

The Francis Family Foundation

Brighter futures for all generations... 2006

Introduction. Since 1913, when Parker Browne Francis II first launched the Oxygen Gas Company in Kansas City, Missouri, the Francis family has continued to be an inspirational and influential force in the Kansas City metropolitan area. In 1951, as the company grew and developed into a major national manufacturer and supplier of industrial and medical gases, Parker B. Francis II established a foundation bearing his name to help promote education and research in the fields of anesthesiology and related pulmonary sciences. Parker B. Francis III also established a foundation to fund his interests in education, and arts and culture. Since the two foundations merged in 1989 to become the Francis Family Foundation, the pattern of grantmaking made today still reflects the interests of the founding donors. For more information about the history of the Francis Family Foundation, please visit www.francisfoundation.org.

Today, thanks to the vision of Parker B. Francis and his son John B. Francis, the Francis Family Foundation celebrates 56 years of philanthropy, including the funding of the Parker B. Francis Pulmonary Fellowship Program and support of educational and arts programs geographically located within the greater Kansas City metropolitan area. It is in the context of this history that our 2006 Annual Report honors the accomplishments of more than 180 grants representing a social investment of more than \$6.4 million. While John B. Francis and his wife Mary Harris Francis are both deceased, stewardship of the Foundation was passed to their children – Ann F. Barhoum, David V. Francis, J. Scott Francis and Susan F. Neves – and four non-family Board members – Peggy Dunn, Gregory Glore, Katie Wendel and Charles Schellhorn. Susan Neves has since retired from the Board. In 2004, the Foundation Board of Directors created a Strategic Plan, which identified three major funding priorities: Pulmonary Research, Lifelong Learning and Arts & Culture.

Parker B. Francis Pulmonary Fellowship Program. In 1975, John Byers Francis created the Pulmonary Fellowship program in honor of his father, Parker B. Francis II. Since then, the Foundation has contributed more than \$40 million in support of more than 650 Fellows. In 2006, Fellowship grants exceeded \$1.8 million in support of 42 Fellows. For more information, visit www.francisfellowships.org.

Lifelong Learning. In 2006, the Foundation invested \$1.3 million in Lifelong Learning, under the current Strategic Plan. Through nine grants, more than \$1 million was invested to improve the quality and capacity of the early education system. The majority (70 percent) of grant investments were in professional development and technical assistance for child care providers, and in improving the quality of early learning programs. The Foundation invested four percent of its grantmaking in engaging the public and policymakers in the importance of a quality early education system. In addition, the Foundation funded \$325,000 (25 percent of grantmaking) through seven grants in the relatively new lifelong learning strategy to provide parents and family members the skills that instill lifelong learning in children.

Grant Highlights. In 2006, the Child Care Source line of The Family Conservancy provided information on early education programs and other child development resources to more than

1,000 families per month throughout a 17-county bi-state area. To learn more, visit www.thefamilyconsevancy.org.

Through collaborative advocacy efforts of the KS Coalition for School Readiness, Partnership for Children, Kansas Action for Children, the Metropolitan Council on Early Learning and others, both Kansas and Missouri increased investments in early education.

In 2006, Reach Out and Read Kansas City trained 123 new doctors and nurse practitioners in the Reach Out and Read Model serving 37 health care clinics. During well-child visits from birth to five years, 30,351 new books were distributed to 12,646 children (80 percent living in poverty), and the importance of verbal communication and literacy was emphasized with their families. Also 216 volunteers read aloud in waiting rooms to parents to model storytelling techniques. To learn more, visit www.reachoutandreadkc.org.

Arts and Culture. In November 2006, the Foundation approved investments of more than \$750,000 in 70 organizations and programs in order for greater Kansas City to be recognized as a regional center for arts and culture. This support included: 12 grants (\$262,500) to promote excellence in artistic and creative expression; 14 grants (\$217,500) to enable greater access to arts and culture for children, families and the underserved; and 42 grants through the Small Arts Grant Program (\$200,000) to promote grassroots development in arts and culture throughout the Greater Kansas City area.

