice a week to work on an original, collaborative theater project. In addition to learning from accomplished artists, this program offers an opportunity for each student to form important relationships and contacts that will be helpful in the future.

Three Arts Club of Chicago (3Arts) **\$5,000**

The 3Arts Gallery

This grant support facilitated six exhibitions, assisting the careers of emerging and mid-career female Chicago artists. The gallery earned unprecedented media attention, which helped inform the public about the plans to transform 3Arts. Upon reopening in 2007, 3Arts will pair affordable artist housing with a public art center devoted to multigenerational classes and programs in the three art forms that inspired their name—music, theater and visual arts. The revitalized facility will include an expanded gallery, a mixed media studio, a photography studio and darkroom, and a ceramics studio and kiln. By combining affordable housing in a safe, accessible neighborhood with a collaborative arts environment, 3Arts mirrors the progressive ideas of our founders in supporting the next generation of Chicago artists.

TrueNorth **\$1,500**

General Operating Support

This grant has aided GuideStar, the nonprofit organization focused on promoting transparency and accountability in the nonprofit sector, in continuing to provide donors with information to make informed decisions in philanthropy. As one of GuideStar's first TrueNorth members, The Siragusa Foundation helped provide the new program with a strong start.

Yale University School of Medicine

\$25,000

The Wounded Return from Iraq: Exploring the Impact of Injury on Soldiers and Their Families

This grant was to be used to fund a film concerning wounded soldiers returning from Iraq. The original topic has changed since several films related to this topic had been produced. Currently the focus is on two specific populations: women soldiers and the National Guard. This refinement led to a delay in the formal presentation to the Yale Human Subjects Committee.

EDUCATION

American Indian College Fund **\$15,000**

The Siragusa Foundation Tribal College Scholarship Program

The funds from this grant were allocated to fifteen tribal college students, attending the Institute of American Indian Arts, LCO Ojibwe Community College, Oglala Lakota College, Sisseton Wahpeton College and United Tribes Technical College. With the funding, these students were able to support their families and pursue their goals to help their communities.

Associated Colleges of Illinois **\$5,000**

College Readiness Program

This grant supported College Readiness, a year-round program of academic enrichment, personal growth opportunities and hands-on college campus experiences, designed to increase the high school graduation and college enrollment rates of low-income, minority and first generation students across Illinois. June 2005 marked the sixth class of seniors completing ACI's College Readiness Program with every student in the 2005 senior class graduating from high school. 92.5% of these students enrolled in higher education this past fall.

Associated Colleges of Illinois **\$5,000**

College Success Network

This grant helped to fund the College Success Network, a statewide initiative designed to increase the retention and graduation rates of low-income, multicultural and first generation students enrolled on ACI member campuses. Built on the foundation laid by ACI's Partnership for Multicultural Student Achievement, the College Success Network continues to support programs to insure that low-income, multicultural and first generation students complete degree programs within 6 years of enrolling at ACI member colleges.

Big Shoulders Fund **\$5,000**

Chairman's Emergency Scholarship Fund

This grant supported the Chairman's Emergency Scholarship Fund which assists families in crisis. Recognizing the Catholic school community as a stabilizing factor in a child's life, this fund provides tuition assistance to keep children enrolled in their school during a hardship, such as the death of a parent, emergency medical conditions, unemployment, or divorce.

Catholic Theological Union **\$20,000**

Making a Place for Faith Capital Campaign

This grant helped offset the ongoing construction costs for the new academic center and the renovation of the existing administration building. To date, nearly \$11.8 million has been spent on the "hard and soft costs" as well as some of the electrical needs in the building to be renovated. All of the grant funds have been used for these purposes.

Catholic Theological Union **\$6,000**

Oscar Romero Scholars Program

This grant helped provide full scholarship assistance to 12 Hispanic lay men and women enrolled in the program during the fall semester of 2005 and the spring semester of 2006. The grant helped students further their graduate theological studies at CTU and pursue their goal of securing a degree to return to their community and pursue a career in professional ministry.

The Cove School **\$10,000**

Scholarship Fund

This grant, when combined with equal grants from the W. P. & H. B. White and Helen Brach Foundations, provided a full-tuition scholarship to an elementary student with severe learning disabilities. Marissa, the scholarship recipient, has profound and complex learning disabilities requiring intense remediation. Combining scholarship grants made another year at Cove possible for her.

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

The Cristo Rey Scholarship Fund

This grant helped provide scholarships for families with limited financial means. It enabled 5 students to pursue a college preparatory education at Cristo Rey during the 2004-05 school year. The Cristo Rey Scholarship Fund ensures that a college preparatory education and unique work study program is available to deserving students from Chicago's near southwest side. Over 60% of all students receive financial assistance.

Elmhurst College **\$20,000**

Scholarships for Middle Income Students

This grant provided partial tuition scholarships to middle-income students at Elmhurst College. These scholarships allow exceptionally able and worthy students the opportunity to obtain a high-quality education despite increasing educational costs. Elmhurst College seeks to build an intellectually rigorous and spiritually connected community by advancing the practical and professional relevance of the liberal arts tradition.

Erikson Institute **\$5,000**

Graduate Student Scholarships for Teachers

This grant helped provide scholarships to teachers enrolled at Erikson Institute, a graduate level academic institution focused on early childhood development. In 2005 Erikson Institute was able to matriculate the largest graduation class in its 40-year history, with 66 master-level students receiving degrees.

The Hadley School for the Blind \$7,500

Safety in the Home and Going Places Courses

This grant supported the design and development of two courses for blind and visually impaired people. "Safety in the Home" teaches people with visual impairments how to deal with emergency situations and "Going Places" provides alternative transportation strategies for individuals who no longer drive because of vision loss.

