

THE SIRAGUSA FOUNDATION  
*2002 Annual Report*

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

2002 has been an extremely important year for The Siragusa Foundation in terms of generational succession and family involvement. At our November Board meeting, my uncle, Jack Siragusa, stepped down from his position as President of the Foundation. For the last six years Jack has guided me with his thoughtful counsel, encouraged me with his ideas and commitment to the Foundation, and served as a true mentor. His resignation was a bittersweet moment for me. As I assume the Foundation's presidency, I realize how important my working relationship with Jack has been. In many ways he has stewarded the transition of the Foundation's leadership to my generation - the grandchildren of the founder. His deep commitment to the family is a guiding example to me as I embrace my new role. I hope to preserve Jack's legacy through the involvement of younger generation Siragusa family members in the extraordinary family resource that our Foundation represents.

This year has also been characterized as a very challenging year for nonprofits, many of whom have had funding cuts in the financial wake of the past year's floundering economy. We at the Foundation have a very deep commitment to each of our grantees; we believe it is critical to preserve their funding despite the economic situation. The services they provide are even more essential to those who have been affected from this downturn and it is our hope that they are able to survive.

As the Foundation experiences its generational succession and as a way of looking forward from this crossroads, we have examined our 52-year grantmaking history and put a lot of thought into what kind of a foundation we currently are. This annual report, which will be our first bi-annual report, is organized to reflect these considerations. The Statement of Values we have prepared on page 8 is an historical assessment of our grantmaking, and each of our Program Area descriptions provides greater detail of our grantmaking activity. Two years from now, in our next printed report, we hope to have developed some clear ideas about how the third generation Siragusa family's interests, our Foundation's legacy, and the changing needs of the community can all be addressed in productive and meaningful ways.

At the end of 2002, the market value of the Foundation's assets stood at \$30,828,447. Despite the small fourth quarter rally, 2002 marked the third straight year of declining global markets - something that has not happened since the 1929-1931 crash. Our endowment shrunk more than 22% this year, but we managed to actually increase our total funding by a little over 2% from last year. The outlook for 2003 is questionable, primarily because of the current geopolitical situation, but we are hoping along with everyone else for an end to negative returns. As always, we will look for investment managers who will keep ahead of these trends so that we can ultimately better serve our grantees.

Respectfully,



Irene S. Phelps  
President

## TRIBUTE TO JOHN R. SIRAGUSA

In November 2002, John R. ("Jack") Siragusa resigned as President of the Siragusa Foundation, but will continue to serve as the Foundation's Chairman of the Board. Jack's executive leadership at the Foundation began in November 1985, when he was called upon to be acting Chairman in the absence of his father, Ross D. Siragusa. He remained in this position until 1993, when he was appointed President of the Foundation and officially voted Chairman of the Board. For nearly a decade as President and Chairman, Jack drew on his business and investment background and presided over the largest asset growth in the Foundation's history. Jack has made an indelible contribution to the legacy of the Foundation through his extraordinary personal sense of commitment to the community.



*John R. Siragusa*

Jack had the insight and interest to engage younger Siragusa generations in the important work of the family's Foundation. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, he encouraged the younger generation to consider Board membership. His inclusive leadership style has created a precedence whereby both second and third generation Board members now work and interact with one another as peers. In 1997 Jack hired his niece, Irene S. Phelps, to be Executive Director - the first time in the Foundation's history that it had a full-time staff member. He also had the prescience to expand the total number of organizations the Foundation supported as a way of creating a dynamic legacy for his father. Today the Foundation has three full-time employees and administers approximately 130 grants each year.

Jack has a remarkable understanding of what is most important in the business of grantmaking: solid relationships that are built on trust. It was Jack who introduced the concept of site visits to The Siragusa Foundation, which today are one of the most important components of the Foundation's work. His understanding of the importance of long-term support and funder loyalty has been enormously helpful to our grantees as they plan their yearly budgets.

Jack played an important facilitating role in determining the organizations and programs for the Foundation's 1999 Founder's Grants (see page 60), and he served as a Director at the John G. Shedd Aquarium and the Children's Memorial Hospital over the course of those grants. His philanthropic service has provided younger members of the Siragusa family with an exceptional example of the responsibility of 'giving back' to the community. Jack's guidance and leadership have been and continue to be invaluable resources for both The Siragusa Foundation and the Siragusa family.

## FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

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Program Officer

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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. As much as we can, the Foundation provides funding continuity to our grantees as a way of serving individuals within those populations. We support a core group of organizations that provide essential services to Chicago as well as other organizations that contribute in substantial ways to the cumulative mission of our core grantees. Above all, the Foundation strives to improve the quality of life for people living in the metropolitan Chicago area.

### **Culture**

The Foundation is committed to supporting Chicago's major cultural institutions. We fund large performing arts organizations, particularly those involved in extending access to and appreciation of their work to Chicago-area youth. The remainder of the Foundation's cultural funding is meant to sustain and develop Chicago's artistic and cultural resources.

### **Education**

The Foundation primarily funds scholarship programs that allow students to study in secondary and undergraduate educational programs in the Chicago area. Our scholarships are typically designed to extend the possibility of advanced study to young achievers from underprivileged segments of society. Education funding is made in special honor of our founder, and since we are dedicated to preserving the continuity of tuition assistance for the students we support, scholarship grants tend to be multi-year commitments.

### **Environment**

The Foundation funds conservation, preservation and restoration projects, mostly in the Chicago area, that work to reverse or prevent the effects of environmental neglect. The Foundation supports environmental efforts that engage the public in active participation and provide education about natural resources rather than environmental lobbying or research-only projects.

### **Health Services & Medical Research**

The Foundation primarily funds fellowships, single-disease research programs, and clinical treatment services. We have an equal emphasis on research-led disease prevention and on assisting individuals for whom access to health care is a challenge. The Foundation believes it is critical to fund research efforts, health support services, patient care services, and treatment and advocacy programs for both adults and youth, all of which are highly complementary to each other.

### **Human Services**

The Foundation funds a large number of programs and organizations addressing a wide range of current and pressing social needs, particularly for youth. We are mostly interested in sustaining programs that, in the words of our founder, "help people help themselves." We recognize that a Human Services program needs to be flexible in order to be successful and we understand the importance of general operating funds.

## 2002 GRANTS

Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum	\$136,000
Alzheimer's Association, Inc.	5,000
American Brain Tumor Association	5,000
American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate	5,000
American Indian College Fund	15,000
The American Jewish Committee	1,000
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	135,000
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 Fundraising Professionals	1,200
Association of Small Foundations	700
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	\$ 3,000
Center for Disability and Elder Law	5,000
Chatham Hall	5,000
Chicago Abused Women Coalition	5,000
Chicago Botanic Garden	10,000
Chicago Children's Museum	5,000
Chicago Christian Industrial League	5,000
Chicago Historical Society	5,000
The Chicago Lighthouse	5,000
Chicago Opera Theater	5,000
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation	5,000
Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois	12,500
Children's Memorial Foundation	1,515,000
Community Extension Project	5,000
Council on Foundations	4,956
The Cove School	10,000
The Cradle	135,000
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School	5,000
Donors Forum of Chicago	10,958
Elmhurst College	20,000
The English-Speaking Union	5,000
The Field Museum	135,000
The Foundation Center	1,000
Foundation for Hearing and Speech Rehabilitation	7,500

Friends of Lincoln Park	\$ 5,000
Girl Scouts of Chicago	5,000
The Goodman Theatre	20,000
Greater Chicago Food Depository	6,000
The Greater Illinois Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society	5,000
The Hadley School for the Blind	7,500
The Happiness Club	5,000
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
Infant Welfare Society of Chicago	5,000
Inspired Partnerships	5,000
International Game Fish Association Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum	6,000
The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago	5,000
John G. Shedd Aquarium	135,000
Junior Achievement of Chicago	7,500
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International	5,000
Juvenile Protective Association	5,000
Keshet	5,000
Lake Forest Country Day School	3,000
Lake Forest Open Lands Association	5,000
The Lakefront SRO Corporation	5,000
Lambs Farm	7,500

Lane County Human Services Commission	\$ 5,000
Les Turner ALS Foundation, Ltd.	9,000
Lincoln Park Zoo	135,000
Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly	5,000
Little Sisters of the Poor	5,000
Los Angeles Hillel Council	5,000
Loyola Academy	22,500
Loyola University Chicago	10,000
Lyric Opera of Chicago	15,000
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northern Illinois	4,600
Marillac House	10,000
Mathews Elementary School	5,000
Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research	25,000
Meet the Wilderness	4,000
Mercy Home for Boys & Girls	7,500
Mercy Hospital and Medical Center	5,000
Merit School of Music	10,000
Millennium Park, Inc.	150,000
Misericordia Heart of Mercy	10,000
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

The Newberry Library	\$135,000
Newcomb College at Tulane University	5,000
The Northwestern Memorial Healthcare	155,000
Northwestern University	20,000
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine	10,000
Open Hand	5,000
Openlands Project	5,000
Parkways Foundation	5,000
The Philanthropy Roundtable	2,500
Project Exploration	5,000
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy	5,000
Rehabilitation Foundation Inc.	10,000
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
The Society of Midland Authors	1,000
St. Ignatius College Prep	10,000
St. Joseph's Carondelet Child Center	8,000
STRIVE Chicago Employment Service, Inc.	12,000
Summerbridge Sacramento	5,000

Tax Assistance Program - It Adds Up	\$5,000
The Three Arts Club of Chicago	3,000
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, Inc.	7,000
The University of Chicago	20,000
Victor C. Neumann Association	5,000
The Wetlands Initiative	5,000
Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart	10,000
Y-ME of Chicagoland	12,500
Yale University	20,000
YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago	7,500
The Youth Campus	10,000
YWCA Evanston/North Shore	5,000

## CULTURE

The Foundation's primary Culture Program funding focus is in expanding and improving the access to Chicago's cultural institutions by people and populations who are not making substantial use of these resources. Specifically, the Foundation concentrates on allowing Chicago's underserved youth to learn about these resources and, hopefully, to begin a lifelong engagement with the arts.

The Foundation has a very deep commitment and a very long history of support to a core group of Chicago's major cultural institutions. This stems from our Board of Directors' strong belief in the inherent value of sustaining a solid cultural backbone for Chicago. The visibility and high-profile nature of these organizations is an invaluable asset that not only helps them provide free and low-cost access to high-quality services, experiences and exhibits, but that also enables them to most effectively and plausibly reach out to thousands of underserved people.