Grant Highlights. To strengthen the regional arts sector, a grant to the Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City provided general operating support and helped with start-up costs to launch and implement the pilot year of the ArtsKC Fund. This employee giving campaign raised twice as much money as expected, from twice as many businesses as planned, made 46 grants in four counties, and will fund two dozen individual artists in fall 2007. National experts deemed the ArtsKC Fund pilot year as the most successful first year of any of the 60 united arts funds thriving throughout the country today. To see specific details and learn more, visit www.ArtsKC.org.

The Small Arts Grant Program supported almost twice as many grantees in 2006 as 2005. These smaller grants have proven to provide great social return on investments. Small Arts grantees served a wide age range of individuals in five counties. A few examples that impacted youth include:

1. The Metropolitan Ensemble Theater, a relatively new organization serving more than 900 primarily high-risk youth through the *Lighthouse Education and Community Engagement Program*, a 25 percent increase from 2005. To learn more, visit www.metkc.org.
2. The Red Echo Group distributed free video-cameras in housing projects to 1,200 kids so they could make their own movies after school, followed by workshops on film-making and editing skills. Participation doubled in 2006. To learn more, visit www.redechogroup.org.
3. The Kansas City Youth Jazz Bands, located in urban Kansas City, Kansas, provided musical instruction and performance opportunities for more than 110 students in 2006. Students came from 60 schools including the districts of Shawnee Mission, Blue Valley,

Turner, Leavenworth, Lansing, and Olathe in Kansas; and Kansas City, Blue Springs, Belton, Liberty and Raytown in Missouri. To learn more, visit www.kcyouthjazz.org.

Organizational Changes and Future Directions. Charles Schellhorn joined the Board of Directors in 2006 and serves as the Finance Committee Chair. Adriana Pecina and Deborah Holmes joined the Board of Directors as Community Advisors, filling the spots vacated by Gregory Glore and Katie Wendel, who are now full-time Directors of the Board. The Small Arts Grants Committee welcomed two new members, as Porter Arneil and J. Scott Francis cycled off the Committee. David Hughes and Linda Lighton join Janet Miller, Katie Wendel and Committee Chairperson Ann F. Barhoum. The Board of Directors of the Francis Family Foundation appreciates the hard work and dedication of countless community partners in their efforts to make **Brighter futures for all generations**. We are honored to share with you the accomplishments of 2006.

Our Vision. The Francis Family Foundation envisions current and future generations of well-rounded individuals who are creative, lifelong learners, striving to achieve their fullest potential within their communities.

Our Values. The Francis Family Foundation believes in:

- **Excellence** – We are committed to standards of excellence in our operations and grant making activities.
- **Accessibility** – We believe all members of our communities should have the opportunity to participate fully in educational, cultural and social activities, and believe we should seek ways to improve access to these activities to individuals and families of all ages, religions, races, ethnicities, financial abilities and physical and mental abilities.
- **Diversity and Inclusiveness** – We believe in the rich diversity of the greater Kansas City area, and promote inclusiveness in the way we work and in our grant making activities. We seek to celebrate our common experiences and concerns through our grants.
- **Community** – We embrace and promote a strong sense of community and seek opportunities with great potential for strengthening community life and the urban fabric.
- **Innovation and Creativity** – We value the creative process among people of all ages and backgrounds, and we encourage excellence and innovation in our grant making activities.
- **Lifelong Learning** – We promote lifelong learning as a key factor in developing active, well-rounded and contributing individuals in our communities.
- **Collaboration** – We encourage and model collaboration among funders and community organizations.
- **Integrity and Sustainability** – We maintain and promote fiscal and program integrity in our operations and grant making activities to ensure the sustainability of organizations that enrich community life.
- **Planning and Evaluation** – We believe in planning and evaluation as critical methods to assess the effectiveness of our grant making so we can make a difference.