Illinois Wesleyan University \$20,000

The Siragusa Foundation Scholarship Fund

This grant helped Illinois Wesleyan University extend financial support to middle-income students who have no access to federal and state dollars due to family income level. With these funds students were able to take full advantage of a liberal arts education.

Kellogg Center for Nonprofit Management \$10,000

Non-Profit Executive Scholarships

The Kellogg School Center for Nonprofit Management helps nonprofit leaders build their organizational capacity and individual management skills through executive education programs. This grant provided scholarships to senior staff and board members of nonprofit organizations enabling them to attend management programs including Fundraising & Marketing, Leadership, Board Governance and others.

Leap Learning Systems \$5,000

Language for Scholars Program

The grant supported the Language for Scholars program at Kids' Club which is educating 150 3rd-6th grade children living in Cabrini-Green. They learn how to use communication skills to excel in school and in life through theme-based monthly lessons which introduce new and engaging vocabulary, activities and concepts to the students weekly.

Loyola Academy \$10,000

Scholarship Program

The Loyola Academy Scholarship program distributed an excess of \$1.2 million in tuition assistance to more than 330 students in fiscal year '05. Ramblers attending Loyola Academy in FY '05 enjoyed a rich, multicultural milieu that offered many opportunities to make friends with students from different backgrounds and learn about different cultures and lifestyles which was made possible, in part, by Loyola's tuition assistance program.

Loyola University Chicago \$15,000

Students Together Are Reaching Success (STARS) Scholarship Program

The STARS Scholarship Program provides tuition assistance to academically successful students who have committed to mentoring first year students as they transition to Loyola University Chicago. Mentors facilitate participation of first year students through weekly mentoring sessions and cultural, social, academic, and community service programming.

Merit School of Music **\$10,000**
Scholarship Fund

This grant provided an advanced piano student with an hour-long private lesson for 40 weeks. The remaining funds went to scholarships for students from low-income families to attend Merit's Preparatory Program, where intermediate level students receive group or private lessons, theory classes and play with an ensemble.

Midtown Educational Foundation **\$5,000**
Summer Program

This grant helped support Midtown Educational Foundation's 2005 Summer Program which provided almost 650 disadvantaged youth, ages 8-18, with academic, character and extracurricular programming that included sports, arts and summer internships. The Summer Program helped to keep these at-risk youth focused and engaged in positive activities during a time when most peers lose academic ground and become involved in the negative temptations of their neighborhoods.

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

These scholarship funds helped support Morehouse School of Medicine's mission to recruit and train students as physicians, biomedical scientists, and public health professionals committed to the primary healthcare needs of the underserved with a focus to eliminate health disparities that are common in our nation's underserved communities. Reducing students' financial burdens enables them to concentrate on their studies and to excel academically.

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

This grant supported partial tuition scholarships for three African American undergraduates at Northwestern University during the 2005-2006 academic year. A solid financial aid program is vital to maintaining Northwestern's commitment to accepting students based on academic— not financial — qualifications. Scholarships make a significant impact on the ability of the University to attract diverse and well-rounded students.

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

This grant was used to provide scholarship assistance to deserving and talented students studying at Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts. This aid enables students with talent and financial need to continue cultivation of their skill while furthering their study in the performing arts.

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

The Siragusa Foundation Scholarship Fund

This grant helped make it possible for two graduate students and one undergraduate student to pursue a cutting-edge artistic education at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. 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 Science Programs in Honor of George Driscoll

This grant supported the Science department's purchase of 10 additional microscopes, 2 balances, hot plates with magnetic stirrers, prepared slides, Fotodyne pipette stands and safety equipment such as exhaust fans and shields. The teachers appreciate not having to worry about paying for necessary experimental and safety equipment or having to sacrifice learning because of the budget.

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

One Chicago Corps Member Teacher

This grant funded the recruitment, selection, training, and on-going support of a Teach for America corps member. This teacher works to effect significant gains in the academic achievement of her students, and is committed to being a life-long leader in providing education opportunity for all.

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

Scholarship Fund

The grant to the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) was used in two ways; **\$10,000** was used to provide scholarship support to Chicago Public School students who would not be able to attend institutions of higher learning without financial assistance. The remaining **\$10,000** was used to provide support to UNCF's general scholarship fund.

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

Siragusa Scholars

The grant provided scholarships for two undergraduate minority students during the 2004-2005 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 Program

These funds were used to provide scholarship support for two non-boarding students from Lake County. Woodland 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.

Yale University

\$20,000

The Siragusa Foundation 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

Alliance for the Great Lakes **\$5,000**

Chicago Water Conservation Education Initiative

This grant supported innovative workshops that trained 45 area educators about the Great Lakes, with an emphasis on water conservation, using Great Lakes in My World, the Alliance for the Great Lakes' new kindergarten - eighth grade curriculum, and to provide them with activities and resources needed to teach these important concepts to their students. Ultimately this information will reach 1035 area students.

Chicago Botanic Garden **\$10,000**

The Children's Garden

This grant supported the Outdoor Learning Classroom (formerly known as the Children's Garden) which serves as a living laboratory for children and students from ages 3 to 18. All of the Garden's education initiatives, from Camp CBG to science programs like College First, utilized this fun, interactive learning space. In 2005, major improvements were made to the Outdoor Learning Classroom; the pond was completely renovated and now features indigenous wetland plants. Other additions include composting bins, farm-animal cut-outs, and the replacement of the maze with topiary bushes in a variety of shapes and sizes. In total, more than 3,000 students benefited from the improvements.