In a similar way, the Foundation supports established performing arts organizations that have the programmatic capacity to broaden their current and future audience base through outreach initiatives. We have a strong belief in the power of the performing arts to communicate excitement about the vast expressive range of art in general to the youth who participate in these outreach programs.

Finally, the Foundation supports a handful of small organizations whose entire mission or charter coincides with our own core beliefs about the value of ever extending access to cultural resources. These are organizations that we consider to be working on the 'front lines,' and our financial support, which generally comes in the form of general operating grants, is meant to underscore our faith in their operating philosophies.

## **The Goodman Theatre**

**\$5,000**

### **Student Subscription Series**

*The Siragusa Foundation has been a loyal supporter of the Goodman Theatre and we have funded their Student Subscription Series for 15 years. Each school year this exciting program gives an opportunity for nearly 1,800 Chicago Public High School students from 35 schools to attend free matinee performances of mainstage productions. After the shows, cast and artistic staff members engage the students in a dialogue about the play, which provides a forum for the students to discuss their reactions and interpretations and to sharpen their critical thinking skills. The Goodman also provides free evening tickets to the parents of Subscription Series students, scripts and seminars for their teachers, and follow-up classroom visits by cast members, all in an effort to encourage a multi-faceted presence of the performing arts in their young lives.*

## **Neighborhood Writing Alliance**

**\$5,000**

### **Community Writing/Publishing Program**

*The Neighborhood Writing Alliance (NWA) is a unique humanities outreach organization affiliated with the University of Illinois at Chicago that works closely with adults of all talent levels to explore their thoughts and experiences through writing and poetry. Their often extraordinary work is featured in NWA's periodical, the Journal of Ordinary Thought (JOT), and affirms the publication's motto that "every person is a philosopher." The Foundation has supported NWA since 1999, and our funds have helped to publish the Journal several times each year. We are proud of our relationship with such an innovative, dynamic organization in receipt of well-deserved acclaim for its methods and artistry. NWA organizes and runs 10 writing workshops across Chicago, serves more than 175 adults each year, and even broadcasts the work of some "philosophers" on Chicago Public Radio's "JOT Out Loud: Five Writers, Five Voices."*

**Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum** **\$1,000**  
**Gala Donation**  
*In support of the 8th Annual Celestial Ball: 'Under One Sky', which benefited the Adler Planetarium's Center for Space Science Education.*

**Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum** **\$10,000**  
**Education and Outreach Program**  
*In support of a year long program, 'Under One Sky', which was chosen to explore ethnic diversity by investigating how past/present cultures have looked to the sky to influence their worldviews. Two new exhibits, 'Bringing the Heavens to Earth' and 'Skywatchers of Africa' were premiered in 2002.*

**The American Jewish Committee** **\$1,000**  
**Civic Leadership Award**  
*In honor of John W. McCarter, Jr., President and CEO of the Field Museum, who received the American Jewish Committee's Civic Leadership Award. The American Jewish Committee has worked for nearly a century to combat prejudice, preserve human rights and improve inter-group relations.*

**Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith** **\$3,000**  
**General Operating Support**  
*This grant provided essential unrestricted funds that enable the Anti-Defamation League to continue its multi-front fight against anti-Semitism, bigotry and hatred. The Anti-Defamation League vigilantly watches for instances of extremism in our nation and around the world and it plays an important advisory role in educational, legislative and intergroup dialogue proceedings.*

**The Art Institute of Chicago** **\$10,000**  
**Telling Images: Storytelling Workshop**  
*This gift allowed the Family Programs Department to conduct the third annual 'Telling Images: Storytelling Workshop.' In 2002, the museum expanded the workshops and hosted almost 20 storytelling activities that reached out to more than 18,000 families and children. Workshop participants experienced a full day of memorable storytelling, crafts and musical programming and Museum Art Partners taught families to incorporate art, music and stories into their family time.*

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

*This grant helped defray the costs of Teaching-Artist salaries, art materials and project development for A.R.T.'s visual arts education programs. A.R.T. gives elementary school students exciting, interactive and hands-on educational opportunities to learn about art, history and creative self-expression. In 2002, A.R.T. delivered 383 workshops to more than 40,000 children in 127 Chicago-area schools.*

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

*The Arts & Business Council of Chicago's OnBOARD Program is a thorough training program for staff, current board members, and new board members of arts organizations. OnBOARD promotes an arts planning perspective that encourages mutually supportive relationships between boards as well as intelligent, considerate, city-wide planning practices for the future. In 2002, three OnBOARD workshops were offered and twenty-two board candidates completed this year's training and served as 'apprentices' in real board settings.*

**Association of Fundraising Professionals****\$1,200****26th Annual Philanthropy Awards Luncheon**

*The Association of Fundraising Professionals provides a forum for fundraisers to meet with one another, learn about effective fundraising practices and promote the public's understanding of philanthropy. The annual luncheon honors stellar fundraisers and grant givers.*

**Association of Small Foundations****\$700****General Operating Support**

*This grant provided general operating support for the Association of Small Foundations, which is an important resource for foundations with few or no staff. The ASF publishes a newsletter and provides information about a range of legal, administrative and fiscal issues that are unique to small foundations.*

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

*This grant helped maintain The Children's Garden, a special place where creative play supports discovery and learning about plants, gardening, and nature. The Garden lets children dig for worms, feel different soil textures and catch butterflies. In 2002, a new interactive, solar-powered garden fountain was added and more than 1,200 young people came to explore the Children's Garden, through summer camps, local scout troops and school programs.*

**Chicago Children's Museum****\$5,000****Face to Face: Dealing with Prejudice and Discrimination Program**

*This grant enabled Chicago Children's Museum to provide educational opportunities and encouragement for children who deal with issues of prejudice in their daily lives. The Face to Face program features an outreach program which brings these lessons into Chicago neighborhoods - a vital component of the Children's Museum's mission.*

**Chicago Historical Society****\$5,000****Research Assistant**

*This grant helped fund the salary of a Research Assistant who, among other responsibilities, staffs the Reference Desk. This person guides visitors in their use of the Society's research resources and serves as a steward for professional and amateur researchers learning about the history of Chicago.*

**Chicago Opera Theater****\$5,000****COT/CPS School Partners Project**

*The 2002 grant supported a participatory opera program in which 70 students from three Chicago Public Schools performed in 'She Never Lost a Passenger,' for approximately 3,600 students and teachers. The production was also broadcast live over WFMT as a way to accommodate over 2,500 additional students and patrons on the waiting list. This innovative program brings the excitement and educational value of working with the performing arts to young people.*

**Council on Foundations** **\$4,956**  
**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** **\$1,000**  
**2002 Council on Foundations Conference**  
*This one-time grant supported the 2002 Council on Foundations Family Foundations conference, which took place in Chicago and was hosted by the Donors Forum of Chicago.*

**Donors Forum of Chicago** **\$2,500**  
**Leaders of the Library Program**  
*This grant supported the Donors Forum Library in Chicago, which served over 6,000 visitors in 2002. The funds were earmarked for the acquisition budget which ensures that the most current and useful fundraising and nonprofit management resources are available. The Donors Forum Library is a key resource and forum for fundraisers to communicate with one another and to locate and solicit potential grantmakers.*

**Donors Forum of Chicago** **\$7,458**  
**General Operating Support**  
*This grant supported the general operating expenses of the Donors Forum of Chicago. The Donors Forum of Chicago is a nonprofit membership organization of metropolitan Chicago grantmakers. Its mission is to promote and support effective and responsible philanthropy.*

**The English-Speaking Union** **\$5,000**  
**Educational and Cultural Programs**  
*This grant allowed the English-Speaking Union to hold its annual Shakespeare Seminar & Competition for high school students in the Chicago metropolitan area. The English-Speaking Union encourages scholarship and promotes the effective, knowledgeable use of English as a critical educational vehicle. Part of this grant also supported scholarships for graduating college seniors and graduate students to study in the United Kingdom.*

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

*This grant supported the Field Museum's Community Outreach Program, which actively seeks new audiences through a wide variety of programs both at the Museum and in the City of Chicago. Museum staff travel to community agencies and conduct workshops on natural science, and the Parental Involvement Project teaches parents visiting the Museum to encourage and support their children's interest in the natural sciences.*

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

*This grant helped The Foundation Center to support and improve philanthropy through a variety of information gathering and organizing services. The Foundation Center helps grantseekers succeed in locating support by providing research tools such as a comprehensive library, a website, a range of educational programs, and tips for philanthropic trend analysis.*

**The Goodman Theatre****\$15,000****Campaign for the New Goodman Theatre**

*This multi-year grant supported a \$33.5 million capital campaign to complete the new Goodman Theatre Complex. Opened in November of 2000, the new state-of-the-art Goodman Theatre features two magnificent performance spaces: The Albert Ivar Goodman Theatre and The Owen Bruner Goodman Theatre. The Goodman continues to be one of Chicago's flagship theater facilities.*

**The Happiness Club****\$5,000****Ethics for Kids Character Education Program**

*The Happiness Club's Ethics for Kids Character Program uses positive music as an educational tool and grabs the attention of even the most reluctant learners. The program, which is now in 23 Chicago and 6 suburban schools, is able to offer touring daytime shows for school assemblies through its newest program, UNITE. UNITE is an offspring of the Happiness Club featuring older members and current mentor/performers.*

**The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago** **\$5,000**  
**JBC Middle School Dance Clubs**

*This grant supported one of the Joffrey Ballet's outreach programs. The Middle School Dance Clubs enable more than 150 Chicago children in 10 inner-city public schools to participate in a year-round curriculum enrichment program, which teaches the fundamentals of dance and culminates in a year-end group performance under the guidance of Joffrey staff and artistic company dancers. JBS outreach programs also allowed more than 2,000 students to experience live main-stage Joffrey performances in 2002.*

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

*This grant supported 'Schooling with Shedd,' which provides high quality programming for children and teachers in Chicago and other area schools through distance learning courses and 'beluga day' classroom programs. The Education Outreach Program is also launching the new ACES Project (Aiming for CPS Excellence in Science), which gives the Aquarium a sustained presence in Chicago Public Schools.*

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

*This grant supported the Lincoln Park Zoo's privately managed conservation research programs that focus on both wild and captive animals. These programs inform the educational component of the Zoo, that all living things are interdependent. And this gift helps Lincoln Park Zoo remain free to the public without sacrificing its high standards for animal care and visitor service.*

