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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

In 2003 The Siragusa Foundation finished its special four-year partnership with nine 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. From cutting edge research to educational programs to "bricks and mortar", these grants truly honored my grandfather, grandmother, and aunt in a meaningful way. But, as I have mentioned before, it is the work of our regular grantees and the continuity of their funding that is the heart and soul of The Siragusa Foundation.

Another accomplishment that would have made my grandfather, grandmother, and aunt proud is the time devoted to the training of the 3rd and 4th generation. The 3rd generation worked with a consultant early in the year and had their first significant dialogue about what values were important to them. And, although this process continues to be a work in progress, many of the same principles that my grandfather brought to the foundation years ago are being embraced by the 3rd generation today. For the youngest family members, coming together in Chicago is an occasion to get to know each other better, learn about philanthropy, and meet some of our grantees. And, for all family members learning about proper governance and being accountable is crucial, as misconduct by a small number of family foundations could jeopardize the future of the field.

At the end of 2003, the value of the Foundation's assets stood at \$32,636,474. During the first quarter of the year, the capital markets finally responded to persistent and aggressive Fed stimulus. And by the end of the year, market analysts were concerned about over valuations as equity prices jumped well ahead of earnings; thus in 2003, as world markets posted impressive gains, investor confidence returned and the market appeared to be on the road toward recovery. From the market trough of March 2000 through the end of 2002, the Foundation invested a portion of its assets in conservative hedged vehicles, which preserved capital in the down market period. We have increased our investments in these hedged strategies as we anticipate renewed market volatility. This will serve to further stabilize our investment performance and provide a more consistent capital base from which to provide funding to our grantees.

Respectfully,

Irene S. Phelps
President

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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.

2003 GRANTS

Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum	\$135,000
Alzheimer's Association, Inc.	5,000
American Brain Tumor Association	5,000
American Indian College Fund	15,000
The Anti-Cruelty Society	6,000
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 Small Foundations	1,500
Barat College of DePaul University	15,000
Bottomless Closet	5,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago	6,000
Boys Hope Girls Hope	7,500
Cabrini Connections	5,000
Career Resource Center, Inc.	5,000
Catholic Theological Union	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
The Chicago Lighthouse	5,000
Chicago Opera Theater	5,000
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation	5,000
Chicago Women in Philanthropy	855
Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois	12,500
Children's Memorial Foundation	1,515,000
Community Extension Project	5,000
Council on Foundations	4,170
Court Appointed Special Advocates of Cook County	5,000
The Cove School	10,000
The Cradle Foundation	135,000
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School	5,000
Donors Forum of Chicago	11,137
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
Girl Scouts of Chicago	5,000
The Goodman Theatre	20,000

Greater Chicago Food Depository	\$ 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	10,000
Howard Brown Health Center	10,000
Illinois Wesleyan University	20,000
Infant Welfare Society of Chicago	5,000
International Game Fish Association Foundation	6,000
The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago	10,000
John G. Shedd Aquarium	135,000
Junior Achievement of Chicago	7,500
Juvenile Protective Association	5,000
Keshet	5,000
Lake Forest Country Day School	5,000
Lakefront Supportive Housing	5,000
Les Turner ALS Foundation, Ltd.	9,000
Lincoln Park Zoo	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	10,000
Loyola University Chicago	10,000
Lyric Opera of Chicago	15,000

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northern Illinois	\$ 4,600
Marillac House	10,000
Matching Gifts Program	12,372
Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research	25,000
Meet the Wilderness	4,000
Mercy Home for Boys & Girls	7,500
Merit School of Music	10,000
Millennium Park, Inc.	150,000
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 Foundation	155,000
Northwestern University	20,000
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine	10,000
Openlands Project	7,500
The Philanthropy Roundtable	2,500
Project Exploration	5,000
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy	5,000
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
Suburban Job-Link, Corp.	12,000
Summerbridge Sacramento	5,000
Tax Assistance Program - It Adds Up	5,000
The Three Arts Club of Chicago	5,000
The Trust for Public Land	5,000
Tucson Regional Ballet	5,000
Tuesday's Child	10,000
The United Negro College Fund	20,000
United Service Organizations of Illinois	7,000
The University of Chicago	20,000
Victor C. Neumann Association	5,000
Vital Bridges	5,000
The Wetlands Initiative	5,000
Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart	10,000
Yale University	20,000
YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago	7,500

Y-ME of Chicagoland	\$12,500
YWCA Evanston/North Shore	5,000
Total 2003 Grants	\$3,642,634

CULTURE

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

Education and Outreach Program

This grant supported a year-long program, 'Aliens at the Adler', which was chosen to celebrate the exploration of life elsewhere in the Universe. An exhibition and two new planetarium shows explore this compelling topic and offer a glimpse of what life on other planets might look like.

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

Faces, Places, & Inner Spaces Story Telling Exhibition

This grant was extended to the new interactive exhibition, 'Faces, Places, and Inner Spaces'. This exhibit explores the Art Institute's diverse collection through 11 works that relate the themes of faces, places, and inner spaces. The program is designed to introduce children and their parents to works of diverse cultures, time periods, and geographic regions.

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

General Operating Support

This grant helped to defray the costs of teaching artists' salaries, art materials, and project development for Art Resources in Teaching's (A.R.T.) visual arts education programs. During the 2002-2003 academic year, A.R.T. delivered 394 visual arts programs to more than 33,000 Chicago-area students and 1,600 teachers in grades K through 8.

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

On BOARD Program

In 2003, On BOARD trained and placed fourteen business professionals with nonprofit arts organizations as apprentices in real board settings. The purpose of the On BOARD program is to link business professionals with non-profit arts boards as potential new members. These business executives not only bring their own professional skills, but also complete a training program with the Arts and Business Council of Chicago.