Chicago Botanic Garden **\$20,000**

Campaign for the Chicago Botanic Garden

This grant supported the establishment of a new facility for the School of the Chicago Botanic Garden, scheduled to open in the fall of 2006. In October 2005, renovations began on the Education Building. Closed to the public until construction is complete, the facility will be transformed into the Regenstein Center, the new home of the Joseph Regenstein, Jr. School of the Chicago Botanic Garden. When the Center opens, it will offer an expanded library – including appropriate storage for the Garden's valuable rare book and journal collection and a rare book reading room – updated classrooms and computer technology, new laboratories and additional exhibition space.

Friends of the Chicago River **\$5,000**

Adopt A River Program

These funds were used for supplies and equipment for community groups in Friends' Adopt A River program to make improvements to their adopted stretches. Additional funds bought supplies and offset staff time and travel needed to grow Chicago River Day from 3,500 volunteers to 3,700 volunteers.

International Game Fish Association **\$6,000**

Education and Junior Angler Program

Funds from this grant were used to extend museum visits and lab programs to at-risk local children from Broward County, FL. These children ranged in age from pre-K through high school. These programs educated participants about the importance of conservation and the protection of aquatic environments.

Lincoln Park Zoo **\$10,000**

Animal Conservation Program

The grant was used to support the annual operations of the Conservation and Science Department. This department is one of the five largest conservation departments in the nation and supports science programs for animal welfare and conservation around the world. This year the Conservation and Science Department was able to make two significant staffing improvements that will enhance the ability of the zoo and the Conservation department to provide the highest quality science and collaboration for zoos across the country and conservation nationwide.

Openlands Project **\$7,500**

TreeKeepers Program

This grant was used in support of TreeKeepers, a volunteer education/training program that certifies an average of 60 to 80 civic leaders each year with knowledge of how to care and advocate for the health of the urban forest throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. A number of TreeKeepers volunteers and program managers worked with local media outlets to provide valuable information to the public regarding how to care for their own and their neighborhood's trees during the summer drought. This additional exposure almost certainly contributed to Openlands graduating its largest TreeKeepers class to date – 53 individuals from the Fall 2005 course.

Trust for Public Land **\$5,000**

Chicago Urban Parks Program

This grant was used to create new parks in under-served Chicago neighborhoods, expand public access to the Chicago River, and conserve land for people throughout the city of Chicago. Specifically, the Trust for Public Land helped the Logan Square neighborhood expand Haas Park by 75 percent. Haas Park serves 2,000 children who live within a 1/4 mile radius.

The Wetlands Initiative **\$5,000**

Hennepin & Hopper Lakes Restoration Project

This grant was used to support a portion of the 2005 restoration activities at our Hennepin & Hopper Lakes Project in Putnam County. During 2005, planting, mowing, burning, and control of Eurasian water milfoil helped to restore the site to its pre-European settlement state. More than 200 anglers joined the Hennepin & Hopper Fishing Club and more than 235 species of birds, 52 species of butterflies, 21 species of herps and a dozen species of dragonflies have been spotted on the site.

HEALTH SERVICES AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

Advocate Charitable Foundation **\$5,000**

Lutheran General NICU Follow-Up Clinic

This grant was used to significantly expand the repertoire of diagnostic, educational and support services and to enhance the quality of care for all families visiting the clinic. The pilot project introduced cognitive evaluation with children age 2-3 years and added educational services to promote continuity of care. The expanded services helped families access the appropriate resources and support child development.

Alzheimer's Association Greater Illinois Chapter **\$5,000**

Early Stage Support Group

This grant was used to train and provide materials for eight new early stage support group facilitators. Early stage support groups take quite a commitment from the volunteer facilitators - weekly groups for 10 weeks, two facilitators per group, with an optional 6-month "graduate" program. Increased volunteer participation from professionals greatly assisted the program.

American Brain Tumor Association **\$5,000**

Post-Doctoral Research Program

This year, ABTA awarded more than \$1.5 million for brain tumor research, including 31 new and continuing Fellowships. Of particular importance, several past ABTA Fellows are now Sponsors of new Fellows, demonstrating that these awards help ensure a talented pool of scientists working to unlock the mysteries of brain tumors.

Arthritis Foundation, Greater Chicago Chapter **\$5,000**

Research and Patient Programs

Funds from this grant enabled the Arthritis Foundation to continue a minority outreach awareness project in the \South Side neighborhood of Chatham, an area that is currently underserved by arthritis and chronic health education providers. This project focused on promotion of physical activity as a means to prevent and help control arthritis symptoms.

Children's Memorial Foundation (CMH)

\$15,000

Julia Foster Porter Patient Care Endowment Program

This grant supported the Julia Foster Porter Patient Care Endowment, which helps to offset the cost of medically necessary health care services for children in our community who are uninsured, underinsured, lack financial resources or are ineligible for public aid. This philanthropic support enabled CMH to expand the criteria in their financial assistance policy to offer 100 percent charity care if the family's income is up to 300 percent of the poverty level, and a sliding scale for families with income up to 400 percent of the poverty level.

Howard Brown Health Center **\$10,000**

Broadway Youth Center

This grant was used to support The Broadway Youth Center, a program of Howard Brown Health Center and community partners that offers at-risk youth daily, comprehensive health and social services which include medical care, counseling, case management, drop-in services, HIV & STD testing, mentor programming, support and educational groups, basic need services and volunteer opportunities. Throughout this year, Howard Brown reached out to over 7,690 youth through various programs at the Broadway Youth Center.

Infant Welfare Society of Chicago **\$12,500**

Opening New Doors to Community Health

This grant supported the capital campaign, "Opening New Doors to Community Health," which enabled the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago to relocate to the heart of their patient community in Logan Square. Since opening the doors of the new facility, they registered a total of 1,444 new patients in the medical clinic, 968 new patients in the dental clinic and 157 new clients in the Family Services Department.