Arts & Culture -----**Small Arts Grant Fund****Arts & Culture Organizations**

General Strategy from the Foundation Strategic Plan. Provide support for a Small Arts Grant Program that promotes grassroots development in arts and culture throughout the greater Kansas City metropolitan area. The following organizations received awards:

Allegro Community Children's Choir*Can You Hear Me?*

To provide scholarship funding for current members and potential new members demonstrating financial need allowing every voice to be heard.

\$5,000

Art In The Loop Foundation*Public Art Commission for Oppenstein Park*

To support the commissioning a lasting, site-specific, contemporary public art project for Oppenstein Park at 12th and Walnut in Downtown Kansas City, Mo., that will invigorate this critically located urban park and contribute to making it a more aesthetically compelling, vital public space engaging a variety of users and activities.

\$8,000

Arts Council of Johnson County*Audience Development Initiative*

To support a three-part strategy of developing public art policy, strengthening the Johnson County cultural community, and celebrating the attributes and artistic talents of our youth and awarding educational excellence.

\$5,000

Arts Incubator of Kansas City*General operating support*

\$7,500

Ballet North*(Youth Movement dba Ballet North)
Three Faces of Dance, School Tour & Cinderella*

To support urban core arts education, 'The Three Faces of Dance,' now entering it's 9th straight year of operation. The program includes performances and workshops built around Nutcracker excerpts and the performance of Cinderella to be produced at the Lyric Opera Theatre.

\$5,000

The Barn Players*Lights, Sound, Tools and Equipment Initiative*

To upgrade and enhance The Barn Players Theater with new light and sound equipment and tools.

\$2,000

Chameleon Arts & Youth Development*Community Childrens Theatre Of Kansas City Mo Inc**Arts and Residency Program*

To help provide five small arts agencies' creative, studio, technical and administrative support; provide underserved grassroots communities with arts programming; and provide neighborhood communities east of Troost Avenue an interdisciplinary arts and cultural center.

\$2,000

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The Charlotte Street Foundation

Urban Culture Project

To help transform vacant storefront spaces in downtown Kansas City into dynamic new venues for contemporary arts programming and support a Studio Residency Program, thus creating new opportunities for local artists and curators, building new audiences for their work, and responding to downtown Kansas City's needs for revitalization.

\$7,500

City In Motion Dance Theater, Inc.

Capacity Building

To provide new computer hardware and software for the school of dance in order to improve bookkeeping functions, enrollment records, communication via Internet and access to communications and visual images.

\$3,066

Civic Opera Theater of Kansas City

2006-2007 Opera Season

To support the 2006-07 season: 'Music on the Waters,' 'The Gift of the Magi' and 'The Mikado' in collaboration with Paul Mesner Puppets.

\$3,000

Fine Arts Chorale

2006-2007 Season: 'Passages'

To support the 2006-2007 season with music that celebrates or explores the ways we get from one point to another, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

\$4,000

Jireh Dance Ministry

Dance Clinics

To support Jireh Dance Clinics that offer movement technique classes and health, nutrition, and dance history lecture classes.

\$2,000

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KACICO Dance

The Song and Dance Project

To support a collaboration with the Kansas City Songwriters Circle to create a song and dance performance of original compositions, lyrics and choreography highlighting the artistic talent in Kansas City to be presented nine times at throughout the Kansas City metro area.

\$2,000

Kansas City Artists Coalition

Open Studios 2007

To provide a forum for artists to show and promote their artwork and for the community to come look, learn and buy.

\$10,000

Kansas City Chamber Orchestra

Education Outreach Program

To provide an arts enrichment activity designed to introduce school-aged children from the 4th through the 9th grades to a live classical music performance in a professional concert setting free of charge to the student or the school.

\$8,000

Kansas City Chorale

2006-2007 Concert Series

To support the presentation of the KC Chorale's twenty-fifth anniversary season concerts

\$8,154

Kansas City Jazz Orchestra

2006-2007 Concert Season

To support a first-time subscription series involving three regular concerts and joint concert and clinic with Shawnee Mission Northwest High School.