Association of Small Foundations**\$1,500****General Operating Support**

This grant provided general operating support for the Association of Small Foundations (ASF), which is an important resource for foundations with little or no staff; typically, half of the total foundation funding granted each year comes from these organizations. The Association of Small Foundations is committed to building and strengthening philanthropy among small foundations by providing quality, timely, practical, and member-driven programs to small foundations.

Chicago Children's Museum**\$5,000****Programs for children with special needs**

This grant supported a program at the Chicago Children's Museum's (CCM) that pairs Francis Parker School student volunteers with special needs children for a focused museum visit. This program enabled CCM to subsidize the cost of both the visit and public transportation to and from the museum. During the 2002-2003 school year, this program allowed nearly 200 special needs children to enjoy CCM.

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

This grant was used to support the COT/CPS School Partners Program, which gives students at a number of Chicago Public Schools (CPS) the opportunity to interact with opera performers, conductors and directors. In addition to the successful music education programs, the Chicago Opera Theater (COT) presented two student performances of Hans Krása's 'Brundibar'. For this production, Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Tony Kushner provided the English translation, Thor Steingraber directed, and 'Where the Wild Things Are' author and illustrator Maurice Sendak designed the sets and costumes. This innovative program brings the excitement and educational value of working with the performing arts to young people who might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience the arts.

Chicago Women in Philanthropy**\$750****General Operating Support**

This grant supported Chicago Women in Philanthropy's (CWIP) educational, technical assistance, and advocacy programs, which are designed to increase funding for organizations and programs serving women and girls. In 2003, educational programs for philanthropic and non-profit professionals focused on women in the workplace. Technical assistance programs for non-profits catering to women and girls covered personnel, evaluations, and cash management.

Chicago Women in Philanthropy**\$105****Annual Meeting Luncheon**

This grant supported Chicago Women in Philanthropy's (CWIP) annual meeting luncheon. The 2003 luncheon was the largest ever, with nearly 300 guests in attendance. CWIP is an entirely volunteer-driven membership organization for professional philanthropic and nonprofit leaders. In addition, CWIP is dedicated toward increasing funding to organizations serving women and girls in Chicago.

Council on Foundations**\$4,170****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**\$2,500****Leaders of the Library**

This grant supported the enhancement and maintenance of the Donors Forum Library in Chicago, which served over 15,000 individuals in 2003. This grant was specifically earmarked for programs that advance non-profit fundraising efforts. The Donors Forum Library is a key resource and forum for fundraisers to communicate and to research potential grantmakers.

Donors Forum of Chicago**\$8,637****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 grantmakers in the Chicago metropolitan area. Its mission is to promote and support effective and responsive philanthropy.

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

General Operating Support

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

The Field Museum **\$10,000**

Community Outreach

This grant supported the Field Museum's community outreach programs. These programs provide a bridge that connects the Field Museum's collection and research to the public. Through workshops, festivals, learning stations, field trips, overnight visits, demonstrations, and performances, the Field Museum brings science to life, educates people about the Earth and its people, and encourages an interest in the natural sciences.

The Foundation Center **\$1,000**

General Operating Support

This grant 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 Goodman Theatre**\$5,000****Student Subscription Series**

This grant supported the Student Subscription Series, which allowed approximately 1,800 students and 47 teachers from 37 Chicago public high schools to study and attend four of the Goodman's mainstage productions at no cost. After the shows, cast and artistic staff members engage the students in discussion about the play. This discussion provides a forum for students to discuss their reactions and interpretations and sharpen their critical thinking skills.

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

The Happiness Club's Ethics for Kids Character Program (EFK) uses positive music as an educational tool. In 2003, the Happiness Club maintained its current programming base in 23 Chicago and 6 suburban elementary schools and added new programs for high school students. Also, EFK Summer Camp, an offspring of the Happiness Club, had its highest enrollment to date.

The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago**\$10,000****JBC Middle School Dance Clubs**

This grant supported the Joffrey Ballet's Middle School Dance Club. \$5,000 went directly to project costs, and \$5,000 went to underwrite the position of Education-Outreach Coordinator. The Educational-Outreach Coordinator is responsible for project implementation. 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 with a performance under the guidance of Joffrey staff and company dancers.

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

This grant supported 'Schooling With the Shedd,' which provides high quality programming for students pre-K through 12 in Chicago and other area schools through on-site classes and labs, teacher workshops, and outreach programs. In 2003, Shedd kicked off a major program to work with six Chicago schools to train teachers to teach science in the elementary grades. Additionally, this grant helped the Aquarium to develop a Community Engagement Initiative that it is using to strategically collaborate with two targeted communities in Chicago--South Chicago and Calumet Park.

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

This grant was used to support the goals of Lincoln Park Zoo's privately managed conservation and science programs, which focus on both wild and captive animals. The purpose of these programs is to improve wildlife conservation and animal management through scientific research, field conservation, population management programs, and training to students, zoo professionals, and conservation professionals. This gift also ensures that the Lincoln Park Zoo remains free to the public without sacrificing its high standards for animal care and visitor service.

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

This grant provided support for the Lyric Opera's 86 main stage opera performances presented to more than 320,000 Chicago-area patrons. This funding also assisted the Lyric in extending its OPERAREACH educational and community outreach programming to more than 80,000 Chicago-area school children, teachers, seniors, young adults and other special outreach constituencies. Finally, this grant also supported the Lyric Opera Center for American Artists, a national center for development of America's young opera talent.

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

This grant supported the Museum of Contemporary Art's School Tours Program, which provides 50-minute guided tours and has continued to serve as one of the top museum education programs in Chicago. Over 10,000 students participated in the program in 2002-2003, 64 percent of which came from Chicago Public Schools. Students toured the Museum's collections and exhibitions and participated in programs to improve their knowledge of visual arts.