**Los Angeles Hillel Council** **\$5,000**  
**General Operating Support**

*This multi-year grant provided unrestricted operating support for Hillel programs that benefit approximately 25,000 Jewish students at colleges and universities encompassed by the Los Angeles Hillel Council. Hillel provides positive and meaningful Jewish experiences for young students at an important part of their lives, a time when intellectual and personal growth and exploration are integral in forging an engaged Jewish identity.*

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

*This grant supported the Lyric's Main Stage Productions, the OPERAREACH program, and the Lyric Opera Center for American Artists. In 2002, Lyric's 86 main stage performances were presented to over 320,000 Chicago area listeners. OPERAREACH brought opera education programming to over 61,000 Chicago area students and 16,000 senior citizens. The Lyric Opera Center for American Artists continues to be a nationally renowned center for the development of this country's most outstanding young opera talent.*

**Museum of Contemporary Art** **\$7,500**  
**School Tour Program**

*The Museum of Contemporary Art's (MCA) School Tour Program actively engages Chicago students of all ages in the complexity and beauty of the images and themes of contemporary art. In 2002, over 8,000 Chicago Public School children participated in the Program. This grant helped the MCA School Tours continue to be free of charge, and it helped the Museum develop educational Tour themes consistent with Illinois State and Chicago Public School's goals for education.*

**The Newberry Library** **\$10,000**  
**Unrestricted Book Fund**

*This grant supported Newberry Library's unrestricted acquisition of reference materials, monographs and periodicals. The Newberry's collection documents history and literature from the end of the Middle Ages to the nineteenth century, and the unfettered acquisition of new books is critical to maintaining its role as an important research facility. The Newberry Library, which is free and open to the public, serves over 100,000 visitors annually.*

**The Philanthropy Roundtable** **\$2,500**  
**General Operating Support**

*This grant provided unrestricted funds for the Philanthropy Roundtable to continue to provide a forum for donors to discuss the 'best practices' in charitable giving. The Philanthropy Roundtable administers programs and services for donors, including an annual meeting and regional meetings, and publishes Philanthropy Magazine as well as several other guides on effective philanthropy.*

**The Renaissance Society****\$5,000****2001-2002 Programming Costs**

*The Renaissance Society, located on the University of Chicago campus, is an internationally renowned gallery that showcases contemporary art. This grant helped fund the Society's 2001-2002 exhibitions: Spec (Simparch and Drumm), Detourism, Feng Mengbo, Michael Auder, and Catherine Sullivan.*

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

*The Society of Midland Authors provides Midwest writers of all genres with the camaraderie and encouragement they need to continue their work. This grant supported the Society's annual awards dinner, which lets friends and family celebrate the outstanding projects of Society authors.*

**The Three Arts Club of Chicago****\$3,000****The Salon Series**

*The Three Arts Club provides a residence, gallery and performance space for women involved in the 'three arts' - literary, visual and performance. This grant supported the Salon Series in 2002, which encourages audiences and artists to step outside their expected roles and promotes enlightening and engaging discussion between the Three Arts Club audiences and some of Chicago's and the nation's most exciting women artists.*

## EDUCATION

The Foundation's Education Program consists primarily of scholarship funds at institutions of higher education. This type of funding has a special resonance for our Board of Directors in that scholarship support implicitly honors our founder, Ross D. Siragusa, who built a business empire despite not receiving formal education beyond high school. Since his time, the American workplace has increasingly transformed into a landscape that is extremely challenging for those without college degrees. For many, the daunting monetary barrier of college effectively shuts them out of obtaining a higher education. And what makes this situation frustrating today is that those who are not formally educated too often experience a concrete social and occupational separation from those who have been able to access higher education.

Although the situation is improving yearly, minorities have a notorious historical underrepresentation in American higher education. This is why a majority of Foundation scholarships are specifically awarded to minority students. Other scholarships allow talented young people to pursue their skills at specialized institutions or programs. And some help students with special needs access the customized educational resources they require. What we are supporting for every Siragusa scholar is access to a whole new level of resources and encouragement that will be used to help hone their skills and interests into genuine areas of expertise. The Foundation does not determine scholarship recipients - it is up to the school to determine the Siragusa scholar(s) - but when we establish a scholarship fund it is typically articulated around this theme of access.

One area of scholarship support in which we believe very strongly is assistance for middle-income students. Too often, scholarship administrators unfairly bypass families of modest means who are simply unable to pay full tuition for their children. The Foundation does feel that the bulk of scholarships are rightfully designated for students from the lowest income brackets, but we also recognize an equally important need to assist middle-income students. Our middle-income scholarships are meant to affirm this overlooked need as well as to demonstrate one way in which an independent foundation is able to help provide a niche funding service.

**Cristo Rey Jesuit High School**  
**Scholarship Fund**

**\$5,000**

*Cristo Rey is a rigorous Jesuit college preparatory school which opened in 1996 to serve an immigrant population in Chicago's Pilsen/Little Village neighborhoods. The school stresses bi-lingual education and features an extraordinary internship program through which every student supplements 75% of his or her tuition. Cristo Rey students work one full day per week at one of nearly 100 sponsor companies in Chicago, which provides them an invaluable learning opportunity at a time when they are conceiving and beginning to develop their careers. The Foundation has supported a scholarship fund at Cristo Rey since 1997, and we have eagerly followed the school's success in becoming a leader in the Jesuit Secondary Education Association. Cristo Rey graduates are extremely well-rounded individuals whose future leadership capacity is evinced by an impressive balance of real-world experience and a deep commitment to intellectual, spiritual and social justice pursuits.*

**Elmhurst College**  
**Scholarships for Middle Income Students**

**\$20,000**

*The Foundation has supported a scholarship fund for middle-income students at Elmhurst College since 1985. We believe this support is critical, since many students would be unable to attend a school like Elmhurst without some assistance, and for the academic year 2002-2003 the Foundation supplemented the tuition of four middle-income students. These are bright young people pursuing Elmhurst's unique four-year liberal arts education that stresses the practical and professional relevance of the liberal arts. Through such initiatives as the Service-Learning Program in the College's Center for Professional Excellence, Elmhurst students complete internships and participate in workshops that instill an ethic of service and leadership. The College teaches a brand of analytic and critical thinking skills that are deeply informed by ideas and precedence in the liberal arts but that are transferable to many sectors of the workplace in a way that affirms the value-added premium of Elmhurst's educational philosophy.*

**American Indian College Fund**  
**Scholarship Program**

**\$15,000**

*The American Indian College Fund provides scholarship support for Native American students to attend their choice of 32 Indian-founded tribal colleges throughout the United States. The Fund provides a unique educational opportunity for future Native American leaders and encourages them to work with one another to fight high rates of poverty, undereducation and the decay of Native American culture.*

**The Associated Colleges of Illinois**

**\$5,000**

**Illinois Partnership Minority Achievement Program**

*This grant supported the Illinois Partnership for Minority Achievement program, which provides financial support for the special academic, counseling and social needs of students attending one of the Associated Colleges of Illinois. These Colleges educate Illinois students who in most situations are the first generation of college students in their families. The Associated Colleges believes education is an investment in the future solution of some of society's most pressing social needs because its students have the leadership capacity and the socio-economic perspective to implement real change.*

**The Associated Colleges of Illinois**

**\$5,000**

**Pre-College Program for Minorities**

*This grant supported the Associated Colleges of Illinois' College Readiness Program, which offers minority high school students year-round academic enrichment programs. ACI's high school outreach programs helps guide the personal growth, academic skills and motivation of young people towards successful college careers and leadership responsibilities. The success of this program has established it as a model for other states' associated colleges organizations.*

**Barat College of DePaul University**

**\$15,000**

**Learning Opportunities Program**

*This grant provided scholarship support for three Barat College Learning Opportunities Program (LOP) students. Students accepted into LOP are highly motivated, college-ready individuals with documented learning disabilities, committed to study in one of Barat's strong liberal arts programs. In April of 2002, LOP celebrated its 20th anniversary. The testimonials from LOP graduates and parents of LOP students affirm the profound need for such programs.*

**Catholic Theological Union** **\$3,000**

**Tolton Scholarship Program**

*This grant provided full tuition assistance to African-American men and women entering the Catholic Theological Union for graduate theological study. These students were selected under the criteria of the Tolton Scholars Program for their leadership capacity and cleric devotion and will enter the ministry within the Archdiocese of Chicago upon graduation.*

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

**Scholarship Fund**

*This grant helped support a full-tuition scholarship to a seventh-year Cove student who is now in high school. The Cove School provides individual educational curricula for children and young people with a variety of learning disabilities. The Cove School provides a structured, supportive environment, intense remediation in reading and language, and social skills workshops, all of which are designed to help students with learning disabilities return to their neighborhood schools in the shortest amount of time.*

**The Hadley School for the Blind** **\$7,500**

**Course Assistance Program**

*The Hadley School for the Blind provides tuition-free distance education to blind and visually impaired people, their families, and professionals working in the field. Hadley's courses promote independent living by offering accessible and useful lifelong educational opportunities. This grant allowed Hadley to activate its first online course, 'Internet Basics,' and begin to develop a second course 'Introduction to Braille.' Also in 2002, Hadley was able to develop 24 new distance education courses.*

**Illinois Wesleyan University** **\$20,000**

**Siragusa Foundation Scholarships**

*The Siragusa Foundation Scholarship fund provided important support for middle-income students who do not meet state and federal definitions for financial assistance. This funding is important to maintaining a diverse student body on the Illinois Wesleyan campus. Illinois Wesleyan's mission is to develop their students' lifelong desire for learning, and to encourage leadership responsible civic engagement.*

**Loyola Academy** **\$12,500**  
**Loyola West Athletic Campus**  
*This multi-year grant helped develop Loyola Academy's new Glenview campus. This campus expands the playing fields that are necessary for Loyola's athletic teams and it will also play a role as an outdoor science laboratory for Loyola's students.*

**Loyola Academy** **\$10,000**  
**Scholarship Fund**  
*This grant supported Financial Aid programs at Loyola Academy, an essential ingredient towards diversifying each class of students. 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** **\$10,000**  
**STARS 'Students Together are Reaching Success'**  
*This grant funded scholarships for Latino student mentors in the STARS (Students Together Are Reaching Success) program. This program links first year and transfer Loyola University students with upper class mentors. It was designed specifically for students of color and it eases their transition into college life. In 2002, STARS mentors offered tutoring and academic guidance for 73 freshmen student participants.*