\$5,000

Kansas City String Quartet Program

Public Concerts

To support four public concerts to be held in the summer of 2007 in connection with the agency's summer music camp program.

\$3,000

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Kansas City Symphony Chorus

General Operating Support

\$2,000

Kansas City Youth Jazz Bands

Kansas City Youth Jazz

To provide music instruction and performance opportunities to students in grades 5 through 12 in metropolitan Kansas City in an environment that supports life skills development and social tolerance.

\$5,000

Metropolitan Ensemble Theatre

Lighthouse Education and Community Engagement Initiative

To extend access to theatre performance and theatre participation experiences to school and community participants across the Kansas City metro area.

\$5,000

Musical Theater Heritage, Inc.

Live Musical Theater Productions

To support professional, concert-style productions of classic Broadway musicals using Kansas City area talent.

\$2,000

Northland Symphony Orchestra

Classical Concert

To support a free concert of classical repertoire featuring the winner of the Northland Symphony Orchestra's High School Concerto Competition Contest and music performed at our first concert 40 years ago.

\$3,780

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Red Echo Group, Inc.

Let's Make a Movie Film Centers

To provide at-risk youth who live in the urban housing developments of Kansas City, Mo., the opportunity to broaden their artistic education; learn new skills in filmmaking, literacy, and teamwork; and express themselves in a creative, safe environment that is close to home.

\$2,000

Reel Images Film & Video Group

A Conversation In Dance

To acquire the rights to music used in the documentary film, 'A Conversation In Dance,' a film on the Kansas Two-Step style of dance

\$3,000

Review Inc.

Review Fund Inc

Development and Marketing

To continue to implement the Development Plan to establish and maintain financial support.

\$8,000

The Storytellers, Inc.

Capacity Building for Organizational Effectiveness

To build capacity by increasing communicative effectiveness both internally and publicly and to provide enhanced professional development for staff.

\$5,000

Wylliams/Henry Danse Theatre

Capacity Building

To support hiring of a part-time development director, whose responsibilities will include fundraising, marketing and administration.

\$7,500

Arts & Culture -----**Small Arts Grant Fund****Other Local Organizations****20/20 Leadership**

MO Kan 20/20 Vision Inc
'Bringing Art Alive in a Teenager's World'
 To help provide opportunities for students to learn about photography and design and learn how to enjoy and get the most out of visits to museums by going to the Miniature Museum and the Nelson-Atkins Museum. The goal is that many will become ambassadors of this project taking information and enthusiasm back to their schools and family.
 \$2,000

Beyond The Book

Educational Content Development for Beyond the Book's exhibits/environments
 To support 'dream-catching' sessions moderated by Mary Sinker, the leading consultant in educational content for children's educational venues, with community stakeholders to identify goals and learning outcomes for Beyond the Book's exhibits and develop the Exhibit Master Plan.
 \$2,000

Camp Fire USA Heartland Council

Heartland Council's Arts Program
 To help provide access to the arts through a yearly art competition and through our 'Trail to Creativity' by participating in club and camping programs.
 \$3,000

DeLaSalle Education Center

Theater Experiences for Urban Youth
 To provide opportunities for urban, at-risk students to experience theatrical art through hands-on activities, literature, play writing, and attend performances at the Kansas City Rep Theatre.
 \$10,000

Genesis School, Inc.

Jali Kunda Drummers & Dancers Troupe
 To support Genesis School's Drummers and Dancers Troupe, Jali Kunda, a group of 20 students who learn and perform traditional West African drumming and dance from artist Bird Fleming of the Traditional Music Society.
 \$7,500

Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City

The 2006-2007 CenterSeason
 To support the production of a comprehensive performing arts series and educational program to serve the Greater Kansas City area
 \$7,500

Leawood Foundation

(Greater Kansas City Community Fdn.)
Bronze statue honoring teachers
 To support the creation of a life-sized bronze statue as a tribute to the contributions of the one-room school teachers through present-day educators to Kansas society.
 \$2,000

Merriam Parks and Recreation Dept.