Neighborhood Writing Alliance**\$5,000****General Operating Support**

This grant helped the Neighborhood Writing Alliance engage 170 adults in weekly writing workshops designed to explore their thoughts and experiences through writing and poetry. Their work was published in the award-winning 'Journal of Ordinary Thought'. During 2003, two theme issues of The Journal were published, Criminal Justice and Place. The Neighborhood Writing Alliance participated in 38 readings including seven on Chicago Public Radio, reaching an estimated audience of 3,600. By spreading the words and stories of these writers, the Neighborhood Writing Alliance broadens public awareness of pressing contemporary issues such as poverty, disenfranchisement, and racism.

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. 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 'best practices' in charitable giving. The Philanthropy Roundtable administers programs and services for donors, including hosting an annual meeting, various regional meetings, and publishes 'The Philanthropy Magazine', and other guides on effective philanthropy.

The Renaissance Society**\$5,000****2003 Programming Costs**

This grant supported five exhibitions during the 2002-2003 season. The Renaissance Society, located on the University of Chicago campus, was founded in 1915 to engage Chicago in the cultural and artistic movements occurring in Europe at that time. Although the Renaissance Society is primarily concerned with showcasing the visual arts, it also sponsors concerts, performances, film screenings, and lectures. The Renaissance Society maintains an international reputation as one of the finest resources for contemporary art.

The Society of Midland Authors

\$1,000

Annual Awards Dinner

This grant supported the Society of Midland Authors' annual awards dinner, which celebrates the best fiction and non-fiction works by Midwestern authors. The Society of Midland Authors provides Midwest writers of all genres with the support and encouragement necessary to continue their work.

The Three Arts Club of Chicago

\$5,000

3Arts Gallery

This grant partially supported four exhibitions during the 2003-2004 season of The 3Arts Gallery. With the support of The Siragusa Foundation, The 3Arts offered gallery talks for the first time this season. The 3Arts Club of Chicago provides a gallery and performance space for women involved in the three arts: literary, visual, and performance.

EDUCATION

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

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 address issues affecting Native Americans, such as poverty, under-education, and cultural decay.

Associated Colleges of Illinois **\$5,000** **Illinois Partnership for Minority Achievement Program**

This grant supported the Illinois Partnership for Minority Achievement program, which provides financial support for the academic, counseling, and social needs of minority students attending one of Associated Colleges of Illinois' (ACI) member colleges. Many of these students are the first generation in their family to attend college. ACI believes education is the solution to some of society's most pressing social needs because its students have the leadership capacity and the socio-economic perspective to implement real change.

Associated Colleges of Illinois **\$5,000** **College Readiness Program**

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

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

This grant provided scholarships to individual students in the Learning Opportunities Program (LOP) who require financial assistance with program fees. Without this financial support, it is unlikely that the scholarship students would be able to continue in the program. Students accepted into LOP are highly motivated, college-ready individuals with documented learning disabilities committed to studying one of Barat's liberal arts programs. In the past two years, student enrollment in the program has nearly doubled to 47 students.

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

This grant provided scholarship support to fifteen African-American students entering the Catholic Theological Union for advanced degrees in theology and ministry. Students are selected under the criteria of the Tolton Scholars Program for their leadership capacity and clerical devotion. All students are committed to service in the diocese of Chicago for a minimum of three years upon completion of their degree.

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

This grant provided a full-tuition scholarship to an elementary student with learning disabilities. The scholarship impacts one child profoundly and represents an investment in changing one life markedly. Cove School provides individual educational curricula for children and young people with a variety of learning disabilities with the goal of returning these students to their neighborhood schools in the shortest amount of time. Learning-disabled students are at high risk and in danger of dropping out of school, however, Cove students have a higher rate of retention and graduation.

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

This grant was used to provide financial assistance to five Cristo Rey students during the 2002 - 2003 academic year. The Cristo Rey Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial assistance to students who otherwise would be unable to meet tuition payments. Cristo Rey is a rigorous Jesuit college-preparatory school dedicated toward serving the immigrant population in Chicago's Pilsen and Little Village neighborhoods. The school stresses bi-lingual education and features an extraordinary internship program whereby every student supplements 75% of his or her tuition.

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

This grant was used to provide partial tuition scholarships to four middle-income students at Elmhurst College. Elmhurst College is affiliated with the United Church of Christ, but its students come from a variety of religious backgrounds. The College seeks to build an intellectually rigorous and spiritually connected community by advancing the practical and professional relevance of the liberal arts tradition.

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

This grant allowed the Hadley School for the Blind to take its Independent Living and Life Adjustment courses through the pilot-testing phase. It also supported the preparation of course materials to various media (large print, Braille, audio cassette, and in several cases, online delivery) formats. The Independent Living and Life Adjustment courses include the following: "Safety in the Home," "Finding Your Way," "Social Skills," "Blindness Basics," and "Macular Degeneration." 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.

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

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

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

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

Loyola University of Chicago**\$10,000****STARS Program**

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. STARS was designed specifically to ease the transition into college life among students of color.

Merit School of Music
Scholarship Fund

\$10,000

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

Morehouse School of Medicine
Siragusa Scholarship Fund

\$20,000

This grant was used to provide support to four medical students demonstrating a strong financial need at Morehouse School of Medicine. Morehouse is one of only four predominantly black medical schools in the United States. Its mission is to train minority and other students as physicians, biomedical scientists, and public health professionals committed to the primary healthcare needs of the underserved.

Northwestern University
Undergraduate Scholarships

\$20,000

This grant provided partial tuition scholarships for three African-American undergraduates at Northwestern University during the 2003-2004 academic year. Funds were distributed from the Northwestern University scholarship endowment, which supports qualified, highly motivated young people through their undergraduate education.

Roosevelt University
Siragusa Foundation Performing Arts Scholarship Program

\$20,000

This grant was used to provide necessary scholarship aid to two deserving and talented students studying in the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University during the 2003-2004 academic year. The College of Music and Performing Arts provides both music and theatre conservatories.