Infant Welfare Society of Chicago **\$5,000**

Asthma Management Project for At-Risk Children

This grant supported the Asthma Management Project which under new leadership and at a new location served 116 asthmatic children 0-12 with a primary diagnosis of asthma. In 2005, a comprehensive Asthma Follow-Up Form in pediatric charts was developed. This document captures detailed information on triggers; symptoms; medication history; education and demonstrations conducted; and diagnosis, which determines the clinician's course of action according to National Institutes of Health guidelines.

Les Turner ALS Foundation **\$5,000**

Proteomic Investigation of Sporadic and Familial ALS

This grant supported salaries and equipment for the study of the proteomics of ALS in the Les Turner ALS Research Laboratory. This funding helped discover some of the differences in protein expression in diseased vs. normal spine cords in animal models of ALS, which in turn, spawned new projects investigating the differences in protein composition of the cerebrospinal fluid of ALS patients compared to controls.

Les Turner ALS Foundation **\$4,000**

ALS Research Program at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

This funding supported salaries and equipment for Dr. Teepu Siddique's team of scientists at the Les Turner ALS Laboratory, which is focused on finding the causes of ALS and understanding the mechanisms involved in the onset and progression of symptoms. Aims included DNA tissue banking of patients, relatives and controls; search and identification of genes causing familial ALS; genetics of sporadic ALS; screening of compounds for therapeutic benefit; examination of postmortem tissue; and mechanisms of the disease in SOD1.

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

Funds from this grant supported research into the molecular basis, underlying disease susceptibility and progression of heart disease. This program is focused on identifying genetic defects in cardioprotective proteins that make the heart vulnerable to injury, precipitating heart failure and arrhythmias. In 2005, the discovery of a novel gene responsible for an inherited form of heart failure and arrhythmia was published. This work provides new insight into molecular mechanisms for heart disease.

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

This funding supported CAMP, a multicenter, randomized, double-masked clinical trial designed to determine long-term effects of treatment for mild-to-moderate childhood asthma. The study provided a comprehensive picture of the outcomes of selecting a medication, with key information about clinical impact, changes in pulmonary function, and adverse effects. Results from this study had a significant impact on the recent revisions made to the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma. Largely 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 Foundation \$30,000
Siragusa Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship

Funds from this grant enabled the Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellows to advance their clinical and research skills which in 2005 focused on HIV during pregnancy and a project that explored the biologic basis underlying the social disparities in obstetric outcomes. The results of the study on HIV and pregnancy were instrumental in implementing a statewide program designed to reduce the risk of perinatal HIV transmission through enhanced rapid HIV testing in labor and delivery. This program is being considered as a model for nationwide implementation.

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine \$10,000
Wound Healing Research Laboratory

This grant allowed continued studies of impaired healing in the elderly. The altered gene expression patterns of the elderly in response to the stress of ischemia reperfusion were a particular focus. The study identified a series of stress response genes that fail to upregulate with repeated cycles of the type of stress commonly seen in chronic wounds.

HUMAN SERVICES

AIDS Foundation of Chicago **\$5,000**

Chicago Housing for Health Partnership (CHHP)

This grant supported a 17-agency collaborative that provides housing and wrap-around services for chronically ill homeless individuals. The CHHP evaluation will measure health outcomes and the cost benefits of the "housing first" methodology, and offer best-practice models to improve local and national programs and policies for the chronically ill homeless. In 2005, the Collaborative Research Unit of Cook County (CRU) released preliminary findings that suggest CHHP is succeeding in its efforts to place participants into stable housing, and that the CHHP model is more successful in getting and keeping people housed and improving their health than the traditional care model.

The Anti-Cruelty Society **\$5,000**

Pet Visitation Program, Humane Education Teacher Workshops

This grant supported the Pet Visitation Program and Humane Education Workshops. In 2005, The Anti-Cruelty Society increased its teacher workshops to three; Animals in the Classroom, Animal Abuse and Children, and Animal-related careers (for high school counselors). The Pet Visitation Program had fourteen volunteers visit thirteen different sites. They intend to add new sites to the visitation program annually.

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) **\$3,000**

General Operating Support

This grant provided general operating support for ADL to: train teachers and students in anti-bias education and diversity; teach law enforcement officers to identify and combat hate crimes and extremism; investigate discrimination complaints and provide victim assistance; monitor extremist groups; and offer programs to combat hatred and bigotry in the community-at-large.

Bottomless Closet **\$5,000**

General Operating Support

This grant helped Bottomless Closet provide professional clothing, skill development and image coaching to 1,207 low-income women who were entering or re-entering the workforce. Many of these women could not find professional work without the clothing necessary to make a positive impression in interviews and, in turn, attain employment and ultimately achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago **\$6,000**

General Operating Support

This grant helped support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago's five core program areas which include: Character and Leadership Development; Education and Career Development; Health / Life Skills; The Arts; and Sports, Fitness and Recreation. Thirty-one Club locations provided this structured programming to almost 18,000 young people throughout Chicago.

Boys Hope Girls Hope of Illinois **\$7,500**

Girls Hope Program and General Operating Support

This grant provided support for tuition/educational supplies, food and medical costs and specific funding of mental health services for our girl Scholars. In 2005, 100% of the children who were in the program when they graduated from high school went on to college.

Cabrini Connections **\$5,000**

Tutor/Mentor Connection (T/MC)

This grant supported the T/MC whose mission is to provide an organized framework that empowers and encourages adult volunteers to give their time, effort, ideas and advocacy in seeking life-changing solutions for children living in educationally and economically disadvantaged environments in Chicago. In July 2005, a new interactive internet portal was launched. In the following 6 months, over 130,000 people visited the site and in November the first Tutor/Mentor eConference was held.

