

The Francis Family Foundation

Brighter futures for all generations

ANNUAL REPORT 2009

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 58 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 the 2009 Annual Report honors the accomplishments of more than 250 grants representing a social investment of more than \$5.8 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 Neves – and four non-family Board members – Gregory Glore, Mary Lou Jaramillo, Charles Schellhorn and Katie Wendel. Susan Neves has since retired from the Board. In 2008, the Foundation Board of Directors created an updated 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 \$52 million in support of more than 770 Fellows. In 2009, Fellowship grants exceeded \$2.1 million in support of 46 Fellows. For more information, visit www.francisfellowships.org.

Lifelong Learning. In 2009, the Foundation invested more than \$1.45 million in Lifelong Learning grants under the strategic plan. Five grants supported early childhood development efforts in the metro area with an emphasis on professional development for providers and support for advocacy efforts. Examples include support for the Francis Resource Center and the Francis Institute for Child and Youth Development (professional development); and, Kansas Action for Children (advocacy) – a critical player in the movement to expand government support for early education initiatives.

Parents are the key to a child's early development. To strengthen their capacity, the Foundation approved funding for six parent initiative grants, which will help increase school readiness. These programs focus primarily on literacy development and verbal communication in children from birth to age five. Several also take a more comprehensive view of early childhood development with literacy and communication as part of several core training components. The Foundation expects these efforts to lay the groundwork for children's success in school, an important benchmark for the community.

Arts & Culture. As the year 2009 came to an end, the Foundation Board of Directors approved more than \$800,000 through 79 new grants to support arts and culture organizations and programs in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Total 2009 investments in arts and culture, including multi-year commitments approved in prior years, approached the \$1M mark.

Grant Highlights. The Foundation continues to support the many arts and culture institutions that “anchor” a strong and vibrant quality of life in Kansas City. At the same time, through our small arts program, the Foundation seeds both new and emergent organizations, and expands access for children and underserved populations throughout the community. The Foundation also invests in strategies that strengthen the role of arts in the K-12 education process. Early efforts include the expansion of Kansas City Young Audiences’ Arts Partners program. Four new school districts are targeted in the first phase of the expansion; three with Foundation funds and a fourth through the Sosland Foundation. Advocacy efforts of the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education are also being implemented. Strengthening professional development strategies for teachers and teaching artists, as well as building a stronger base of public support for arts and education generally are the early targets of this investment.

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.

Non-arts organizations funded for arts programming

Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City

The Arts Core Program

To help give youth access to opportunities to develop creativity, build cultural awareness, and broaden their appreciation for the arts through experiential, creative learning activities in the Clubs and throughout our community.

\$5,000

DeLaSalle Education Center

DeLaSalle's Art and Culture Program

To help support in-school art as well as after school art and drama clubs.

\$7,000

Genesis School, Inc.

West African Dance and Drumming Classes for at-risk middle school students

To support the core of the middle school's music cultural arts program. These dance and drumming classes harness music's power to help at-risk students master and then perform music and dance as part of a troupe.

\$7,000

Girl Scouts of Mid-Continent Council, Inc.

Girl Scout's Folklorico Arts Program

To provide the opportunity to learn Folklorico Ballet (Mexican Folk Dance), encouraging creative expression, and appreciation of the rich Latina culture, as well as the opportunity to perform for Girl Scout centennial events in the community in 2012.

\$7,000

Gordon Parks Elementary School

Fine Arts Fridays

To support students' participation in multiple forms of fine arts through visiting artists, field trips and workshops.

\$4,500

The small arts grant program provides support that promotes grassroots arts and culture programs throughout the greater Kansas City metropolitan area.

Kansas City Kansas Public Schools USD 500

Coming Home: Arts & Community Programming for Children and Youth

To enable homeless students from Kansas City, Kansas public schools to engage in arts programming at Chameleon Arts & Youth Development, ensuring that they have an opportunity to realize their creative potential and to enhance their sense of self-esteem.