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

The Siragusa Foundation Scholarship

This grant provided scholarship support for six undergraduate 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. With its renowned faculty and wealth of resources, The School holds a premier position among the nation's art schools.

St. Ignatius College Prep **\$10,000**

Math and Sciences Program

This grant honors George Driscoll, Director Emeritus of The Siragusa Foundation, by providing Chicago's St. Ignatius College Prep with instructional technology and other interactive classroom tools. In 2003, the science department purchased two electronic balances for multiple weighing models and several Pasco Boxes, which are used to connect computers to various probes for data collection and analysis. The Math department purchased MS Access software.

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

Scholarship Fund

This grant was used to support four graduates of Chicago Public Schools and to provide general operating support to the overall mission of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). This support was vital to these students as they demonstrated substantial financial need. The UNCF's relationship with the Chicago Public Schools has resulted in hundreds of local students receiving their degrees. Without the UNCF Scholarship Fund, many deserving and highly motivated students would be denied access to higher education.

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

Siragusa Scholars

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

Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart
Scholarship Fund

\$10,000

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

Yale University

\$20,000

Siragusa Scholarship Fund

The Siragusa Scholarship Fund at Yale University provides support for an undergraduate minority student in the Arts Department. 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, which provides a thorough preparation for graduate study and professional work.

ENVIRONMENT

Chicago Botanic Garden

\$10,000

The Children's Garden

This grant helped to maintain the Children's Garden, a place where creative play supports the discovery and education of plants, gardening, and nature. The Children's Garden is the primary outdoor classroom for the Garden's educational programs. More than 1,700 young people experienced the Children's Garden through summer camps, scouting events, and school programs in 2003.

International Game Fish Association Foundation

\$5,000

Junior Angler Outreach Program

This grant supported the International Game Fish Association Foundation's (IGFA) outreach program for both at-risk children and schools within Broward County. IGFA has also developed partnerships with special groups in Broward County to provide continued support through educational learning experiences for young people.

International Game Fish Association Foundation

\$1,000

General Operating Support

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

Openlands Project

\$7,500

TreeKeepers

This grant helped fund the Openlands Project's seven-week spring and fall TreeKeepers classes, which train Chicago volunteers to maintain the city's 'urban forests'. During 2003, 71 new TreeKeepers joined Openlands Project's crew of more than 700 volunteers. An advisory council of experienced TreeKeepers began to plan for a citywide survey of tree health to be completed in 2004. 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.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy**\$5,000****Chicago Area Trail Project of the Illinois Trails Conservancy**

This grant supported efforts to continue ongoing trail development activities throughout the greater Chicagoland area. Projects in 2003 included the Illinois Prairie Path in DuPage County, the Chicago Area Mountain Bikers efforts to improve mountain bike trails in Cook County, and planning for future development in Ogle County. 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****Chicago Urban Parks Program**

The Trust for Public Land used this grant to conserve critical open space in Chicago for people to enjoy. Projects in 2003 included preserving the West Lawn Ball Fields near Midway Airport for youth recreation, helping the City of Chicago reclaim the AAA Boatyard property for a nature overlook and canoe launch, and completing the land acquisition for the Gompers Park Greenway in the Albany Park neighborhood.

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

This grant was used to support a portion of the 2003 restoration activities at the Hennepin and Hopper Lakes Restoration Project in Putnam County. During 2003, seeding and plugging took place in an effort to restore the site to the way it was more than a century ago.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

Alzheimer's Association, Inc. **\$5,000**

Early Stage Support Group

The Early Stage Support Group provides care and a supportive 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. It also provides a communal forum for caregivers to find support in shared experiences.

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

Post-Doctoral Research Program

This grant supplemented 15 new and continuing fellowship awards in brain tumor research. These fellowships not only advance current research studies, but also encourage young scientists to enter and remain in the field of brain tumor research.

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

Research and Patient Programs

The Arthritis Foundation works with government and health care industry researchers to find new ways of preventing and treating arthritis. This grant supported research, public education, and patient services in the Chicagoland community.

Children's Memorial Hospital **\$15,000**

Julia Foster Porter Patient Care Endowment

This grant supported the Julia Foster Porter Patient Care Endowment. This fund helps offset the cost of care for patients who are uninsured, under-insured, lack financial resources, or are ineligible for public aid.

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

Youth Drop-In Program

This grant supported the Youth Drop-in Center, which offers confidential and free or low-cost assessment and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases. The grant also helps the Youth Drop-in Center to provide risk-reduction education and healthy lifestyle programs, which include mentoring and psychological counseling services. The Howard Brown 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. Howard Brown has also been at the forefront of HIV/AIDS research, treatment, and support programs.

Les Turner ALS Foundation, Ltd. **\$5,000**
Recessive Familial Linkage to Chromosomes Program

This multi-year grant supported the Les Turner ALS Research Laboratory at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. This research facility is now exclusively focused on studying the molecular and neurogenetic causes of Lou Gehrig's disease. The research program is currently studying the world's largest database of families affected by Lou Gehrig's disease, at 821 families.

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

This grant supplemented researchers' salaries and equipment costs at the nation's largest, publicly supported, independent facility devoted to treating and preventing Lou Gehrig's disease. The research team is working towards understanding the pathogenesis and causes of ALS, including the identification of new genes in familial ALS.

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

Heart disease remains a leading cause of mortality in this country, yet the molecular basis underlying the progression of heart disease is largely unknown. In 2003, the research supported by this grant contributed to studies of the natural history of dilated cardiomyopathy, a disorder characterized by heart failure. The cytoprotective gene research project also discovered that genetic factors are important in the population of heart disease patients by identifying two novel genes responsible for inherited forms of heart muscle disease and arrhythmia.

National Jewish Medical and Research Center **\$7,500**
Childhood Asthma Management Program (C.A.M.P.)