Career Resource Center, Inc. **\$5,000**

Employment Transition Assistance

This grant helped support adults facing employment transition by providing education, training and mentoring in a supportive environment. The grant made it possible to serve thirty-one clients, covering the gap between the fee clients pay and cost of delivering services.

The Center for Disability and Elder Law (CDEL) **\$5,000**

General Operating Support

This grant helped CDEL provide high-quality legal services to Cook County's low-income elderly and people with disabilities. In 2005, CDEL provided over \$4.5 million worth of legal services at no cost to over 3,600 clients. Also in 2005, CDEL developed a pilot program, Bankruptcy Partnership Initiative (BPI), which provides cost-effective handling of bankruptcy issues for low-income citizens

Chicago Abused Women Coalition **\$5,000**

Hospital Crisis Intervention Project (HCIP)

The Hospital Crisis Intervention Project provided 1,369 hours of direct services to 402 victims of domestic violence. These services included crisis intervention, counseling, legal and medical advocacy, safety assessment and planning, access to emergency shelter, and referrals. HCIP also provided 3,948 hours of training to 3,989 healthcare providers. HCIP follow-up clients have more than doubled from 81 in FY'04 to 189 in FY'05, an increase of 132%.

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

General Operating Support

This grant was used to support the Chicago Christian Industrial League's (CCIL) programs for homeless men, women and families. These programs not only provide for basic needs (food, shelter, medical care, clothing), but also provide residents with the tools, resources and opportunities they need to become independent. These additional service areas include: counseling, life skills, pre-employment skills, education skills, literacy, Pre-GED and GED, industry based job training, and both post employment and employment retention services.

Chicago Christian Industrial League **\$12,500**

Capital Campaign

This grant was used to provide capital support for building the Chicago Christian Industrial League's new campus at 2750 Roosevelt Road in North Lawndale. The campus will provide transitional housing and supportive services for more than 800 homeless men, women and families each year, as well as provide day services to an additional 600 people from surrounding communities.

The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired **\$12,500**

Capital Campaign

This grant supported renovation and new construction at The Chicago Lighthouse. In fiscal year 2005, The Lighthouse provided direct service to 24,681 individuals who are blind or visually impaired, deaf-blind, or have multiple disabilities.

The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired **\$5,000**

Birth-to-Three Family Intervention Program

This grant supported in-home services for 141 families with children with visual impairment, aged 0-3 years. Weekly visits by vision teachers provided developmental therapy to the children and support to the families. Parents learned alternative methods to help their child achieve age-appropriate developmental milestones.

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

The Attorney Manual Update & Supplement Program

Funds from this grant were used to expand the volunteer referral guide to include information about non-legal assistance like drug testing sites, family counseling and child therapy, etc. Chicago Volunteer Legal Services supplies support staff and administrative services for attorneys who provide pro bono legal work for the working poor.

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

Englewood Early Head Start

This grant supported the Chicago Early Head Start program at Children's Home & Aid. This program provides Englewood infants and toddlers with the comprehensive Early Head Start approach, which includes family support, parent involvement and childhood development components.

Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois \$7,500
Englewood Family Center

This grant helped finance the new Englewood Child & Family Center. When it opens in January 2007, it will serve over 200 children, ages 6 weeks to three years old, and their families.

Community Extension Project \$5,000
Tutoring Program

This grant provided seventy-nine students, ages six to eighteen, from west suburban Chicago with after-school tutoring programs. The youth received 2,549 hours of tutorial assistance from 24 teens and 5 adults during 2005. The Community Extension Project helps youth, who might otherwise “fall through the cracks” develop their academic, social and leadership skills.

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

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Cook County advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the court system. This grant supported the salary of the Director of Child Advocacy, who oversees the program by supervising professional staff in the training and support of our volunteer advocates. The goal of CASA and the volunteer advocates is to find safe, permanent homes for abused and neglected children by making recommendations to the court. CASA volunteers provide insight regarding the best interests of children, and in 2005, judges agreed with and implemented CASA volunteer permanency-related recommendations 95% of the time.

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

This grant supported The Cradle’s Nursery and Special Needs Infant Adoption Program, which is committed to providing the highest level of physical, medical, emotional and nutritional care for every infant entrusted to The Cradle Nursery, including those with special medical needs, until they are placed with loving families. In 2005, The Cradle Nursery provided care for 89 infants, 42 of whom had some level of special medical need. Placements with adoptive families included 32 babies at a moderate medical risk, 3 at a larger risk, and 4 babies with serious special medical needs.

Foundation for Hearing and Speech Rehabilitation (FHSR) \$7,500
Infant Hearing Center

This grant supported FHSR’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.

Girl Scouts of Chicago (GSC) \$12,500

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

This grant to GSC's capital campaign helped rebuild their camps in Indiana and Wisconsin. With \$3.25 million raised by the campaign, they reconstructed a year-round troop house at each camp and a program center in Indiana, significantly increasing their outdoor program offerings to thousands of Chicago girls.

Girl Scouts of Chicago \$5,000

GirlSpace

During the 2004-2005 school year, the Girl Scouts of Chicago's GirlSpace initiative offered 926 girls, ages seven to fourteen, a safe, supervised and nurturing place to go for an hour after school, one day a week. The program was held at sixteen Chicago Public Schools and aligned the goals of the Illinois State Board of Education and Girl Scouts of Chicago while meeting the needs and interests of the girls.