**Merit School of Music** **\$5,000**  
**Advanced Piano Student Scholarship**  
*This grant supported advanced private study at Merit School of Music for two piano students who have demonstrated exceptional talent and a strong work ethic.*

**Merit School of Music** **\$5,000**  
**Preparatory Program**  
*This grant funded scholarships for low-income children to participate in Merit School of Music's Preparatory Program. The program cultivates and encourages the development of motivated young musicians who would otherwise have little access to constructive extracurricular activities.*

**Morehouse School of Medicine** **\$20,000**  
**Student Financial Aid Program**

*Morehouse School of Medicine is one of only four predominantly black medical schools in the United States. Its mission is to recruit and train minorities to be physicians, biomedical scientists, and public health professionals committed to the primary healthcare needs of underserved communities. This grant provided scholarships for four medical school students who would otherwise be unable to pay for their advanced training.*

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

*This grant provided scholarship support for three Northwestern University undergraduates in the academic year of 2002-2003. Funds were distributed from the Northwestern University scholarship endowment, which supports qualified, highly motivated young people through their undergraduate education.*

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

*This scholarship grant provided two talented Roosevelt University students the opportunity to study in the Chicago College of the Performing Arts in the 2002-2003 academic year. The College of the Performing Arts has both Music and Theatre Conservatories, and students work and perform in the upper floors of Louis Sullivan's historic Auditorium Theater Building.*

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

*This grant provided scholarship support for 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 further their artistic and intellectual careers.*

**St. Ignatius College Prep** **\$10,000**  
**Math and Science Programs**

*This grant honors George Driscoll, Director Emeritus of The Siragusa Foundation, by providing Chicago's St. Ignatius College Prep with instructional technology and other interactive classroom tools. In 2002, the science department purchased an autoclave to prepare sterile environments in which to conduct experiments, and the math department acquired special calculators for the students' daily use.*

**The United Negro College Fund**  
**Scholarship Fund**

**\$20,000**

*This grant provided partial scholarship support for ten students in pursuit of their bachelor degrees at UNCF member institutions. Scholarship eligibility requires a demonstration of both academic merit and financial need. Without the UNCF Scholarship Fund, many deserving and highly motivated students would be denied access to higher education.*

**The University of Chicago**  
**Minority Student Undergraduate Scholarship**

**\$20,000**

*The Minority Scholarship at the University of Chicago provided financial support for two undergraduate minority students in 2002. The University of Chicago is one of the nation's top research universities, and its undergraduate program is designed to inspire and develop the students' academic research skills.*

**Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart**  
**Scholarship Program**

**\$10,000**

*This grant provided important scholarship assistance to two non-boarding students attending the Woodlands Academy in the 2002-2003 school year. Woodlands is a Lake Forest, Illinois college preparatory school for girls that provides a vigorous academic education deeply rooted in faith, intellectual values and community service.*

**Yale University**  
**Financial Aid Scholarship**

**\$20,000**

*This gift provided scholarship support for an undergraduate minority Yale student in the Art Program for the 2002-2003 school year. Entrance to the Yale Art Program 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, a thorough preparation for graduate study and professional work.*

## ENVIRONMENT

In honor of our founder's interest in environmental conservation and in maintaining and appreciating natural, open spaces, our Board of Directors commits the Foundation to a modest number of environmental grants each year. Since the Foundation is dedicated to preserving the legacy of Ross D. Siragusa, and since our Environment Program is our smallest funding area, the Foundation focuses its efforts on programs that work towards preservation, restoration and conservation of natural, open spaces.

Each of our Environment Program grantees shares a commitment to proactively and reactively preserving natural resources. In addition, the organizations we support typically devote a portion of their programming time to teaching and implementing responsible human interaction with the environment and land. The Foundation also has an interest in hands-on environmental education programs that actively engage the public in preserving and maintaining the natural resources around us.

Because the Foundation's overall grantmaking mission is focused on Chicago, we have a long history of supporting cityscape beautification and preservation projects around town. We do not collaborate directly with the City of Chicago, but some of the projects we fund supplement the Park District's existing efforts while others concentrate on privately-owned but publicly-accessible natural resource conservation efforts. Our Environment Program has a limited budget, and our intention is to primarily fund projects local to the Chicago community.

Although we have not yet explicitly partnered with other funders on various environmental projects, the Foundation has a willingness to participate in leveraged funding projects due to the small size of our Environment Program. As we move forward, it is likely the Foundation will play a more active and participatory role in working with other grantmakers on specific environmental projects.

## **The Wetlands Initiative**

**\$5,000**

### **Hennepin & Hopper Backwater Lakes Project**

*The Wetlands Initiative is a dynamic and extremely hard-working organization that restores wetlands areas across the Midwest and Great Lakes to their natural state. The group was founded in 1993 and the Foundation has supported The Wetlands Initiative every year since 1996, entirely concentrating our funding on projects in the region southwest of Chicago. Our 2002 grant supported the Hennepin & Hopper Lakes Restoration Project, which encompasses some 2,600 acres of floodplain land that had been drained and heavily used for farming for 80 years. Restoration began in 2001 and within a matter of weeks the water had begun to rise, amphibians and aquatic plants returned, and even endangered species of birds reappeared. The Wetlands Initiative's plan is to eventually reconnect the Hennepin and Hopper lakes with the Illinois River and its tributaries. In 2002, the organization leveraged a number of grants, including our own, to secure a \$70,000 matching gifts from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in support of these ongoing efforts.*

**Friends of Lincoln Park**

**\$5,000**

**Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool Restoration Project**

*This grant continues the effort begun in 1997 by the Friends of Lincoln Park to repair and revive the Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool. The pool dates to 1889 and is an important resting stop for migrating birds. This project landscapes the pool with bird-friendly trees and shrubs while preserving its accessibility to the public, letting the birds be seen but undisturbed.*

**International Game Fish Association Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum \$1,000**

**General Operating Support**

*This grant provided unrestricted funds for the International Game Fish Association's conservation programs, most notably the billfish tagging program, which is a program of the National Marine Fisheries Service.*

**International Game Fish Association Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum \$5,000**

**Jason Project**

*This multi-year grant sponsored the JASON Project at the International Game Fish Association Hall of Fame Museum. The JASON Project was the brainchild of Dr. Robert Ballard, who believed that inspiring passion for science among school children was rooted in linking classroom and fieldwork. IGFA has partnered with the School Board of Broward County in Florida and Nova Southeastern University to allow JASON Project students to access its extensive marine resources.*

**Lake Forest Open Lands Association**

**\$5,000**

**A Fund to Save Open Space**

*This multi-year grant helped Lake Forest Open Lands Association preserve nearly 75 percent of the 200 acre Deerpath Farm located in Mettawa, Illinois. The property consists of a hodge-podge of wetlands and oak, savanna and mesic forests which, when restored to its native condition, will provide habitat for many species of rare birds and wildflowers.*

**Openlands Project** **\$5,000**

**TreeKeepers Program**

*This grant helped fund Openlands Project's seven-week spring and fall TreeKeepers classes, which train Chicago volunteers to upkeep the city's 'urban forest.' In 2002, 73 new TreeKeepers were enrolled and conducted a survey of tree species and tree health in 100 public school/park settings. The 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.*

**Parkways Foundation** **\$5,000**

**Humboldt Park Boat House**

*In the summer of 2002, the Humboldt Park Boat House was completed. The new Boat House, a fresh open-air pavilion, provides a pleasant setting for outdoor summer concerts and family picnics in Chicago's Humboldt Park. This grant helped to provide the tools and equipment necessary for the educational, cultural and environmental programming at the Boathouse.*

**Rails-to-Trails Conservancy** **\$5,000**

**Illinois Trail Conservancy**

*This grant allowed Illinois Trails Conservancy's (ITC) to continue its bicycle trail development programs on old railroad corridors throughout the greater Chicagoland area. 2002 projects included the Illinois Prairie trail, the Old Plank Road Trail and the Chicago Area Mountain Bikers' trail in the Cook County Forest Preserves. These trails are multi-purpose public recreation paths that contribute substantially to the quality of life of nearby residents.*

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

**Urban Parks Program**

*The Trust for Public Land used this grant to leverage more than \$2 million in new parks and playgrounds for people in underserved Chicago neighborhoods. 2002 projects included the expansion of Ping Tom Memorial Park in Chinatown, the establishment of a greenway connecting Gompers Park and Eugene Field in Albany Park, and the expansion of the Betsy Ross Elementary School campus.*

## HEALTH SERVICES & MEDICAL RESEARCH

The Foundation's Health Services & Medical Research Program includes a diverse group of organizations that provide a comprehensive range of medical and health. Our Board of Directors balances funding for this program area between Health Services organizations, which provide social and clinical medical care, and Medical Research organizations, which are concerned with specific scientific inquiry and the methodological exploration of treatments. We believe these two types of organizations provide crucial and highly complementary services, and we are committed to supporting both groups.

The Health Services organizations the Foundation supports typically seek not only to address the immediate clinical treatment of their constituents but also to provide accessible resources and a level of human support for their patients. These resources can include therapy, counseling, referrals, and assistance or education for caregivers in addition to first aid treatments.

Our Medical Research grants are divided between fellowships for specific researchers (we do not select recipients) and operating funding for highly focused research facilities. Although the Foundation's primary interest is single-disease research efforts, we understand that we cannot fund every research project. The Foundation concentrates its grants on specific diseases out of a desire to most efficiently spend research funds.

One of the most important responsibilities we believe we have as a funder is to provide continuity for our grantees. Health Services and Medical Research organizations have a unique need for multi-year commitments because their projects are often of such a scale that they require several years in order to be seen to completion. For this reason, the Foundation has consistently supported the vast majority of our Health Services and Medical Research grantees over the course of many years. We are proud of our multi-year pledges to a number of them - our longest pledge being 10 years.