The research supported by this grant had a significant impact on the recent revisions made to the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma. Largely due to the findings in this study, inhaled steroids are now recognized as the preferred medication for the management of persistent asthma in both children and adults. National Jewish is one of eight centers that are part of a study involving children aged 5-12 with moderate asthma.

Northwestern Memorial Healthcare**\$30,000****Siragusa 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 practice 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. In 2003, research was focused on using cost-effective analysis to determine the optimum care for pregnant women with Hepatitis C to maximize the health of these women and their children.

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

This grant to the Wound Healing Research Laboratory allowed continued studies of chronic, impaired healing in the elderly. The role of decreased blood flow to the area of wounds in the elderly is particularly problematic and the research is focusing on those pathways.

HUMAN SERVICES

The Anti-Cruelty Society

\$5,000

Pet Visitation Program and Two Teacher Workshops

This grant supported both the Pet Visitation Program and two Teacher Workshops. In 2003, the Pet Visitation Program expanded to fifteen sites, with 25 volunteers participating. The teacher workshops included elementary and secondary educators from Chicago Public Schools and focused on classroom animals and animal abuse.

The Anti-Cruelty Society

\$1,000

Philanthropy Program

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

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

\$3,000

General Operating Support

This grant supported the Anti-Defamation League's efforts to respond to hate crimes and provide anti-bias training in the greater Los Angeles area for law enforcement, teachers, students, and other professionals. In addition, this grant also supported the Anti-Defamation League's efforts to provide holocaust education and other community education programs.

Bottomless Closet

\$5,000

General Operating Support

This grant helped provide business clothing and image coaching to 1,200 low-income women. Many of these women could not find professional work without the clothing necessary to make a positive impression in interviews, attain employment, and ultimately achieve economic self-sufficiency. Bottomless Closet also offers career development services at no cost.

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

These unrestricted funds enabled Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago to administer their five Core Service Area Programs. The programs, which include Character and Leadership Development, Health and Life Skills, the Arts, Sports, Fitness and Recreation, and Education and Career Development, endow Chicago youth with the support and skills they may not otherwise receive.

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

\$5,000 of this grant went toward program development costs and the remaining \$2,500 went towards Girls Hope. Boys Hope Girls Hope helps young adults (scholars) who are at-risk, yet academically capable, to realize their potential by providing value-centered, family-like homes, and education through college. Live-in staff and counselors emphasize the central importance and life-changing potential of an education. The Siragusa grant supplemented the cost of food, books and educational supplies, counseling, and therapy for the scholars.

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

This grant helped expand Cabrini Connections' Tutor/Mentor Connection (T/MC) program. T/MC provided a range of activities designed to both increase the number of non-school tutor/mentor programs available in both high poverty areas and near under-performing Chicago Public Schools. This included the maintenance of a web-based resource library, hosting two conferences, a public relations campaign, and a Chicagoland volunteer recruitment campaign. The T/MC program is designed to help 'pull' low-income youth through school and into professional jobs, as opposed to being 'pushed' into graduation and then forgotten.

Career Resource Center, Inc.**\$5,000****General Operating Support**

This grant provided career development services for 34 individuals facing employment transition. The Career Resource Center (CRC) provides practical and professional assistance in a supportive environment, which empowers clients to conduct an effective job search. CRC clients participate in private confidential job search sessions, interview practice, Internet research, networking sessions, and workshops. In addition, many clients are provided with office space, equipment, and reference materials.

Center for Disability and Elder Law **\$5,000**
General Operating Support

This grant was used to provide for the legal needs of 3,500 clients during 2003 at the Center for Disability and Elder Law (CDEL), representing an increase of 15% from 2002. The types of cases managed by CDEL are varied, ranging from providing brief advice to matters involving complex litigation. The legal needs of CDEL's clients were provided at a no-cost basis by an in-house staff consisting of three pro-bono facilitators and an extensive network of pro-bono attorneys.

Chicago Abused Women Coalition **\$5,000**
Hospital Crisis Intervention Project

This grant was used to underwrite services at the Hospital Crisis Intervention Project (HCIP) at Stroger Hospital. These services include domestic violence counseling, legal advocacy, limited financial assistance, referral services, and on-going support. In 2003, HCIP provided 1,461 hours of counseling to abuse victims. Additionally, HCIP provided training to 4,885 medical professionals.

Chicago Christian Industrial League **\$5,000**
General Operating Support

This grant was used for general operating support for the Chicago Christian Industrial League, which through its 18-month residential program provides more than 850 homeless men, women, and children each year with the support, resources, training, and opportunities they need to break the cycle of poverty and become financially independent.

The Chicago Lighthouse **\$5,000**
Birth-to-Three Family Intervention project

This grant supported services to 152 families with vision-impaired children aged 0-3 years with in-home, weekly developmental therapy services. A staff of five vision teachers met with families to instruct parents and other family members to stimulate and encourage the child to improve visual attention, scanning, and tracking through a variety of specialized developmental and educational activities.

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

Attorney Manual Update and Supplement Program

This grant funded the publishing of the Volunteer Attorney Training Manual, a reference guide that is distributed to volunteers. Chicago Volunteer Legal Services facilitates pro bono legal work for the working poor by providing attorneys with the supporting research staff and administrative resources they need to work a case for free.

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

Englewood Child & Family Center

This grant enabled Children's Home and Aid Society to maintain quality, affordable services to children & families at the Englewood Child & Family Center. The Center provides support, guidance, and educational programs to homeless and orphaned children. The Center also works to find permanent adoptive homes for the children.

Community Extension Project **\$5,000**

Tutoring Program

This grant supported five after school and evening tutoring programs for disadvantaged youth in west suburban areas of Chicago. From September 2003 to January 2004, 112 youth between the ages of six and seventeen (86% low-income and minority) have received 1,214 hours of tutorial assistance from 32 teen and adult volunteers. Community Extension Project helps youth who might otherwise 'fall between the cracks' to develop their academic, social, recreational, and leadership skills.