Greater Chicago Food Depository \$5,000

Chicago's Community Kitchens (CCK)

Funds from this grant were used to support the Chicago's Community Kitchens program, which provides free job training to prepare unemployed, underemployed and welfare-to-work individuals for foodservice careers. Students in the program gain the skills necessary for a productive career in the food industry while preparing nutritious meals for the Kids Cafe program. In 2005, CCK students prepared 257,132 hot meals for the Kids Cafe program, up almost 55% from the previous year. Additionally, in 2005, 90 students enrolled in the CCK program and 61 successfully graduated towards careers in the food service industry.

Greater Chicago Food Depository \$15,000

Capital Campaign

Funds from this grant were used to support the construction of the Food Depository's new state-of-the-art, 268,000 square-foot food bank and training center. In summer 2005, the Food Depository reached its \$29 million capital campaign fundraising goal, which qualified the Food Depository for a \$1 million Kresge Foundation challenge grant to complete the campaign. Since the new facility opened in April 2004, the Food Depository is now equipped to distribute up to 80 million pounds of food, twice as much as before.

Harborquest, Inc. \$12,000

STRIVE/Chicago Career Path Project

This grant supported the STRIVE/Chicago Career Path Project, which provides career advancement services to low-skilled and underemployed adults. In 2005, the project focused on helping employees of the declining manufacturing sector make a smooth transition to comparable paying service sector employment.

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

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development works to address the root causes of poverty. This grant supported the Campaign's Social Justice Education Program, which in 2005, assisted 12 Spanish-speaking parishes form "pastoral social" (social ministry) teams. Each parish leadership team received several Catholic Social Teaching seminars which served as framework for any social action the parish developed to serve the poor in the community.

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

This grant provided funding for comprehensive grief support services for individuals who had suffered the loss of a loved one. Grief Support Services include: counseling, grief support groups, Camp Courage, "Hope through Healing" letter series, memorial services, Handling the Holidays and other seminars.

Junior Achievement of Chicago **\$7,500**
Economic Education through the Whole School Program

This grant supported the Whole School Economic Education Program which enabled over 300,000 Chicago-area students to gain a fundamental understanding of the free enterprise system. Over 10,000 volunteers helped bring economic education, while serving as role models and teaching life-long skills, to these students.

Juvenile Protective 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 2005, 169 families benefited from JPA prevention and early intervention services. In February the JPA launched the Caring Families Project which provides parenting workshops to meet the needs of low-income community residents. Through a series of five workshops, this project served 25 parents and grandparents who collectively care for 65 vulnerable children.

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

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

Keshet **\$5,000**

General Operating Support

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

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

General Operating Support

Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly is committed to relieving loneliness and isolation through friendship and companionship. Funds from this grant supported visitation and socialization programs that served 1,040 men and women over the age of 70 in Chicago. Socialization activities include holiday parties, homebound celebrations and regularly scheduled luncheons.

Little Sisters of the Poor **\$5,000**

General Operating Support

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

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

Wish Granting Program

This grant was used to make the wish of 9-year old Patrick, who suffers from Muscular Dystrophy, come true. Patrick, his older brother Robert and their mother and father were sent on a special Disney Cruise vacation together, a much needed respite for the entire family. Patrick was thrilled when had the chance to meet the Captain of the ship and even had a private meeting with Mickey Mouse himself. In Patrick's own words, the vacation was "awesome."

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

Psychological Testing for Children

This grant helped support the salary of a Ph.D. Psychologist who was employed to identify and treat young children with developmental delays who, as a result, might have difficulties in school. The psychologist worked with families and staff to address their needs. Many studies have shown that this kind of early intervention will increase these children's success in school, help them become well-adjusted young adults, and, eventually, productive members of the community.

Meet the Wilderness **\$6,500**

Character Building Wilderness Trip for Chicago 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 helped provide a 6-day Colorado wilderness trip for six Chicago youth groups. The challenges of the wilderness helps those participating build self-esteem, trust, and personal responsibility, along with, communication and teamwork skills.

Mercy Home for Boys and 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. It is open to boys and girls who seek the chance to rebuild their lives. This grant was used to support the Life Skills Program, which is designed to teach participants skills that will be useful for independent living such as balancing a check book, grocery shopping, cooking, applying for jobs, interacting with professionals and developing a healthy lifestyle.

Mercy Housing Lakefront **\$5,000**

General Operating Support

In 2005, Lakefront Supportive Housing joined forces with Mercy Housing's Midwest operations to create Mercy Housing Lakefront. The new organization will bring more resources to Chicago's efforts to end homelessness by increasing our capacity to develop more supportive and affordable housing. This grant provided operating support for the onsite services, such as employment, education and training programs, that MHL provides for their tenants.

Neumann Association **\$5,000**

Transitional Services Program

Funds from this grant were used to obtain a truck for Neumann Neighbors, a job training program and business enterprise for individuals with disabilities. The purchase of this vehicle allowed program participants to bring their janitorial and lawn care services to additional businesses throughout the community. The vehicle was also used to transport packaging equipment to start an in-house work program for individuals not yet ready for community employment. The addition of the on-site program increased employment opportunities for individuals in need of greater support to work and earn wages.

The Night Ministry **\$5,000**

General Operating Support

Since 1976, The Night Ministry has served homeless and runaway youth, working poor adults, uninsured and underinsured individuals seeking medical assistance, children who are unsupervised and need a place to gather in safety, and others who have "fallen through the cracks" of the social service systems. This grant supported the Open Door Shelter, which served 172 non-ward, homeless youth, ages 14-21, and their infant and toddler children. Once a youth enters the program, the staff work with him or her to secure stable housing, return to school, achieve financial independence and access medical care.