Metro High School Visual Art Exhibition
 To support a monthly art show that offers high school students in the area a venue to show their talents.
 \$1,000

Padre Pio Academy, Inc.

Education in the Arts
 To support the expansion of art education to include student workshops, shows and projects offered by the Kansas City art community.
 \$2,500

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Park University

Access to the Arts

To provide professional quality music, theater and fine arts events to the Kansas City area at little or no charge
\$10,000

Phoenix Family Housing Corporation

On-Site Dance Instruction

To support the costs of providing a once a week on-site performing art instruction program to teach low-income children about dance.
\$2,000

Rockhurst University

Musica Sacra Chorus and Orchestra

To support efforts to enhance the quality of life of urban residents and introduce non-residents to the urban core as a vibrant arts district through the performance of sacred masterworks for chorus, vocal soloists and orchestra, with a repertoire ranging from the Renaissance to the present.
\$8,000

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St. Joseph Institute For The Deaf

Imagination Builds Self-Esteem! Art Education for children with hearing-impairments

To support the development of self expression and confidence through the arts in children with hearing-impairments by promoting imagination to generate creativity by developing and nurturing art as a positive means of self expression.
\$5,000

St. James Academy

Fine Arts Program

To support the acquisition of a portable stage on which the choirs may sing in performance.
\$2,000

Arts & Culture -----**General Operating Support**

General Strategy from the Foundation Strategic Plan. Provide support to organizations, programs and initiatives in arts and culture that promote *excellence* in artistic and creative expression. Provide support to organizations, programs and initiatives that enable greater *access* to arts and culture for children, families and the underserved with a concerted effort at the urban core of greater Kansas City. The following organizations received awards:

Accessible Arts, Inc.
\$15,000

Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
\$20,000

Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City
\$50,000

Coterie Theatre
\$25,000

Heart of America Shakespeare Festival
\$10,000

Heartland Men's Chorus
\$7,500

Kansas City Actors Theatre, Inc.
\$10,000

Kansas City Art Institute
\$40,000

Kansas City Ballet
\$25,000

Kansas City Repertory Theatre
\$25,000

Kansas City Chapter of Young Audiences
\$25,000

Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art
(Kemper Museum Operating Foundation)
\$30,000

Lawrence Arts Center
\$10,000

Paul Mesner Puppets
\$10,000

Theatre for Young America
\$5,000

Toy and Miniature Museum
\$40,000
Total Amount Awarded: \$ 120,000
Awarded in 2004

Youth Symphony of Kansas City, Inc.
(Youth Symphony Association Of Kansas City, Inc.)
\$10,000

Arts & Culture -----**Program/Project****Carlsen Center**

Johnson County Community College
Arts Education Programs

To support the Center Arts Education program in 2006-07 which will include master classes, youth performances, workshops, lecture-demonstrations, and teacher workshops in area schools, community centers, and on the JCCC campus.

\$25,000

Friends of Chamber Music

Concert by Chanticleer: 'The Divine Tapestry: A Mass for All Time'

To support an imaginative and captivating program that honors the traditional order of the Mass using works from Gregorian Chant to contemporary music.

\$15,000

Harry S. Truman Library Institute

Harry S Truman Library Institute For National & International Affairs
Partnerships & Scholarships in Education: Promoting Educational Excellence

To help unite the unique resources of the Truman Presidential Museum & Library with those of Kansas City corporations and foundations to ensure that students from Kansas City's urban core have the opportunity to participate in the acclaimed educational programs offered by the Truman Library.

\$10,000

Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey

AileyCamp 2007 and AileyCamp/The Group

To support AileyCamp and AileyCamp/The Group as they use dance as the vehicle to motivate academic and social achievement and challenge participants to develop an awareness of the importance of a health body and mind in order to excel in life.