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

General Operating Support

This grant enabled Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Cook County to expand its volunteer recruitment, training, supervision, and retention programs. CASA volunteers are committed and highly trained individuals who serve as advocates for abused and neglected children involved in the Cook County Juvenile Court. In 2003, CASA conducted 6 training sessions and swore in 89 new volunteers. This brought the total number of active volunteers to 209, which allowed CASA of Cook County to serve 417 children in need.

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

This grant provided medical care and nursery essentials for the 98 infants admitted to the Cradle Nursery in 2003. Fifty percent of the babies had special medical needs, usually as a result of exposure to drugs and/or alcohol. The Cradle is an immense resource for the families of high-need adopted children, and it provides essential infant care supplies as well as both initial and on-going medical assessments, medicine, lab tests, and therapies.

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

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

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

The grant was used to encourage 1,700 girls to enhance their leadership, conflict resolution, and financial literacy skills. The Neighborhood Activity Centers provide after-school and weekend scouting activities to girls in disadvantaged communities within Chicago. This year-long program gave girls the opportunity to strengthen their public speaking skills, work on community service projects, gain experience in playing the stock market, and meet professional women to discuss career opportunities.

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

This grant supported the Greater Chicago Food Depository's Chicago's Community Kitchens (CCK) program. The goal of the CCK program is to empower people desiring a life change with the skills and support necessary for a successful career in the foodservice industry. CCK produces approximately 200-250 nutritious meals for Chicago's hungry while teaching low-income people job skills that ultimately provide employment.

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

This grant contributed to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), which is an anti-poverty program within the Archdiocese of Chicago. The CCHD supports community-led projects, raises parish awareness of poverty-related issues within Chicago, and educates the Catholic community in its call to support the less fortunate. In 2003, 12 Catholic Social Teaching seminars were conducted with participation of over 200 parish leaders.

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

This grant supported the Hospice Foundation's Bereavement Program, which brings warmth, compassion, and friendship to hospice shelter residents at the end of their life's journey. The Bereavement Program provides a range of services including counseling, grief support groups, memorial services, Camp Courage, and grief seminars. These services help individuals gain the skills to cope with the loss of a family member or a close friend.

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

This grant supported the Infant Welfare Society's asthma management program for at-risk children. This program offers critical preventative and early intervention medical services as well as asthma management education to Infant Welfare Society's pediatric patients and their parents.

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

This grant was used to support Junior Achievement of Chicago's Whole School economic education program in the city of Chicago. Specifically, this grant enabled over 400 additional students to gain an understanding of the free enterprise system.

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

The Juvenile Protective Association (JPA) attempts to keep families intact by quickly intervening in physically and emotionally abusive situations and by providing the counseling and therapy these families need. In 2003, JPA greatly expanded its intensive programming of early childhood preventive services for families whose infants, toddlers, and preschoolers are at risk of abuse, neglect, and relationship disturbances. As a result, requests for services and information from professionals and parents increased by 150%. Parent infant counseling, support, and advocacy services have been provided to 12 new families (representing 37 individuals in total) whose very young children are at high risk of abuse and/or neglect.

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

This grant assisted Keshet in meeting the ever-growing demands for educational, recreational, and vocational programs for individuals with developmental disabilities. Keshet provides educational and recreational programs for children with disabilities throughout the Chicago area. Keshet programs promote inclusion and support independence by integrating both normally developing students with students with disabilities at the Keshet school.

The Lakefront Supportive Housing**\$5,000****Employment Programs**

This grant supported the Employment and Training Program, which is designed to help Lakefront tenants and community members find stable employment, thereby ending the cycle of homelessness. In 2003, 78 participants completed Lakefront's Career Development workshop and 52 found employment. Lakefront Supportive Housing works towards a permanent solution to homelessness by developing affordable, supportive housing facilities.

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

Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly is committed to relieving loneliness and isolation among the elderly through friendship and companionship. The Visiting and Nursing Home Programs match volunteers or staff members for regular visits with the elderly. Socialization activities include holiday parties, homebound celebrations, and regularly scheduled luncheons. This grant provided unrestricted funds to support these visitation programs.

Little Sisters of the Poor **\$5,000**
General Operating Support
This grant was used to partially fund the purchase and installation of a new security system for St. Mary's Home. Little Sisters of the Poor's greatest concern is providing a safe environment, and a new camera system is essential in that effort. Little Sisters of the Poor provides impoverished elderly people with care and housing.

Los Angeles Hillel Council **\$5,000**
General Operating Support
This grant provided unrestricted operating support for Hillel programs that benefit approximately 25,000 Jewish students at colleges in the greater Los Angeles and Santa Barbara area. During the college years, a time of intellectual and personal growth, Hillel provides positive and meaningful Jewish experiences for students, which are integral in forging an engaged Jewish identity.

Make-a-Wish Foundation of Northern Illinois **\$4,600**
Wish Granting Program
This grant made the wish of four-year-old Dinese to visit Disney's Magic Kingdom a reality. Dinese and her family had a wonderful time, and a much-needed break from the daily challenges of living with and caring for a child with leukemia.

Marillac House **\$10,000**
Psychological Testing
This grant enabled Marillac to hire a Ph.D. Psychologist to evaluate, assess, and treat 178 children who were born drug-addicted and as a result, have manifest behavioral and learning difficulties. The number of students tested in 2003 increased 175%. Through testing and counseling, the children can learn to improve their socialization skills and behavior patterns. Marillac provides quality services and advocacy for those in need in an effort to strengthen family life and build a more just and safe society.

Meet the Wilderness**\$4,000****Wilderness Adventure Education for Chicago Area Youth**

Meet the Wilderness is an adventure and life skills program that introduces low-income Chicago youth to the beauty of Eagle Country, Colorado. This grant allowed Meet the Wilderness to host seven groups of Chicago youth for six days at the organization's Colorado facility. Meet the Wilderness builds the self-esteem, communication, and teamwork skills of program participants through a vigorous expedition in the Colorado wilderness.