## **Children's Memorial Foundation**

**\$15,000**

### **Julia Foster Porter Patient Care Endowment**

*Julia Foster Porter was one of the founders of Children's Memorial Hospital, and her example has become a core part of the Hospital's mission. In the late 19th Century, Porter lost her 13 year-old son and in honor and memory of him dedicated her 8-bed cottage to the free medical treatment of sick children. That tiny facility has ultimately grown to become Children's Memorial, one of the nation's most sophisticated and cutting-edge pediatric hospitals today. The Julia Foster Porter Patient Care Endowment, which the Foundation has consistently supported since 1986, helps to cover the medical costs of children who are uninsured, underinsured, ineligible for public aid, or otherwise unable to pay for their medical care. It is an important part of Children's charter, as a nonprofit organization, to deliver service for the health and well-being of all children to the best of the Hospital's abilities.*

## **Howard Brown Health Center**

**\$10,000**

### **Youth Drop-In Center**

*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. Since the onset of AIDS, Howard Brown has been on the cutting-edge of medical research; in 1983 the Center was chosen to be part of the National Institute of Health's largest HIV/AIDS study in the world. And Howard Brown researchers contributed substantially to the development of the Hepatitis B vaccine. The Foundation supports Howard Brown's Youth Drop-In Center, which offers confidential and free or low-cost assessment and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases. Our grant also helps the Youth Drop-In Center provide risk-reduction education programs and healthy lifestyle programs including mentoring and psychological counseling services. For people living with HIV/AIDS, Howard Brown offers weekly group sessions with peers in similar circumstances and the Center provides ongoing medical treatment in addition to a comprehensive range of emotional support services.*

**Alzheimer's Association, Inc.** **\$5,000**  
**Early Stage Support Group**  
*The Early Stage Support Group helps provide care and a support community for individuals in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. This program encourages people suffering from Alzheimer's to befriend peers in similar situations, and it provides a similar communal forum for their caregivers.*

**American Brain Tumor Association** **\$5,000**  
**Post-Doctoral Research Program**  
*This grant supplemented several fellowships in brain tumor research, which not only accelerates current research studies but also encourages young scientists to enter and remain in the field of brain tumor research.*

**American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate** **\$5,000**  
**CPR in Chicago Public Schools**  
*The CPR in Chicago Public Schools program trains teachers, nurses and school administrators in life-saving CPR skills. To date, 29 middle and high schools participated in the program resulting in nearly 1,400 students trained in CPR. Bookmarks and posters were provided to the schools as take-home educational materials.*

**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, education and patient services programs in the Chicagoland community.*

**Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International** **\$5,000**  
**Eli Schulman Fellowship**  
*The Eli Schulman Fellowship attracts qualified, promising scientists who are driven to follow a career in diabetes research. Eli Schulman Fellows work closely with a sponsoring researcher, and learn to specialize and launch a career in one of the many areas of juvenile diabetes research.*

**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. As of 2002, the lab has acquired over 200 patient-parent trios and over 400 patient-sibling pairs of samples used in the study to determine factors of genetic disposition to the disease.*

**Les Turner ALS Foundation, Ltd.**

**\$5,000**

**Recessive Familial Linkage to Chromosomes**

*This multi-year grant supported the Les Turner ALS Research Laboratory at 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.*

**Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research**

**\$25,000**

**Cytoprotective Genes in Heart Failure**

*In 2002, the research supported by this grant led to the identification of gene mutations that cause inherited forms of heart muscle disease. Heart disease remains a leading cause of mortality in this country and yet the molecular basis underlying disease progression is largely unknown. The cytoprotective gene research project determines the significance of inherited defects and the roles of mutated genes in the population of heart disease patients.*

**Mercy Hospital and Medical Center**

**\$5,000**

**Mercy Service for Abused and Neglected Children**

*This grant provided medical treatment, therapy and counseling services to Chicago children living in abusive family situations. Mercy is a Catholic organization that ministers to poor, sick and uneducated individuals, providing them the medical and social care they need. The Intensive Treatment program also administers parental education classes and adult support groups in a vigorous effort to eliminate child abuse.*

**National Jewish Medical and Research Center** **\$7,500**  
**Children's Asthma Management Program**

*National Jewish is one of eight centers that are a part of a study involving children aged 5-12 with mild to moderate asthma. This study has helped researchers analyze the types of treatment methods that are most effective in treating these children. Findings indicate that inhaled steroids not only significantly lowered hospitalization and urgent-care visits but that they did not stunt growth as first suspected. This grant supplemented researchers' salaries, thereby ensuring the continuity of the Children's Asthma Management study.*

**The Northwestern Memorial Foundation** **\$30,000**  
**Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship**

*This multi-year grant for the Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship enhanced the medical effectiveness of care provided to female patients by Northwestern Memorial Hospital physicians. This Fellowship supported research studies that integrate complicated clinical treatment practices with state-of-the-art model care patterns to provide Maternal Fetal Medicine specialists more accurate and effective ways of treating and caring for new mothers and infants. This Fellowship has already helped make positive changes at Prentice Women's Hospital, a clear indication that its findings will resonate throughout the Northwestern Memorial Network and beyond.*

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

*The Northwestern University Wound Healing Research Laboratory is devoted exclusively to studying the factors strongly associated with chronic, non-healing wounds. This grant funded the testing of the activity levels of thousands of genes in skin cells and facilitated the continued studies of impaired healing rates in the elderly.*

**Rehabilitation Foundation Inc.** **\$10,000**  
**Dysphagia Research Project**

*In 2002 the Rehabilitation Foundation continued the development and testing of a new clinical tool that evaluates the functional swallowing skills of individuals with swallowing disorders. This grant supported researchers' work on this project and contributes to an understanding of the long and short-term impact of swallowing disorders on health and quality of life.*

## HUMAN SERVICES

Our Human Services Program area is the Foundation's largest, with nearly 40% of our total funding over the last ten years devoted to human services projects and organizations. This program area is centrally organized around our founder's beliefs, which included the notion that the purpose of a charitable foundation should be to "help people help themselves." The way the Foundation continues to approach this charter is by concentrating on Human Services organizations that provide highly specialized services to targeted populations and have developed an expertise in the efficacy of certain tools and techniques.

Over time, the Foundation has seen our Human Services Program area evolve to become a diverse portfolio containing a number of inter-related sub-programs. Each sub-program contains several similar organizations providing niche services which, together, add up to a comprehensive treatment of the Human Services issues historically most important to the Foundation. Examples of these sub-programs include Infant and Childhood Care, Youth Development, Programs for the Disabled, Early Childhood Education, Programs for the Elderly, Hunger, Housing and Shelter, and Welfare-to-Work, among others. These categories are not rigidly set, nor does the Foundation consult them when we consider new Human Services grantees. Rather, they are descriptive of previous Human Services funding focuses, and they constitute our founder's and the Foundation's legacy in this program area.

The Foundation has a strong interest in Human Services programs that concentrate on youth. Some of these grants support organizations that work with young people towards career-oriented development, guidance, and resource use. Others concentrate more on the social and leadership skills-training that their constituents will need as they begin their professional lives. Regardless of the operational focus, however, all of our youth-oriented Human Services grants implicitly take advantage of the critical and impressionable growth period in young peoples' lives. In this very small window of opportunity, youth Human Services programs can most effectively empower the young people they serve and guide them into responsible and meaningful positions in society.

Of course, the Foundation will always primarily fund Human Services organizations that help people of all ages work towards bettering their quality of life. To this end, we support basic food and shelter programs, professional assistance programs, and special needs programs including hospice care, disaster relief and community support services. We understand that flexibility is the key component to success in the Human Services, and a number of our grants are for general operating support. The modest size of our Human Services grants and the diversity of the programs we support are a part of our effort to remain faithful to our founder's charter and to make a positive difference in people's lives.

**Boys Hope Girls Hope**  
Girls Hope

**\$7,500**

*In 2002, Boys Hope Girls Hope celebrated its 25th anniversary of providing value-centered family-like homes and quality education through college for young adults (scholars) who are hurt and at-risk, yet academically capable and able to realize their full potential. At Boys Hope Girls Hope homes across the country, professional live-in staff and counselors emphasize the central importance and transformative potential of education. Scholars are expected to pursue cultural, extra-curricular and community service activities as part of a comprehensive program that instills positive moral values. Older residents work in full-time summer jobs to help them save for their college education. In fact, college admittance is the ultimate goal of Boys Hope Girls Hope (which supplements students' savings with financial assistance for education). The Foundation has supported Boys Hope Girls Hope homes in Evanston, Illinois for 18 years and over this time we have seen the organization guide dozens of young adults into life-transforming higher education opportunities.*

**Chicago Christian Industrial League**  
General Operating Support

**\$5,000**

*The Chicago Christian Industrial League was established in 1909 to serve poor and homeless people across the entire city. In its nearly 100 years of existence the League's mission has not changed at all, but what has changed is the complexity of the social challenges facing their clients. Many are severely affected by urban violence, substance abuse, institutionalized poverty, illiteracy, low skills and poor work values. The League emphasizes education, job training, and interpersonal and employment skills; the "industrial" part of their name refers to their belief in the restorative value of work. The Foundation has been consistently supporting the Chicago Christian Industrial League since 1982. We have provided general operating support over this time because we know the League needs the flexibility to use many different methods in pursuit of their mission. For example, the League provides the Chicago Park District with hourly wage workers who maintain planters throughout the city. Workers are paid based on their skill level, and the League encourages skills development through an advanced horticultural training program partnership they have with the Chicago Botanic Garden.*

## **Open Hand**

**\$5,000**

### **General Operating Support**

*In 2002, Open Hand Chicago merged with Community Response and The HIV Coalition to become Vital Bridges, a dynamic \$4.6 million organization that will reach more than 2,400 people affected by HIV and AIDS each year. In this time of decreased funding and unstable economy, Open Hand Chicago had the vision to collaborate with other like-minded organizations in order to cut costs while still providing the much-needed services to the greater Chicago community. The Foundation had been consistently supporting Open Hand Chicago for more than a decade, and we are excited to continue our support through Vital Bridges. Open Hand has nearly 15 years of experience in providing and delivering meals for people living with HIV/AIDS in Chicago. The new organization will combine residential and supportive services with advocacy and education in addition to Open Hand Chicago's food distribution expertise. The Foundation is looking forward to our partnership with an organization that seeks to connect communities, organizations and resources in ways that help people with HIV/AIDS live healthier, more stable lives.*

**The Anti-Cruelty Society** **\$5,000**  
**Pet Visitation Program and Two Teacher Workshops**  
*This grant supported both the Pet Visitation program and the Two Teacher Workshops program. In 2002, the Pet Visitation Program expanded to seven sites, with staff and volunteers bringing their own pets and providing joy to elderly participants in Chicago.*

**Bottomless Closet** **\$5,000**  
**General Operating Support**  
*This grant helped furnish business clothing for more than 1,500 low-income Chicago women at the Bottomless Closet Chicago location. Many of these women could not find professional work without the clothing necessary to make a positive impression in interviews. Bottomless Closet also offers free career development services, boosting the ability of the women it serves to find and retain stable, meaningful employment.*