\$20,000

Kansas City Symphony

Youth Education and Community Outreach Programs

To support the Symphony's youth education programs, which give area children experience with music and the opportunity it presents for self-development, and community outreach programs, which bring live performance out of the traditional concert hall and into various locations throughout the region, the Symphony strives to reach people of every age, income level, cultural background and level of past exposure to orchestral music.

\$20,000

Mattie Rhodes Counseling & Art Center

Mattie Rhodes Center
Latino Cultural Arts Division

To help enhance understanding and respect across cultures by encouraging participants to celebrate their own heritage, as well as explore the traditions of other cultures through the arts.

\$20,000

Nelson Atkins Museum of Art

Nelson Gallery Foundation
'Imperial Mughal Albums' Exhibition

To support the 2009 loan exhibition 'Muraqqa' [Calligraphy]: Imperial Mughal Albums from the Chester Beatty Library, Dublin,' accompanied by programming for Museum visitors and outreach to area Muslim, Persian, and Asian Indian communities.

\$40,000

Unicorn Theatre

Student Internship Program

To support an internship program for students and recent graduates of Park University and other higher learning institutions.

\$10,000

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Union Station Kansas City, Inc.

Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibition

To support an exhibition featuring the oldest surviving manuscripts of the Hebrew Bible, known to Christians as the Old Testament.

\$30,000

University of Missouri-Kansas City

(Curators Of The University Of Missouri)

Musical Bridges Program

To support a 'bridges program' for talented urban core musicians in grades 6-12 who lack formal musical training that will increase their music experience, including ensemble performance, and prepare them to qualify for college admission.

\$7,500

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William Jewell College

Harriman Arts Program

Harriman-Jewell 2006-2007 Education Series

To support a series of quality, free education events such as master classes, lectures, school performances and demonstrations.

\$15,000

Arts & Culture -----**Capital Campaigns****Conservatory of Music of Kansas City**
Campaign for Scholarships and Excellence

To augment endowed funds for scholarships and educational resources to enhance the Conservatory's ability to competitively recruit and retain the best student and faculty talent.

\$125,000

Total Amount Awarded: \$ 250,000

Awarded in 2005

Kansas City Public Library

(Greater Kansas City Community Fdn.)
Capital Campaign: Central Library Project
To create a new center for arts, culture and education in the heart our city by renovating the historic First National Bank building at 10th & Baltimore streets to relocate the downtown Main Library.

\$100,000

Total Amount Awarded: \$ 500,000

Awarded in 2002

Kansas City Young Audiences, Inc.

(KC Chapter Of Young Audiences, Inc.)
KCYA Community School of the Arts
To support this collaborative project with St. Teresa's Academy to help create a centrally-located school of the arts dedicated to community enrichment, the development of youth and staffed by the area's most outstanding teaching artists.

\$83,334

Total Amount Awarded: \$ 250,000

Awarded in 2004

Additional award toward GKCCF match.

\$33,334

Total Amount Awarded: \$ 100,000

Awarded in 2004

Kansas State Historical Society

Shawnee Indian Mission
To support the preservation of the Shawnee Indian Mission as the Center for Historical Learning in Johnson County, serving area schoolchildren and families.

\$10,000

KCPT - Public Television 19, Inc.

Capital campaign for digital equipment
To supplement the current grant toward the \$10 million capital campaign goal to purchase digital equipment (and other building/capital needs) to expand broadcasting capabilities and meet FCC mandated requirements.

\$100,000

Total Amount Awarded: \$ 500,000

Awarded in 2001

Lyric Opera of Kansas City

Realize the Vision - Endowment Campaign
To fund artistic advancement and to enhance the quality of the Lyric Opera productions through a permanent endowment.

\$50,000

Total Amount Awarded: \$ 250,000

Awarded in 2002

Nelson Atkins Museum of Art

(Nelson Gallery Foundation)
To support an endowment for Youth and Family Programs at the museum.