\$7,000

United Inner City Services

St. Mark's Art and Culture Theater Program

To help support a unique art and culture based early childhood education program for low-income children and their families including an upgrade to the sound system.

\$5,000

University of Missouri-Kansas City

KC Artist LINC

To create professional development programs and a network of resources for business development. The initiative seeks to improve living and working conditions for artists residing in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

\$7,000

Westside Community Action Network Inc

Westside WAY Coalition

To help support arts and culture programs by a coalition of agencies and individuals whose purpose is to develop, implement or facilitate activities for Westside neighborhood youth and families.

\$4,850

YWCA of Greater Kansas City

YWCA 2nd Friday Arts Outreach and International Music and Dance Series, and quarterly independent film series

To help provide access to arts and cultural events for children, families and the under served in the urban core of greater Kansas City in its public arts spaces.

\$5,000

Small arts & culture organizations funded to support a program

Azteca De Greater Kansas City

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

To support the Cinco de Mayo celebration, including food, dancing, and entertainment.

\$5,000

Carnegie Arts Center, Inc.

Introduction to Theater

To provide some seed funds to start a theater program for children aged 7-13, that will engage children in the fine arts be it through performance, music, or visual arts.

\$2,000

Chestnut Fine Arts Center Inc

2009-2010 Theatre Season

To support the annual theatre season.

\$4,000

El Grupo Folklorico Atotonilco

Studio space renovation

To complete the renovation of two studio spaces in order to provide high quality instruction in the art of Mexican folkloric dance.

\$7,000

Emily A Silverman Memorial Fund

Summer Program 2010 Give it Your All, with the Upper Room

To help introduce the joy of dance to children with limited opportunities, in conjunction with The Upper Room.

\$3,500

Fine Arts Chorale

VOICES: Songs and Stories

To support presentation of a concert geared toward young children in collaboration with a story teller at a library.

\$3,000

Kansas City Boys Choir, The

Kansas City Girls Choir program (uniforms)

To provide blazers for the choral performance group of girls ages 9-19 which uses the arts as a method of teaching good citizenship, academic excellence, social skills, self esteem, cultural history and vocal music.

\$4,500

Kansas City Metropolitan Dance Theatre

Arts Academic Excellence Program

To support this African-American, women owned performing arts organization that offers instruction in classical ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, african dance, and acrobatics.

\$2,000

Lawrence Arts Center

940 Dance Company (fiscal sponsor Lawrence Arts Center)

To help provide outreach to underserved groups; to provide education to schools and organizations; and produce high quality concert performances reaching 3,200 adults and 6,900 children each year in both urban and rural areas in the region.

\$5,000

Liberty Symphony Orchestra

2010 Liberty Symphony Orchestra Youth Concert

To help area youth and underserved populations experience classical music and education in an informal setting, increasing their awareness of and interest in classical orchestral music.

\$2,250

Northland Symphony Orchestra Association, The

Free Classical Music Concert

To support a free music concert in March 2010 featuring the winner of the Northland Symphony Orchestra's Annual High School Concerto Competition.

\$1,500

Owen/Cox Dance Group

2010 Performance Season and Educational Programs

To help present three performances and related educational programs.

\$5,000

A collaborative initiative sponsored by the *Institute for Entrepreneurship & Innovation* at The Bloch School at UMKC and *KC Artist Link* connects Kansas City artists of all disciplines to the resources and opportunities that will help them promote their work and strengthen their artistic practice. A total of 49 artists have received business training and professional development coaching through the Artists, Inc. eight-week program.

Quixotic Performance Fusion

Lux Esalare Tour

To help support this ever-developing ensemble of musicians, dancers, aerialists, composers, designers and choreographers in collaborating to produce new forms of artistic expression.

\$5,000

Stonielion Puppet Theatre

Our Spring Won't Be Silent! A Green Days Environmental Art Outreach Program.

To help teach environmental responsibility through art using the mediums of live puppet performance, music and fine art, targeting family audiences in greater Kansas City.
\$5,000

Theatre Atchison, Inc.