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago** **\$6,000**  
**Chicago Youth Programs**  
*These unrestricted funds enabled the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago to administer its five Core Service Area programs. These programs, which include innovative career and leadership development groups as well as creative writing and artistic communications workshops, give Chicago youth the support and skills they may not be receiving elsewhere.*

**Cabrini Connections** **\$5,000**  
**Tutor/Mentor Connection Program**  
*This gift helped Cabrini Connections advocate its Tutor/Mentor Connection (T/MC) program to Chicagoland volunteers, donors and businesses. The T/MC program is building a tutor and mentor network designed to help 'pull' low-income youth through school and into professional jobs (as opposed to being 'pushed' to graduation, then forgotten).*

**Career Resource Center, Inc.**

**\$5,000**

**General Operating Support**

*This contribution provided career development services for 29 individuals who were between jobs. The Career Resource Center (CRC) offers practical and professional assistance in a nurturing environment, helping its clients conduct effective job searches. CRC participants receive private counseling and coaching, practice interviews, internet research training, networking sessions, and are free to use CRC's office space, equipment, and reference materials.*

**Center for Disability and Elder Law**

**\$5,000**

**General Operating Support**

*The Hospice and Homebound Legal Services Program (HHLSP) provides quality pro bono legal services to indigent hospice residents and homebound clients. Participating lawyers help with drafting wills, powers of attorney, quit claim deeds, and provide counseling about alternatives to guardianships. Without the legal services CDEL provides, many of these elderly people would otherwise go unserved. In 2002, CDEL assisted 3,050 clients, a 64% increase in the number of cases handled in 2000.*

**Chicago Abused Women Coalition**

**\$5,000**

**Hospital Crisis Intervention Project**

*This grant supported services provided by Hospital Crisis Intervention Project (HCIP) at Cook County Hospital. In 2002, HCIP provided direct services to over 400 clients at Cook County Hospital - including individual counseling, safety advising, legal advocacy, referrals and emergency shelters. Nearly every HCIP services recipient lives below the national poverty index and has no other access to help.*

**The Chicago Lighthouse**

**\$5,000**

**Birth-to Three Family Intervention Program**

*This grant supported services for 150 families with vision-impaired children aged 0-3 years who are participating in the Chicago Lighthouse's home-based care program. A staff of five vision teachers provided weekly visits to each family, worked with infants and instructed parents and other family members to stimulate and encourage their child through a variety of specialized developmental and educational activities designed exclusively for vision-impaired children.*

**Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation** **\$5,000**  
**Attorney Manual Updates and Supplement Program**  
*This grant funded the publishing of the Volunteer Attorney Manual, a reference guide that is distributed to volunteers and other friends. 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 & Aid Society of Illinois** **\$12,500**  
**Englewood Family Center**  
*This grant supported programs and services for infants and children aged 0-3 years at the Englewood Family Center in Chicago. The Center provides support, nurture and guidance to homeless and orphaned children as well as foster care and family programs designed to help these children find permanent adoptive homes.*

**Community Extension Project** **\$5,000**  
**Tutoring Program**  
*This grant supported Community Extension Project's (CEP) Tutoring Program for disadvantaged youth in the Lyons Township. 179 participants were between 6-18 years old and, in 2002, benefited from CEP's crisis intervention, leadership training and community volunteer programs. CEP helps children who otherwise "fall between the cracks" develop their social, recreational and leadership skills during these young people's critical formative years.*

**The Cradle** **\$10,000**  
**Special Needs Infant Adoption Program**  
*This grant provided special medical care for 94 infants in The Cradle Nursery. The Cradle is an immense resource for the families of adopted children, and it provides essential infant care supplies as well as initial or, when necessary, ongoing medical assessments, medicine, lab tests and therapies.*

**Foundation for Hearing and Speech Rehabilitation** **\$7,500**  
**Infant Hearing Center**

*This grant supported the Foundation for Hearing and Speech Rehabilitation's new family support, education, and research programs hosted by the Pediatric Otology Department at Children's Memorial Hospital. These innovative programs, otherwise unavailable in the Midwest, are helping children from all socioeconomic backgrounds acquire and use top-of-the-line assistive hearing devices, mainstream effectively into public schools, and pursue achievements at a rate equivalent to their hearing peers.*

**Girl Scouts of Chicago** **\$5,000**  
**Neighborhood Activity Center Program**

*This grant helped extend Girl Scouting to low-income neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Activity Centers provide after-school and weekend scouting activities to girls in poor areas all around Chicago and emphasize the Girl Scout's mission of inspiring ideals of citizenship, leadership, patriotism and service. In 2002, fifty-five Girls Scouts participated in a six session workshop where they learned about women from different cultures. The Neighborhood Centers also teach an understanding of the girls' neighborhoods' relationship to the larger Chicago community.*

**Greater Chicago Food Depository** **\$1,000**  
**Philanthropy Program**

*This one-time grant allowed the 4th generation of the Siragusa Family (now ages 6-13) to learn about concepts of philanthropy, volunteerism and service by spending a morning at the Depository packing over 3,500 pounds of food. The Foundation believes that by encouraging philanthropy at this young age, it will become an integral part of this young generation's lives and serve as a first step towards working together as members of the Foundation Board many years from now.*

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

*This grant supported the Community Kitchens program, which trains unemployed and under-employed individuals to be food service professionals. In addition, the food prepared during these training sessions provides 200-250 meals a day for hungry people in Chicago.*

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

*This grant contributed to a Human Development capital campaign that will support the TARGET Area Development Corporation's 78th Street Gang & Drug Initiative and the Lake County Center for Independent Living's Community Access Program. The 78th Street Gang & Drug Initiative is a project that reduces gang and drug and the criminalization of youth on the Southside of Chicago. The Community Access Program organizes disabled people in Lake County and encourages them to become better educated about their rights and to fight to make their own communities accessible.*

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

*This grant supported the Hospice Foundation's Bereavement Program, which brings warmth, caring and friendship to hospice shelter residents at the end of their life's journey. The Bereavement Program provides a wide range of services, including individual counseling, grief support groups, homebound care, community bereavement services, memorial services, "Handling the Holidays" seminars, "Camp Courage," and community education programs.*

**Infant Welfare Society of Chicago****\$5,000****Providing Access to Health Program (PATH)**

*The collaborative PATH program provided 452 poor, uninsured minority children (85% Latino, 12% African American) with preventive health care, immunizations, medical screenings, and health education. PATH also supports parents through outreach medical clinic sessions held weekly at the Logan Square Boys & Girls Club and Christopher House in Uptown.*

**Inspired Partnerships****\$5,000****Technical Services Program**

*Inspired Partnerships helps struggling Chicago congregations improve their capital and facility resources. In 2002, this grant helped provide 100 congregations with on-site assistance, including building inspections, energy audits, comprehensive facilities reports, and construction project management. Inspired Partnerships staff also fielded nearly 500 calls through the Building Hotline service and provided 280 referrals to contractors and professional tradespersons. Sadly, Inspired Partnerships has suspended its operations to re-examine how it can continue to fulfill its mission in a time of such economic instability.*

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

*This grant was used to support Junior Achievement's Whole School economic education program in the city of Chicago. This program helps students of all ages become smarter, more engaged consumers, citizens, employees and leaders. Whole School administers a slightly different program for each grade, and it strives to illustrate how lessons taught in school have very real translations in the workplace and society.*

**Juvenile Protective Association** **\$5,000**  
**Parent-Infant Development Program**

*JPA tries to keep families intact by quickly intervening in physically and emotionally abusive situations and by providing the counseling and therapy such families need. The Parent-Infant Development Program teaches parents the special developmental and emotional needs of their young children. In 2002, JPA launched the Mother-Infant Connection, a new program featuring a psycho-educational and therapeutic group for first-time mothers and their newborn babies. Mother-Infant Connection served more than 50 individuals in 2002 and JPA's Community Drop-In served 190 at-risk parents and children, more than double the number of individuals served last year.*

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

*Keshet provides educational and recreational programs for children with disabilities throughout the Chicago area. This grant provided unrestricted funds so that Keshet can pursue its mission of integrating these children into schools and camps alongside their typically developing peers.*

**The Lakefront SRO Corporation** **\$5,000**  
**Employment Program**

*Lakefront SRO works towards a permanent solution to homelessness by developing affordable, supportive housing facilities. This grant supported the Employment and Training Program, which secured 44 job placements for tenants and community residents. High turnouts in classes and training sessions in 2002 paved the way for expansions in educational opportunities for tenants to gain more skills and experience in 2003.*

**Lambs Farm****\$7,500****Quest: Reach for Your Personal Best**

*Lambs Farm provides residential, vocational, social and recreational support services to 250 Chicago-area adults with developmental disabilities. This grant funded the Quest Program, which allows participants to strive for their personal best achievements in a wide array of recreational and educational programs that Lamb's Farm offers throughout the year.*

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

*Little Brothers is dedicated to relieving isolation and loneliness among the elderly living alone in Chicago. Through its core visiting programs, Little Brothers offers one-on-one companionship and friendship. This grant provided essential unrestricted funds that help develop other programs such as Celebrations of Life, which provides the elderly with holiday and social activities that repeatedly brighten their lives.*

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

*Little Sisters of the Poor provides impoverished elderly people with the care they need and a place to call home. This grant was used to make necessary repairs to the kitchen rooftop unit. These repairs and improvements help the kitchen staff to continue preparing healthy and delicious meals for the residents.*

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

*This grant made the wish of 10 year-old Devon a reality. Devon's wish was to go to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida in order to meet Snow White, his favorite character. (He also noted that he wanted to give her a little kiss!) Devon and his family had a wonderful time, and a much needed break from the challenges of living with his life-threatening illness.*

**Marillac House** **\$10,000**

**Psychological Testing**

*Marillac House provides quality services and advocacy for those in need as the organization pursues its mission of strengthening family life and working toward a more just and safe society. This grant supported a Ph.D. Psychologist, who was hired to perform early assessments on pre-school children who were born drug-addicted and who have manifested behavioral and learning difficulties. Through testing and counseling, the children will learn to improve their socialization skills and patterns of behavior. In 2002, 65 of these in-depth evaluations and assessments were completed.*

**Meet the Wilderness** **\$4,000**

**Wilderness Adventure Education for Chicago Youth**

*Meet the Wilderness is an adventure and life skills program that introduces low-income Chicago youth to the beauty of Eagle County, Colorado. This grant allowed Meet the Wilderness to host five groups of disadvantaged Chicago youth 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**