\$100,000

Total Amount Awarded: \$ 500,000

Awarded in 2005

Starlight Theatre

Future Generations Capital Campaign
To bring the infrastructure, technology and facilities within and surrounding the state-of-the-art Jeannette & Jerome Cohen Community Stage up to current-day capacity while also enhancing educational components included in the mission of the Theatre.

\$25,000

Total Amount Awarded: \$ 75,000

Awarded in 2004

Lifelong Learning -----

General Strategy from the Foundation's Strategic Plan. To support excellence in learning opportunities for people of all ages. Provide support to organizations, programs and initiatives that *improve and strengthen the quality and capacity of the local early childhood care and learning system*. A quality system is one that includes service delivery, teacher training and evaluation, multi-disciplinary learning curriculum and strategies, and advocacy. Provide support to organizations, programs and initiatives that provide parents and family members the *skills that instill lifelong learning* in all children. The following organizations received awards:

General Operating Support: *The Local Early Childhood Care And Learning System*

Kansas Action for Children, Inc.
\$25,000
Total Amount Awarded: \$ 50,000
Awarded in 2006

Partnership for Children
\$25,000

Program/Project: *The Local Early Childhood Care And Learning System*

Community Fdn. of Wyandotte County
(Greater Kansas City Community Fdn.)
PreK Pilots
To support a public-private partnership developed to increase state investment in PreK programs; these pilots will be implemented in nine counties across the state and better prepare at least 600 4-year-olds for success in school.
\$25,000

Donnelly College
CDA Certificate and Early Childhood Education Associate Degree Program
To provide classroom instruction and appropriate classroom materials for students to earn their CDA or Associate Degree.
\$30,000
Total Amount Awarded: \$ 90,000
Awarded in 2004

Francis Child Development Institute
(Foundation Of The Metropolitan Colleges)
Francis Resource Center
To provide technical assistance to child care centers and homes that are engaged in quality improvement efforts. Some sites are working toward initial licensure while others are working on eventual accreditation.
\$526,409
Total Amount Awarded: \$ 1,549,863
Awarded in 2004

Division Chair and Director of the Francis Child Development Institute
To support the division chair position for three years.
\$43,333.99
Total Amount Awarded: \$ 375,000
Awarded in 2004

Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Pediatrics in the Heartland featuring Dr. Barry Zuckerman
\$3,500

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Metropolitan Cncl. on Early Learning

(Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation)

Quality Rating System and Quality Improvement Supports

To support the QRS, an easy to understand measurement of early learning program quality, and provide appropriate supports and technical assistance with the goal of higher levels of program quality and better child outcomes.

\$265,000

The Family Conservancy

Child Care Resource and Referral

To provide a metro-wide resource on child care for families in a 17 county bi-state area with continued analysis of and responsiveness to families' early education needs.

\$54,000

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FCDI Program Evaluation Follow-Up

To support analysis and implementation of recommendations made in July 2003 FCDI Program Evaluation report.

\$4,250

Wyandotte County Early Childhood Local Interagency Coordinating Cncl.

(Parent University of Wyandotte Co., Inc.)

Trainings, Forums and Meetings

To provide two trainings for providers in Wyandotte County and establish a forum for directors to help them deal with the various interventions taking place in their centers.

\$6,500

Total Amount Awarded: \$ 19,500

Awarded in 2004

Lifelong Learning -----**General Operating Support:****Skills That Instill Lifelong Learning In All Children**

Family Literacy Center, Inc.
\$25,000

HOMEFRONT Collaborative
(The Family Conservancy)
\$25,000

Kansas City Area Parents as Teachers Consortium
(Olathe Unified School District #233)
\$25,000

Reach Out and Read Kansas City
(Kansas University Endowment Assoc)
\$50,000

Program/Project:**Skills That Instill Lifelong Learning In All Children**

**Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City
Healthy Steps Fund at GKCCF**
(Greater Kansas City Community Fdn.)
*Healthy Steps for Young Children:
Growth and Expansion Plan*
To support the expansion of the Healthy Steps Program.
\$100,000
Total Amount Awarded: \$ 300,000
Awarded in 2005