Theatre Atchison's Youth Programming

To help support Theatre Atchison's year round youth programming that reaches over 1,900 students in grades K-12.

\$4,000

Traditional Music Society

African Dance Youth Ensemble

To support use of African dance and music to help develop self esteem and personal identity within African-American youth from the urban core, while at the same time, improving interpersonal relations and cognitive skills.

\$2,500

Arts & Culture

Small Arts Grant Fund

Small arts & culture organizations receiving general operating support

Allegro Community Childrens Choir

\$2,000

Bach Aria Soloists

\$2,500

Camellot Academy Inc

\$2,500

Chameleon Theatre Company

\$4,000

Culture Through Ballroom Dancing, Ltd.

\$3,000

Heartland Chamber Music, Ltd.

\$2,500

Hispanic Performing Arts Association Of Kansas City

\$3,500

Kansas City Artists Coalition

\$5,000

Kansas City Chalk And Walk Festival, Inc

\$2,500

Kansas City Jazz Orchestra

\$2,500

Kansas City String Quartet Program

\$2,500

Kansas City Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts

\$7,000

Kansas City Youth Jazz Bands

\$2,500

Kaw Valley Arts & Humanities

\$7,000

KCMetropolis.org

\$2,500

Latino Writers Collective

\$4,500

Musical Theater Heritage Inc

\$2,500

New Music Institute Of Kansas City, Inc.

\$3,900

Storytellers Inc., The

\$7,000

Theatre for Young America

\$5,000

Wylliams/Henry Danse Theatre

\$5,000

General Operating

The Foundation provides support to organizations, programs and initiatives in arts and culture that promote excellence in artistic and creative expression and 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.

Accessible Arts, Inc.
\$10,000

Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
\$20,000

Arts Council of Metropo KC
\$75,000

Arts Incubator of Kansas City
\$10,000

Arts Tech
\$15,000

Coterie Theatre
\$25,000

Folly Theater
Performing Arts Foundation Of Kansas City
\$15,000

Harriman-Jewell Series at William Jewell College
Trustees of William Jewell College
\$15,000

Heart of America Shakespeare Festival
\$10,000

Heartland Men's Chorus
\$7,500

Kansas City Art Institute
\$25,000
Awarded in 2007
Total Grant Amount: \$75,000

Kansas City Ballet
\$25,000

Kansas City Chorale
\$10,000

Kansas City Repertory Theatre
\$40,000
Awarded in 2007
Total Grant Amount: \$120,000

Kansas City Young Audiences
\$30,000
Awarded in 2007
Total Grant Amount: \$90,000

Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art
\$25,000

Paul Mesner Puppets
\$10,000

The Charlotte Street Foundation
\$15,000

Toy and Miniature Museum
\$68,623

Unicorn Theatre
\$10,000

Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City
\$25,000

Youth Symphony of Kansas City, Inc.
\$10,000

Program/Project

American Jazz Museum

Educational Programming 2010

To support performances, workshops, seminars, tours and outreach efforts designed to broaden public awareness of the artistic, historical and cultural contributions jazz has made to the American experience.
\$10,000

Friends of Chamber Music

Tafelmusik Performance and 'What Makes it Great?' educational outreach series

To support the Toronto-based Baroque orchestra Tafelmusik as they perform 'Galileo Project: Music of the Sphere', which explores the artistic, cultural, and scientific world in which 17th-and 19th- century astronomers lived and worked.
\$15,000

Harry S. Truman Library Institute

Partnerships & Scholarships in Education: Promoting Educational Excellence

To help students and teachers from the Kansas City area, who because of funding, may otherwise be unable to participate in the premier education programs of the Institute.
\$5,000

Kansas City Actors' Theatre Inc.