*This grant covered expenses associated with providing ten girls, ages 11-14, the comforts of a real home. Mercy's Young Girls' Home is open to girls who have suffered neglect and abuse and who seek a chance to rebuild their lives with educational opportunities, counseling and the loving support of a family. Mercy has cared for and guided Chicago youth since 1887, and this Life Skills program teaches Mercy's girls important personal responsibility, self-reliance and independent living skills.*

**Misericordia Heart of Mercy** **\$10,000**

**Renovation of Joe and Char Madden Home**

*This grant funded the renovation and new construction of the Joe and Char Madden Home at Misericordia. Misericordia helps people with developmental disabilities become more self-reliant, independent and dignified in a spiritually-rich Catholic environment. The Madden Home houses and cares for 18 non-ambulatory Chicago children.*

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

**Sisters 4 Science Program**

*In 2002, Project Exploration reached more than 30 African-American and Latina girls in middle and high-school with the Sisters 4 Science Program. The program uses the wonder of paleontology to inspire urban youth to learn and become excited about the sciences. It is offered twice a week throughout the school year at the Triumph Charter School in Chicago's Back-of-the-Yards neighborhood. Sisters 4 Science posted the girls' activities, work and program highlights on the web at [projectexploration.org](http://projectexploration.org) and served 100 girls through a day-long 'Girl's Health and Science Day' conference.*

**Resurrection Home Health Foundation** **\$7,000**

**Long Term Care Program**

*Resurrection Home Health Foundations, formerly Partners Home Care Foundation provides no-cost medical, nursing and social services as well as friendly volunteer visitors to the indigent, chronically ill homebound elderly in Chicago. This grant supported Resurrection's Long Term Care Program, an innovative elderly care program that is a national model of individualized medical and social care.*

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

**General Operating Support**

*This grant helped fund The Salvation Army's numerous social service programs, which serve more than one million people annually across metropolitan Chicago. Salvation Army programs serve people with problems ranging from a lack of food and shelter to drug addiction and physical or sexual abuse. Recipients include the homeless, elderly, shut-ins, disadvantaged families and children. Without the efforts of the Salvation Army, many of these people might not find help of any sort.*

**SHORE** **\$10,000**

**General Operating Support**

*This grant supported programs and services for adults and children with developmental disabilities in the North Shore communities of Chicago. These unrestricted funds enabled SHORE to administer its different educational and job training programs that care for and support more than 300 children and adults each year.*

**St. Joseph's Carondelet Child Center** **\$3,000**  
**Solace Place**

*St. Joseph's Carondelet has been caring for Chicago's orphaned boys and girls since 1864. This grant helped to fund a Vocational Coordinator in St. Joseph's Solace Place program, which provides special education, vocational training and comprehensive therapy to 44 Englewood boys between the ages of 14-19. These boys are from an area that suffers from high unemployment and poverty rates. St. Joseph's is the only center of its kind with a no-decline policy and unlocked doors, and Solace Place cares for boys who have often been denied referrals to other custodial living facilities.*

**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 Child Center with basic work skills and the confidence to enter the job market. The program makes use of in-house job placement, which teaches skills that are transferable to outside employment situations, and helps guide the orphaned young people under St. Joseph's Carondelet's care towards self-reliance.*

**STRIVE Chicago Employment Service, Inc.** **\$12,000**  
**Career Path Project**

*This grant supported the operations of the Career Path Project, which provides career advancement services for low-skilled or underemployed Chicago clients primarily through computer learning labs. In 2002, more than 600 people used the computer lab programs. STRIVE works with these individuals over a period of two years to develop their employability, reliability and confidence. The organization focuses on personal growth, and works hard to develop employment opportunities and career paths for its dedicated participants.*

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

*This grant provided unrestricted funds for the Tax Assistance Program to provide free, confidential tax preparation services and financial consulting to low-income Chicago individuals and families. The Program administers a citywide volunteer effort of more than 1,000 tax professionals that helps some 15,000 poor families save nearly \$20 million in taxes each year.*

**Tuesday's Child** **\$10,000**  
**Early Intervention/Parent Training for Families-At-Risk Program**  
*This grant supported the Early Intervention/Parent Training for Families-At-Risk program, which provides outreach services for teen parents and Latino families. Tuesday's Child intervention programs are uniquely effective in that past beneficiaries help conduct today's interventions. In 2002, Tuesday's Child served 600 families with this program, and nearly 85% of the program participants went on to conduct peer-training intervention sessions with other, similarly affected, individuals or families.*

**United Service Organization of Illinois, Inc.** **\$7,000**  
**General Operating Support**  
*In 2002, the United Service Organization (USO) touched the lives of over 160,000 military personnel and their families. Among its many services, the USO administers family programs, provides furniture, tickets, tours, service referrals and transition assistance to its service members.*

**Victor C. Neumann Association** **\$5,000**  
**Transitional Services Program**  
*This grant funded computer acquisition and technological equipment for the Victor C. Neumann Association's Transitional Services Program. In 2002, a multi-media digital processor was purchased to enhance client computer services. The program provides personalized vocational skills training to Chicago people with disabilities. The Neumann Association has been enriching the lives of Chicago's disabled since 1949, helping them turn their lives around and become more self-reliant and independent.*

**Y-ME of Chicagoland** **\$12,500**  
**Chicago Teen Program**  
*This grant funded the expenses for Y-ME's 'Just for Teens' program, which is a breast health workshop offered to teens by breast cancer survivors. This gift helped pay the salary of a part-time program coordinator as well as for the training of new volunteers and telephone, internet usage, postage, and brochure-printing costs. Y-ME is the nation's leading resource for breast cancer information and support, and the Chicagoland affiliate is an important component of this national network.*

**YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago**

**\$7,500**

**Young Leaders at Pilsen YMCA**

*This grant supported the YMCA's Young Leaders Program in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood. The program was offered to 30 elementary school students in the 4th and 5th grades and taught important leadership and critical thinking skills as well as how to work effectively as part of a team.*

**The Youth Campus**

**\$10,000**

**Medically Complex Infant Program**

*This grant funded the Caregiver Support Program, which currently provides in-home nursing support to families caring for a total of 30 medically compromised children. The program also links these families with other much-needed community resources and helps to prevent the removal of special needs children from their homes as a way of reducing the institutionalization of infants.*

**YWCA Evanston/North Shore**

**\$5,000**

**Destiny Girls**

*Destiny Girls is an after-school and summer leadership development program for adolescent girls administered by the YWCA. This grant was used to supplement the salary of the Program Director. In 2002, a new part-time tutor/mentor coordinator position and a new technology lab were created. Destiny Girls teaches its participants to communicate effectively with others, elevate their self-esteem and independence, and identify and try to eliminate instances of racism or prejudicial actions and thoughts.*

## THIRD GENERATION AND MATCHING GRANTS

In 2002, when Irene Siragusa Phelps was appointed President, the Foundation officially passed its day-to-day executive control from the second generation Siragusa family to the third. The second generation Board Chairman John R. Siragusa still leads a group of Directors that includes a number of his peers. Third generation members constitute nearly half of the Foundation's Board now, and we are consequently at an exciting moment in the generational succession of the Foundation.

The Foundation has incorporated a couple of new techniques that encourage third generation Siragusa family members (and their children) to pursue their philanthropic interests and to eventually assume leadership positions on the Board. The Foundation offers a 1:1 matching gifts program, available to Siragusa family members and to Foundation staff, which allows these eligible persons to double their philanthropic contributions with an anonymous Foundation match. In 2002, the Foundation made over \$7,900 in matching gifts through this program.

We have also adopted a third generation grants program. Many of these Siragusa family members live outside of the metropolitan Chicago area. And while the Foundation's core operating efforts will always be focused on Chicago because of our founder's charter, it is very important for us to encourage Siragusa family members outside the city to pursue their interests in the arena of civic involvement. Third generation family members may therefore present eligible new grantees based in their own communities to our Board of Directors for possible funding. The only requirements we have are that the family member have some sort of personal involvement with the organization and that the organization fit within the spirit and funding focus of one of our program areas.

Through our matching gifts and third generation grants programs, the Foundation aims to remain true to our core Chicago grantmaking mission while sustaining the family legacy of Ross D. Siragusa's grantmaking through the charitable activity of his grandchildren.

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

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

*This grant supported research in cholesterol metabolism at the cellular level, which contributes to a fuller understanding of the processes of healthy cholesterol metabolism. This research is one step towards a cure for the Niemann-Pick Type C disease, a genetic, pediatric, neurodegenerative disorder that affects thousands of children and young adults each year.*

**Chatham Hall** **\$5,000**

**Writer in Residence**

*Chatham Hall is an all-girls Episcopal college preparatory boarding school that emphasizes academic and personal integrity and the educational importance of the arts. This grant made possible a workshop with author Marianne Gingher, the Director of the Creative Writing Program at UNC-Chapel Hill, and author of several novels.*

**The Greater Illinois Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society** **\$5,000**

**MS Camp/Retreat Program**

*This multi-year grant supported the Greater Illinois Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Camp/Retreat Program, which provides sufferers of this chronic, central nervous system disorder with life-affirming, unforgettable recreational experiences. In 2002, the MS Camp had 43 participants, all of whom engaged in social and wellness activities like horseback riding and canoeing, educational programs and team building exercises.*

**Lake Forest Country Day School** **\$3,000**

**Financial Aid for Low Income/Minority Student**

*The grant provided financial assistance to one Lake Forest Country Day School student who would otherwise not be able to attend this school. LFCDS bolsters its core values of academic excellence and civic responsibility with a special Honor Code, which serves as a guiding point-of-reference for students' behaviors and goals.*

**Lane County Human Services Commission** **\$5,000**

**Safe & Sound Youth Project**

*The Safe and Sound Youth Project is a Lane County, Oregon human services program that provides homeless, runaway and vagrant youth with the social and medical services they desperately need. The Project funds health and safety education, street outreach programs, medical and mental health services, sexual assault support services, shelters, and employment programs.*

**Mathews Elementary School** **\$5,000**

**The Art and Landscaping Project: Native Texas Walkway and Memorial Garden**

*This grant allowed the Mathews Elementary School of Austin, Texas to continue work on a grounds beautification project that was begun in 2000. In 2002, seven students worked with a local artist on this beautification project which not only enhanced the school's property but also taught the students the environmental necessity, economic value, and natural beauty of native plants. Students were involved in every aspect of the project, from design and site planning to installation of the gardens.*