KCPT - Public Television 19, Inc.
KCPT Kids
To support KCPT Kids as it enables parents and caregivers to prepare children for success through a combination of childrens' educational TV programming, workshop trainings for parents and care givers and no-cost starter-books for children.
\$50,000

Kansas Pediatric Foundation
Turn a Page. Touch a Mind. Endowment
To support the efforts to bring the research-based Reach Out and Read program model to private physician offices and clinics in Kansas in order to promote early literacy by making books a routine part of pediatric care while educating parents on the importance of reading aloud to help their child develop lifelong learning skills.
\$50,000

Pulmonary Research -----**Parker B. Francis Fellowships**

General Strategy from the Foundation's Strategic Plan. *To attract, develop and retain the best researchers in the field of pulmonary research.*

Toward that end, the Foundation created the Parker B. Francis Fellowship Program, a *national postdoctoral study in pulmonary research* inaugurated in 1975. The foundation remains its sole benefactor today. The program supports the development of outstanding investigators planning careers in pulmonary research and awards fellowships in fields related to lung biology and pulmonary disease. In 2006, total Foundation grantmaking in support of the Parker B. Francis Fellowships exceeded \$1.8 million, and supported the work of 42 fellows at the following institutions.

Albert Einstein College of Medicine
 Boston University
 Brigham and Women's Hospital
 Brown University
 CBR Institute for Biomedical Research
 Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
 Duke University School of Medicine
 Emory University
 Harvard College
 Instituto Nacional de Cancerologia
 Lehigh University
 Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute
 Medical College of Wisconsin
 National Jewish Medical and Research Center
 Northwestern University
 Ohio State University
 St. Michael's Hospital
 Stanford University
 University of Alabama at Birmingham
 University of Arizona
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of California, San Diego
 University of Chicago
 University of Illinois at Chicago
 University of Iowa
 University of Kentucky Research Foundation
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Rochester

University of Texas Health Center at Tyler
 University of Utah
 University of Wisconsin at Madison
 Vanderbilt University
 Washington University
 Wayne State University
 Women & Infants' Hospital of Rhode Island
 Yale University

Additional grants in Pulmonary Research were made to:

American Thoracic Society

General operating support

\$10,000

Total Amount Awarded: \$ 50,000

Awarded in 2004

Thomas L. Petty Aspen Lung Conference

(Aspen Lung Conference)

Parker B. Francis Lectureship

To continue Parker B. Francis Lectureship at Aspen Lung Conference in 2006, 2007, and 2008.

\$3,500

Total Amount Awarded: \$ 10,500

Awarded in 2005

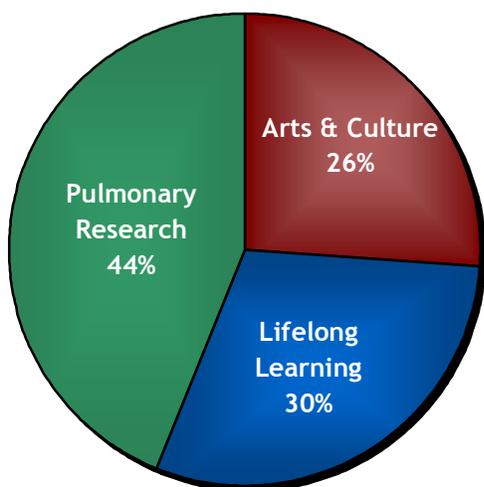
Discretionary Grants -----

In addition to the awards made, which are consistent with the guidelines in the strategic plan, Foundation Board members may elect to designate a pre-determined amount of money each year for a cause or causes each are interested in personally.

In 2006, 37 awards were made totaling \$1,739,000, including special assistance provided in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Financial Highlights -----

Foundation Grantmaking — Strategic Areas of Interest



Foundation Expense Areas