Parkways Foundation **\$10,000**

Boundless Playground at Columbus Park

This grant supported Chicago's first public Boundless Playground in Columbus Park. The playground gives children with special needs the opportunity to engage in play without the barriers of traditional playgrounds, thus, allowing children of all abilities to learn together through play. The hope is that this playground will be a destination for families throughout Chicago, as well as, local neighborhood children.

Project Exploration **\$5,000**

Sisters4Science Program

Funds from this grant supported the Sisters4Science Program which combines science exploration with leadership development for minority girls in middle and high school. Currently, this after-school program is run in partnership with three schools: Barbara Sizemore Academy, Nettelhorst School and Young Women's Leadership Charter School. In 2005, the program experienced a significant increase in participation. Sixty-eight girls attended Sisters4Science sessions and they interacted with over 20 women scientists through classroom sessions or on field trips.

Resurrection Home Health Foundation **\$10,000**

Long Term Care Program

This grant supported the Long Term Care Program at Resurrection Home Health which serves low-income, chronically ill, socially isolated elderly in Chicago. This program bridges the gap for those who, after discharge from the hospital, still require medical and social attention and monitoring. These patients remain in their homes, often avoiding premature hospitalization or nursing home admission. The services are free. In 2005, 14 telemonitors were installed in homes of congestive heart failure patients. This allowed the patients to collect their vital signs, weight and pulse oximetry daily. With this monitoring emergent care episodes and hospitalizations are reduced, patient compliance improves and nursing efficiency increases.

The Salvation Army **\$5,000**

General Operating Support

This grant provided general operating support for The Salvation Army Metropolitan Division, which serves Chicago and neighboring suburbs. The Salvation Army serves people with problems ranging from a lack of food and shelter to drug addiction and physical or sexual abuse. Their numerous social service programs serve more than one million people annually.

The Salvation Army \$12,500

Mobile Feeding Program

This grant supported The Harbor Light Center and Mobile Feeding Program whose van travels every day around Chicago's most impoverished areas delivering meals. Currently, this program serves at least 600-800 people a night, every day of the week. At the end of the last fiscal year, approximately 270,450 meals had been served. The van carries primarily sandwiches and hot chocolate or cold beverages, depending on the weather. In cold weather, blankets, socks, hats and gloves are distributed, if they are available.

SHORE Community Services, Inc. \$10,000

General Operating Support

The grant was used to maintain SHORE's programs and services for children and adults with developmental disabilities. SHORE's services include developmental training, early childhood intervention, residential, vocational and seniors programs. In 2005, SHORE served 370 individuals on the North Shore and north side of Chicago.

Sit Stay Read! Inc. \$2,000

Literacy Program

Funds from this grant supported Sit Stay Read's literacy program where tutors and trained therapy dogs work together to improve reading skills in children from Chicago's poorest neighborhoods. Test scores for students in the programs showed an impressive average increase of 24 words per minute. In 2005, this program reached 425 second and third-graders.

Tax Assistance Program (TAP) \$2,500

Financial Literacy Program

This grant helped support TAP's Financial Literacy Program which helps clients secure aid for post-secondary education, offers assistance in opening bank accounts, and presents financial literacy seminars. TAP provided these services at 21 community sites, area high schools and partner organizations throughout Chicagoland. Staff members and volunteer professionals completed 1,114 FAFSA forms and opened 308 bank accounts. In total, more than \$11 million in economic benefits was secured.

Tax Assistance Program (TAP) \$5,000

Tax Preparation Program

This grant supported TAP's Tax Preparation Program which helps low-income families complete state and federal tax forms. In 2005, 1,717 volunteer professionals helped 9,237 families at 21 community sites located throughout Chicagoland. These families received \$12 million in refunds and tax credits, to use for necessities such as food, clothing and shelter.

Tuesday's Child **\$10,000**

Early Intervention, Education and Parent Training

This grant helped support Early Intervention services, including group therapy and individual case management, for children from birth to 3 years of age who have developmental delays. Many children lack the basic socialization skills they need to succeed in pre-school; unfortunately, many of their parents don't have the knowledge and skills to intervene on their behalf. Tuesday's Child helps parents assist their children and prepare them for new experiences.

United Service Organization of Illinois **\$7,000**

Armed Forces Support

Funds from this grant were used to enhance the quality of life of the active duty men and women of the Armed Forces and their families through social, recreational, entertainment and educational programs, as well as, support services. The USO seeks to address the unique and varied challenges faced by military personnel, such as, frequent moves, deploying without family, long hours, dangerous duties and serving far from home.

Vital Bridges **\$5,000**

Food and Nutrition Services for Low-Income People Living with HIV/AIDS

This grant helped support food and nutrition services for 1,958 low-income people living with HIV/AIDS. In 2005, Vital Bridges provided food for 591,300 nutritious meals and 635 nutritional assessment and counseling sessions. In October, 2005 Vital Bridges opened a new program center in Garfield Park; services include food, nutrition counseling, housing assistance, counseling, prevention education and educational services.

Y-ME Illinois **\$12,500**

"Just For Teens" Breast Health Education

This grant was used to support Y-ME Illinois' "Just For Teens" program which educated over 8,200 young women in 62 local schools about the importance of breast health and early detection. Funds associated with this program were used for a part-time program coordinator, training new volunteers, breast models, display boards and printed materials.

YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago **\$7,500**

Pilsen YMCA Young Leaders Program

This grant supported the Pilsen YMCA's Young Leaders Program which teaches 40 fourth and fifth graders from Orozco Academy and Ruiz Elementary School how to live a drug-free lifestyle. Weekly meetings at the YMCA reinforced resistance skills and gave students the tools, support and inspiration they need to be responsible role models.