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

This grant provided support for the general expenses associated with caring for, educating, and preparing at-risk children for an independent future. Mercy Home is open to boys and girls who have suffered neglect and abuse and who seek the chance to rebuild their lives with educational opportunities, counseling, and the support of a loving family.

Project Exploration**\$5,000****Sisters-4-Science**

In 2003, Project Exploration provided its after school and field program to 58 African-American and Latina girls in middle and high school. This past year, the field program led its first all-girls expedition to Wyoming. Sisters-4-Science also served 60 girls through a one-day 'Girls' Health and Science Day'. The program uses paleontology to inspire urban youth to both learn and become excited about the sciences.

Resurrection Home Health Foundation**\$7,000****Long-Term Care Program**

Resurrection Home Health Foundation provides no-cost medical, nursing and social services as well as volunteer visitors to the indigent, chronically ill homebound elderly in Chicago. Resurrection strives to help the elderly remain independent longer, endure fewer hospitalizations, and enjoy a better quality of life. This grant supported Resurrection's Long Term Care Program, an innovative elderly care program that serves as a national model for 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 across metropolitan Chicago annually. Throughout 2003, the Salvation Army's emergency assistance network was strained considerably as the Chicago area was slow to recover from the economic downturn and the region continued to experience job losses. The Salvation Army's programs serve people with problems ranging from a lack of food and shelter to drug addiction and physical or sexual abuse.

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

This grant supported programs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities on the North Shore and the North side of Chicago. These funds enabled SHORE to administer its different educational and job training programs, which care for and support more than 300 children and adults annually.

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

This grant enabled St. Joseph's Carondelet to offer educational instruction and residential treatment for high-risk males aged 14-21. The Solace Place Program provides special education, vocational training, therapy, and targets individuals recovering from conduct disorders and depression. Many of the individuals involved in the Solace Place Program also suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. St. Joseph's Carondelet has cared for orphaned boys and girls since 1864 and is the only center of its kind with a no-decline policy.

St. Joseph's Carondelet Child Center **\$5,000**
Vocational Education Program

This grant supported the vocational education program, which provides the residents of St. Joseph's Carondelet with the basic work skills and the necessary confidence to enter the job market. In 2003, 25 residential clients were served through in-house job placement programs. These programs not only teach skills that are transferable to outside employment situations, but also guide the orphaned young people toward self-reliance.

Suburban Job-Link, Corp.**\$12,000****STRIVE/Chicago Career Path Project**

This grant supported the operations of the Career Path Project, which provides career advancement services for low-skilled and underemployed clients primarily through computer learning labs. In 2003, The Career Path Project was implemented at three locations and the service was more fully and effectively integrated into the STRIVE/Chicago employment preparation program. STRIVE works with clients for two years to develop their employability, reliability, and confidence.

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 administered a citywide volunteer effort of more than 1,600 business professionals. These volunteers helped 7,003 families obtain more than \$9 million in tax refunds in 2003.

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

Funds were used in support of the early intervention/parent training programs, including therapeutic classrooms, parent education, peer mentoring, and group support. In 2003, almost 600 clients were served, 87% of which were women, 32% were single parents, 70% were from a minority population, and 47% represented children with special needs. Of the families that were served, 84% stayed with the program to mentor new families.

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

In 2003, the United Service Organizations of Illinois (USO) improved the lives of 165,000 military personnel and their families. Among its many services, the USO provides family programs, outreach services, access to recreation and cultural programs, service referrals, and transition assistance to its service members.

Victor C. Neumann Association **\$5,000**
Transitional Services Program
This grant funded the purchase of technological equipment and computer software for the Victor C. Neumann Association's Transitional Services Program. In 2003, purchases included training enhancements related to interview techniques and preparedness, application completion, and employment benefits. Additionally, tool sets and workbooks, teaching topics for resolving workplace conflict, and work-life balance issues, were added to client group sessions. Since 1949, The Neumann Association has been enriching the lives of Chicago's disabled by helping them turn their lives around and become more self-reliant and independent.

Vital Bridges **\$5,000**
Food Services for People Living With HIV/AIDS
Vital Bridges (formerly Open Hand) used this grant to purchase food for low-income men, women and children living with HIV and AIDS throughout metropolitan Chicago. Vital Bridges is a \$4.6 million organization that serves more than 2,400 people infected by HIV and AIDS each year. Vital Bridges combines residential and food distribution and other supportive services with advocacy and education to help people with HIV/AIDS live healthier, more stable lives.

YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago **\$7,500**
Pilsen YMCA Young Leaders Program
This grant supported the YMCA's Young Leaders Program in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood, which brings together fourth and fifth graders, families, teachers, and substance prevention experts. The program promotes alcohol, tobacco and drug resistance skills and also increases leadership skills. Participants attend a weekend leadership conference, a one-day family reunion, and weekly meetings at the YMCA.

Y-Me of Chicagoland **\$12,500**
"Just For Teens" Breast Health Education
This grant funded the cost of Y-ME's 'Just for Teens' program, which is a breast health workshop for teens led by breast cancer survivors. In 2003, Y-Me purchased new breast models with lumps that teach techniques emphasizing the importance of early detection. Y-Me is the nation's leading resource for breast cancer information and support.

YWCA Evanston/North Shore **\$5,000**
Destiny Girls
This grant was used to supplement the salary of the Program Director for Destiny Girls. The Destiny Girls program, an after-school and summer leadership development program, strives to empower adolescent girls by teaching skills and strategies that lead to higher self-esteem and independence and ways to eliminate racism and hatred.