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

**Elizabeth Gatchell Klein Arts Center**

*Miss Hall's is a private college preparatory boarding and day school for girls, located in the heart of the Berkshire Hills in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. This grant helped fund the construction of the Elizabeth Gatchell Klein Arts Center, which houses the Ruth Milliken Murphy Pottery Studio, a photography studio, the Woods Theatre, a visual arts studio as well as classrooms and a grand entrance lobby and gallery area for students' arts displays.*

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

**Newcomb Leadership Conference for Girls**

*This grant funded the Newcomb Leadership Conference for Girls, one of the College's innovative programs to provide first-hand public service leadership experiences for its students. Newcomb students design and administer the Conference for nearby elementary school girls, and help the younger girls explore and develop their own individual leadership talents.*

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

**'Students with Disabilities: Nursing Education and Practice Symposium'**

*This grant was made in support of a 2003 symposium designed to explore the feasibility of opening a general nursing education program at Rush specifically designed for people with disabilities. The Rush College of Nursing has been around since 1885 and it attracts talented, diverse students to its strongly clinical-based educational programs that stress the importance of the art of nursing.*

**Summerbridge Sacramento** **\$5,000**

**Part-Time Program Coordinator**

*This grant paid for a part-time coordinator to deliver early college preparation and job recruitment presentations to Summerbridge sixth graders. Summerbridge is a tuition-free college preparatory program serving highly motivated students from low-income school districts in the Sacramento, California area. The coordinator also helped administer Summerbridge Saturdays, which provide students special cultural, community service and recreational experiences.*

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

**General Operating Support**

*Tucson Regional Ballet (TRB) provides affordable, accessible, and quality ballet for the Tucson, Arizona community. TRB incorporates the art of ballet in its various forms to expand and reach out to a diverse audience, including children, senior citizens, individuals with special needs, and nursing home residents. In 2002, this grant supported the admission price for low income children and children with special needs.*

## FOUNDER'S HONORARY GRANTS

In 1999, the Foundation made major four-year pledges to nine Chicago nonprofit organizations: the Adler Planetarium, the Children's Memorial Foundation, the John G. Shedd Aquarium, the Lincoln Park Zoo, The Art Institute of Chicago, The Cradle, The Field Museum, The Newberry Library, and The Northwestern Memorial Foundation. We also made a three-year pledge to Millennium Park, and 2002 marks the first year of our fulfillment of that commitment.

These special honorary grants, which will total \$11,000,000, were made in tribute to our founder, Ross D. Siragusa, and his first wife, Irene O'Brien Siragusa, and their daughter Mary Irene Siragusa Hicks. The organizations were selected by Siragusa family members and confirmed by our Board of Directors. Specific projects were determined through the collaboration of our Board with each organization's leadership in an attempt to make legacy grants that would best supplement each organization's needs and plans at that point in time.

With the exception of Millennium Park, the Foundation will conclude these Founders grants in our 2003 grantmaking year. Over the past four years, the Foundation has excitedly witnessed the way in which our grants have made transformative change at these nine organizations, which are among the most special to the Siragusa family. We have been extremely proud of the success of these partnerships, whether they were 'bricks and mortar' projects or program grants, and while the Foundation is not likely to make pledges of similar size in the near future we are looking forward to continuing our long relationship with these core Siragusa Foundation organizations.

**Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum****\$125,000****Stellar Evolution Campaign**

*This multi-year grant supported the Adler's most recent capital campaign. The Foundation's funding helped create the Space Walk gallery, which dramatically sets the stage for Planetarium visitors by creating the illusion of stepping into infinite space. This grant also funded the Gateway to the Universe Experience, which provides an educational orientation into the structure and organization of space. In 2002, the Adler celebrated the continued success of their educational outreach with the creation of the Cosmic Gateway long distance-learning pilot. Cosmic Gateway uses state-of-the-art video conferencing technology to bring space science into K-12 classrooms throughout Illinois.*

**The Art Institute of Chicago****\$125,000****The Siragusa Studios and Siragusa Education Endowment**

*This multi-year grant supported both the Siragusa Studios and the Siragusa Education Endowment. The Siragusa Studios are located on the 17th floor of the School of the Art Institute's newest residence hall and they provide a space for students to create and display their artwork.*

*The Siragusa Education Endowment is a fund benefiting the Museum Education Program, which is an outreach program that increases the access to the Museum by Chicago children. The Educational Endowment Fund also features an Artist-in-Residency program, which brings artists to the museum's galleries to lead special family tours that help parents explore the museum with their children.*

**Children's Memorial Foundation****\$1,500,000****Siragusa Fellowship in Transplantation Center and Transplantation Wellness Clinic**

*The Foundation's 1999 \$6,000,000 multi-year grant helped to establish and name The Siragusa Transplantation Center, a comprehensive pediatric transplantation facility that performs an average of 70 stem cell transplants annually. The Center's world-renowned specialists also perform dozens of life-saving pediatric kidney, liver and heart transplantation each year. This installment supports the Siragusa Fellowship in the Transplantation Center as well as the Transplantation Wellness Clinic. The Siragusa Transplantation Fellowship provides funding for doctors and researchers who are studying and practicing pediatric stem cell transplantation, and the Transplantation Wellness Clinic serves Children's transplant population through assessments about wellness and quality of life. Clinical staff develop relationships with the children's local physicians, and carefully follow the progress and development of their transplant patients.*

**The Cradle****\$125,000****The Siragusa Foundation Special Needs Scholarship Fund**

*The Cradle helps place adoptive children, some of whom have a variety of medical conditions, into loving, responsible, devoted families. The Cradle also recognizes the unique requirements such children impose on their families, and the organization provides financial support to these families as well as services including therapy, medications, hospitalization, and respite care for parents. This grant was added to an endowment fund that allowed The Cradle to make 19 grants to families in 2002 in support of such projects as a wheelchair ramp, ongoing medication, surgery expenses, and sign-language instruction.*

**The Field Museum****\$125,000****The Siragusa Center**

*The Siragusa Center at The Field Museum was established as part of a multi-year grant, and it remains a key gathering place and hub of activity for many thousands of students and visitors to the Museum each year. It is a flexible space, designed to accommodate many uses, ranging from a place for families to stop for a respite and a quick snack, to a facility for educational programming, meetings and special events for the many thousands of students and visitors that experience the Museum each year. In 2002, The Siragusa Center featured a quaint 'Chocolate Cafe,' which complimented the Museum's popular 'Chocolate' exhibition.*

**John G. Shedd Aquarium****\$125,000****Shedd Institute for Conservation**

*This multi-year gift supports the John G. Shedd Aquarium conservation endowment fund, which supported the coral propagation project, the Partnership for Marine Conservation, iguana research in the Bahamas, the beluga whale cooperative breeding program, and freshwater river mussel surveys, among other projects. Progress continues to be made toward a Center for Aquatic Conservation with a feasibility study underway.*

**Lincoln Park Zoo****\$125,000****Farm-in-the-Zoo Design Development and Endowment**

*Lincoln Park Zoo's new Farm-in-the-Zoo design was fully funded by the Foundation's 2000 pledge payment, and our 2002 installment on this multi-year pledge makes up a part of the Farm's endowment. The Farm introduces visitors to a variety of Midwestern farm animals, including cows and chickens, which are often as unusual to city dwellers as are lions and penguins.*

**Millennium Park, Inc. \$150,000**

**Millennium Park and the Music and Dance Center**

*Millennium Park, Inc. is a non-profit organization established to raise funds for beautification and cultural enhancements of Millennium Park. Once complete, Millennium Park will provide architectural and landscaped beauty in addition to a convenient location for cultural events. The Park will feature the new 1,500 seat Music and Dance Theater of Chicago, which will be a shared venue for a number of mid-sized performing arts organizations. Construction of the Music and Dance Theater was begun in February 2002.*

**The Newberry Library \$125,000**

**Siragusa Book Fund**

*This multi-year grant established and continues to sustain the Siragusa Book Fund, enabling the Newberry Library to expand its collection of scholarly work. The Fund assists the Library in acquiring major reference tools including dictionaries, indices, census records and bibliographies. The Newberry attracts scholars from around the world who rely on its premier reference collection and open accessibility to support their research.*

**The Northwestern Memorial Foundation \$125,000**

**The Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS)**

*This multi-year grant supported the Picture Archiving and Communication Systems (PACS) at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. PACS is a network of computer systems specifically designed to manage and store medical digital image information and to allow this information to be efficiently communicated to medical care providers. PACS is one of the most sophisticated large scale installations in the United States and it contains over 40 million images. As a result of PACS, Northwestern Memorial Hospital's department of Radiology is approximately 95 percent film-less. The Siragusa Foundation contribution to this project helps improve Northwestern's database architecture by increasing its reliability, its disaster recovery potential and its storage capabilities.*

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	<b>12/31/02</b>	<b>12/31/01</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Cash</b>	\$ 11,074	\$ 8,504
<b>Investments at Market Value</b>	30,767,484	39,658,277
2002 cost: \$29,204,753		
2001 cost: \$32,890,358		
<b>Pending Trades Receivable</b>	17,002	66,691
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Fixed Assets	36,938	30,110
(Net of Depreciation)		
Security Deposit	2,917	2,917
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$30,835,415</u></b>	<b><u>\$39,766,499</u></b>
 <b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Accrued Liabilities and Pending Trades Payable</b>	6,968	9,288
<b>Net Assets – Unrestricted</b>	<u>30,828,447</u>	<u>39,757,211</u>
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<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$30,835,415</u></b>	<b><u>\$39,766,499</u></b>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	<b>12/31/02</b>	<b>12/31/01</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Contributions Received	\$ 0	\$ 0
Dividends and Interest	810,129	1,177,985
Realized Losses on Investments	(19,869)	(954,709)
Changes in Unrealized Losses	<u>(5,295,744)</u>	<u>(2,631,200)</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u><u>\$(4,505,484)</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$(2,407,924)</u></u></b>
<b>Grants and Other Expenses</b>		
Grants	3,728,835	3,652,789
Investment Management Fees	293,825	359,388
General and Administrative	398,645	376,922
Federal Excise Tax	<u>1,975</u>	<u>4,533</u>
<b>Total Grants and Other Expenses</b>	<b><u><u>4,423,280</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>4,393,632</u></u></b>
Decrease in Net Assets	(8,928,764)	(6,801,556)
Net Assets Beginning of the Year	<u>39,757,211</u>	<u>46,558,767</u>
Net Assets End of the Year	<b><u><u>\$30,828,447</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$39,757,211</u></u></b>

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