YWCA Evanston/North Shore

\$5,000

Destiny Girls

This grant supported the after school and summer program, Destiny Girls, which offers at-risk girls, between the ages ten and fifteen, the opportunity to improve feelings of self-esteem and self-worth through college preparation programming, which includes college selection, financial aid application and course scheduling. Though these girls have a number of years before college, Destiny Girls works to make sure college is a real and attainable goal for them.

THIRD GENERATION

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

Research to find a cure for Neimann Pick Type C disease

This grant was used to complete the analysis of the NP-C clinical data. Three manuscripts pertaining to this important data which will be published in the near future so NP-C researchers around the world will have access to this resource. There is great interest in the scientific community to review and utilize the data.

Chatham Hall **\$5,000**

The Siragusa Fund for Poets In Residence

This grant provided the funds to bring regional poet, Phillip Shabazz, and award-winning poet, David Baker to Chatham to conduct Poetry Workshops and work with classes in Creative Writing and AP English. This fund continues to profoundly impact the creative writing program at Chatham Hall by attracting noteworthy poets to campus, further engaging students in the process and inspiration behind creative writing and greatly enhancing the overall caliber of the school's writing program.

Lake Forest Country Day School **\$15,000**

The Time is Now: The Campaign for Lake Forest Country Day School

This grant to The Time is Now: The Campaign for Lake Forest Country Day School was placed in the School's endowment. Income is dedicated to support for the School's strategic plan priorities which include recruiting diverse faculty, advancing the master facilities plan and welcoming diversity of all kinds.

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

Financial Aid for Low-Income/Minority Student

This grant was used to continue the scholarship support for a talented student from North Chicago, who is now a seventh grader. Scholarships such as this help increase the diversity of the student body at LFCDS, which furthers the School's commitment to becoming a more diverse community in which differences in backgrounds, origins, perspectives and talents are explored and celebrated.

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

Arts Program

During their years at MHS, 97% of MHS girls enroll in the School's Arts program, which offers a range of courses in the literary, visual and performing arts. This grant helps sustain the breadth and depth of this program's annual offerings. In 2005, four students had their work exhibited at the Clark Art Institute as part of the "Berkshire Backyards" painting contest.

Newcomb College **\$5,000**

Newcomb Leadership Conference for Girls

This grant supported the Newcomb College chapter of Mortar Board which plans and facilitates a leadership conference for middle school girls from the New Orleans area. In 2005 the theme was "The Rock, The River, The Tree" from the Maya Angelou poem and was used in conjunction with the social change model. The goal of this conference was to help young girls learn more about their own leadership abilities in hopes they will become more involved in their schools and in their communities.

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

Scholarship Fund

These funds supported a student in the accelerated baccalaureate program (4 quarters), pursuing a BS in Nursing, who demonstrated financial need and was in good academic standing.

Sacramento Country Day School **\$5,000**

Latham Campus Capital Campaign

Funds for this grant are restricted for a Middle School Classroom to be constructed in Phase II. The School has completed the initial part of Phase I with completion of the Frank Science Center and the campus-wide infrastructure to support present and future improvements.

Summerbridge Sacramento **\$10,000**

Program Coordinator

Summerbridge Sacramento is a year-round, tuition-free college preparatory program serving highly motivated students from the city's most under-resourced schools. This grant helped pay for a full-time program coordinator whose responsibilities included overseeing the "SB Saturday" programming, holding individualized high school and college options counseling sessions and staging early college outreach presentations to over 700 sixth graders.

Tucson Regional Ballet **\$5,000**

A Southwest Nutcracker

This grant subsidized the admission price of the production of A Southwest Nutcracker. This allowed children of low income and special needs to attend ballet performances free of charge. The Tucson Ballet provides affordable, accessible and quality ballet for the local community.

YWCA Greater Austin

\$3,500

Generation YW HerStory Projects

These funds were used to launch HerStory Projects, an art program for middle school girls who reside in low-income apartment complexes in Austin, Texas. The program exposed them to a variety of media and approaches to creating art and developed their capacity to create acceptable means of self-expression for how they view and interpret their world. This project followed the general goals of the YWCA by building self-esteem, self-confidence and strengthening personal attitudes toward healthy behaviors.

The Siragusa Foundation
Statements of Financial Position - Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2005 and 2004

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 34,665	\$ 14,840
Certificate of Deposit	10,377	10,000
Investments at market value (2005 cost - \$25,045,221; 2004 cost - \$24,026,257)	32,885,585	33,122,614
Other assets		
Fixed assets (net of depreciation)	42,330	56,049
Security deposit	12,713	12,713
Purchased interest	<u>2,846</u>	
	<u>\$ 32,988,516</u>	<u>\$ 33,216,216</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accrued liabilities and credit card payable	\$ 7,147	\$ 8,670
Net assets - unrestricted	<u>32,981,369</u>	<u>33,207,546</u>
	<u>\$ 32,988,516</u>	<u>\$ 33,216,216</u>

The Siragusa Foundation
Statements of Activities - Modified Cash Basis
Years Ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Revenue		
Contributions received	\$ -	\$ -
Dividends and interest	543,596	585,315
Realized gains (losses) on investments	2,594,961	563,536
Changes in unrealized gain on investments held	<u>(1,255,993)</u>	<u>2,045,448</u>
	<u>1,882,564</u>	<u>3,194,299</u>
Grants and other expenses		
Grants	1,326,074	1,803,565
Investment management fees	216,415	246,409
General and administrative	537,500	521,909
Federal excise tax	<u>28,752</u>	<u>2,381</u>
	<u>2,108,741</u>	<u>2,574,264</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(226,177)	620,035
Net assets		
Beginning of year	<u>33,207,546</u>	<u>32,587,511</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 32,981,369</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 33,207,546</u></u>