THIRD GENERATION

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

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

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

Chatham Hall **\$5,000**

Writer in Residence

This grant made possible a workshop with poet Claudia Emerson, Class of 1975 and a Chatham Hall Trustee. Emerson, who has two books of poetry published by LSU press, is currently Associate Professor of English at Mary Washington College. She gave an all-school poetry reading, led a poetry workshop, taught ten English classes, and met with eight students individually to discuss their writing. Chatham Hall is an all-girls Episcopal college preparatory boarding school that emphasizes academic and personal integrity and the educational importance of the arts.

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

Financial Aid for a Low-Income/Minority Student

This grant provided financial assistance to one student at Lake Forest Country Day School (LFCDS) who would otherwise not be able to attend. The student that is currently receiving this scholarship has been at LFCDS since preschool and is now in the fifth grade. LFCDS bolsters its core values of academic excellence and civic responsibility through a unique honor code.

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

Elizabeth Gatchell Klein Arts Center

This grant was used to fund construction of the \$5,000,000 Elizabeth Gatchell Klein Arts Center. The Klein Arts Center, named for an art teacher who dedicated 37 years to teaching art at Miss Halls School, opened in October 2001. The Center houses a full spectrum of arts-related facilities, including a pottery studio, photography studio, a theater, and several classrooms.

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

Newcomb Leadership Conference for Girls

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

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

Scholarship Fund

These funds supported an undergraduate nursing student in his/her junior or senior year pursuing a Bachelors of Science in Nursing who demonstrated financial need and was in good academic standing. The Rush College of Nursing was established in 1885 and continues to attract a talented, diverse student body though its clinical-based education programs.

Summerbridge Sacramento **\$5,000**

Part-Time Program Coordinator

This grant supported the salary of 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 with unique cultural, community service, and recreational experiences.

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

General Operating Support

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

FOUNDER'S HONORARY GRANTS

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 to 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 2003, the Adler celebrated the continued success of its educational outreach programs with the creation of the Cosmic Gateway long distance-learning pilot project. 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 The Siragusa Educational Endowment Fund

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

The Siragusa Foundation Educational Endowment allows the Art Institute to continue to engage and expand access to the museum for Chicago children. The Educational Endowment Fund also features an Artist-in-Residency program. The Artist-in-Residency program brings artists to the museum's galleries to lead family tours, which helps parents explore the museum with their children.

Children's Memorial Foundation

\$1,500,000

The Siragusa Transplant Center at Children's Memorial Hospital

The Siragusa Foundation's \$6 million investment helped to establish and name The Siragusa Transplant 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 transplants each year. Funds granted in 2003 were directed to basic science research and Kohl's House, Children's Memorial's pediatric transplant residence.

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 the parents. This grant was added to an endowment fund that allowed The Cradle to make grants to families in need of some of the above-mentioned services.

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 continues to be one of The Field Museum's most popular and valuable public spaces. Serving more than 240,000 students and hundreds of thousands of visitors in 2003, the Center provides the Field Museum with a flexible space for events and offers visitors a convenient comfortable place in which to gather, eat, socialize, and discuss their museum experiences.

Lincoln Park Zoo **\$125,000**

Farm in the Zoo Development and Endowment

This multi-year grant was applied to the Farm's endowment (Lincoln Park Zoo's new Farm-in-the-Zoo design was fully funded by the Foundation's 2000 pledge payment). 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 Joan W. and Irving B. Harris Theater for Music and Dance

Millennium Park, Inc. is a non-profit organization established to raise funds for the beautification and cultural enhancement of Millennium Park. Once complete, Millennium Park will provide architectural and landscaped beauty and a convenient location for cultural events. The Park features the new 1,500 seat Joan W. and Irving B. Harris Theater for Music and Dance, which will be a shared venue for a number of mid-sized performing arts organizations.

The Newberry Library**\$125,000****Siragusa Book Fund**

This multi-year grant established and continues to sustain the Siragusa Book Fund, enabling the Library to expand its collection of reference materials. The fund assists the Library in acquiring major reference tools including dictionaries, indices, census records, and bibliographies for research in the humanities. The Newberry Library attracts scholars from around the world.

Northwestern Memorial Foundation**\$125,000****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. The Siragusa Foundation's contribution helps to improve Northwestern's database architecture by increasing its reliability, disaster recovery, and storage capabilities. In 2003, the transition to off-site, long-term data storage to a remote data warehouse was finalized. Short-term storage was increased and groundwork was laid for the next architecture evolution, which will occur in 2004.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	12/31/03	12/31/02
Assets		
Cash	\$ 7,359	\$ 11,074
Investments at Market Value	32,507,559	30,767,484
2003 cost: \$25,456,639		
2002 cost: \$29,204,753		
Pending Trades Receivable	6,515	17,002
Other Assets		
Fixed Assets (Net of Depreciation)	65,864	36,938
Security Deposit	12,713	2,917
	<u>12,713</u>	<u>2,917</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$32,600,010</u>	<u>\$30,835,415</u>
 Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accrued Liabilities and Credit Card Payable	12,499	6,968
Net Assets – Unrestricted	<u>32,587,511</u>	<u>30,828,447</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>32,600,010</u>	<u>\$30,835,415</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	12/31/03	12/31/02
Revenue		
Contributions Received	\$ 0	\$ 0
Dividends and Interest	645,081	810,129
Realized Losses on Investments	(4,809)	(19,869)
Changes in Unrealized Gain (Losses)	<u>5,487,889</u>	<u>(5,295,744)</u>
Total Revenue	<u>6,128,161</u>	<u>(4,505,484)</u>
 Grants and Other Expenses		
Grants	3,642,634	3,728,835
Investment Management Fees	237,165	293,825
General and Administrative	485,854	398,645
Federal Excise Tax	<u>3,444</u>	<u>1,975</u>
Total Grants and Other Expenses	<u>4,369,097</u>	<u>4,423,280</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	1,759,064	(8,928,764)
Net Assets Beginning of the Year	<u>30,828,447</u>	<u>39,757,211</u>
Net Assets End of the Year	<u>\$32,587,511</u>	<u>\$30,828,447</u>

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