Development/administrative staff

To help support the success of the 2010/2011 season by providing funds to assist with retaining the staff position and continue to expand development and marketing initiatives implemented during the 2009/10 Season.
\$10,000

Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey

Arts Education Programs

To reach more than 40,000 school-aged children through ten exceptional arts education programs offered in Kansas City at area schools, community centers, theaters, and businesses - and now in KCFAA's new studio in the historic 18th & Vine Jazz District.
\$25,000

Kansas City Symphony

Youth education and outreach

To help bring the transformative power of great music to those who would otherwise not have access.
\$20,000

Lyric Opera of Kansas City

Education program

To help serve children in pre-school through 12th grade and teachers in the Greater Kansas City area with quality hands-on opera programs through in-school residencies and live opera performances.
\$15,000

Mattie Rhodes Art Center

Latino cultural arts out of school

To provide increased access to multicultural arts education for children K-8th through afterschool programming and Summer Art Camp at the Westside Center, and through the new Cultural Arts Exploration program at the Northeast location.
\$20,000

Mid-America Arts Alliance

Cultural programming and professional development

To bring visual arts exhibitions, live performances, and professional development activities to audiences and artists in the Kansas City area, and to conduct professional development activities to support artists and arts organizations.
\$15,000

The Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City develops programs that support the arts community, both directly and indirectly. Working with businesses, arts supporters and artists and arts organizations, programs are designed to help increase awareness, appreciation and support for the arts. Since 2007 the ArtsKC fund has provided more than \$1.3 million in financial assistance and support to more than 100 arts and cultural organizations, individual artists, and arts projects throughout the five-county area.

Performing Arts at Johnson County Community College

Performing Arts Education Program

To support arts education services including master classes, youth performances, workshops, lecture-demonstrations, and teacher workshops in area schools, community centers, focus given to underserved school-age children, and to community partnerships.
\$20,000

Union Station Kansas City, Inc.
Kansas City Museum at Corinthian Hall Education Programs
To support informal education opportunities focusing on themes of Kansas City local and regional history, on site and in the community.
\$10,000

Union Station Kansas City, Inc.
Union Station - An Education in Science, History and Culture (scholarship fees, bus transportation)
To introduce students and adults to science, history and culture through five permanent educational attractions.
\$10,000

University of Missouri-Kansas City
Musical Bridges Program at the UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance
To support promising urban core musicians in grades 6-12 by providing private lessons, music theory, composition and other experiences that will prepare them to qualify for admission to the UMKC Conservatory or other higher education schools of music.
\$7,500
Awarded in 2007
Total Grant Amount: \$22,500

Arts in Education

Kansas City Young Audiences
Arts Partners Expansion 2008-2011
To fund Arts Partners expansion to three additional urban/low-income school districts and increase training of school teachers in use of the arts across disciplines.
\$91,950
Awarded in 2008
Total Grant Amount: \$279,824

Missouri Alliance for Arts Education
Advocacy program and general operating support
To help increase advocacy efforts in the Missouri legislature and school districts statewide through research, communication, coalition building and organizational capacity building.
\$30,000

Capital Campaigns

Kansas City Art Institute

Barbara Hall Marshall Endowment Challenge

To support the matching grant that will allow the school to double its endowment by December 2010.

\$125,000

Awarded in 2007

Total Grant Amount: \$500,000

To support renovation of the Power House at Union Station into the permanent home for the Kansas City Ballet and School along with an operating endowment for the building.

\$100,000

Awarded in 2008

Total Grant Amount: \$300,000

Studio to continue producing all local programming.

\$80,000

Awarded in 2008

Total Grant Amount: \$250,000

Kansas City Ballet

Support Construction and Endowment for Todd Bolender Center for Dance and Creativity and match Muriel McBrien Kauffman Foundation Grant

KCPT - Public Television 19, Inc.

KCPT-Improving for You

To support conversion from analog to digital production and broadcasting. KCPT must upgrade Master Control, Field Equipment, Editing Suites &

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

Nelson Gallery Foundation Capital Campaign

To support an endowment for youth and family programs at the museum.

\$100,000

Awarded in 2005

Total Grant Amount: \$500,000

Lifelong Learning

Francis Institute for Child and Youth Development

Francis Resource Center and FICYD Director

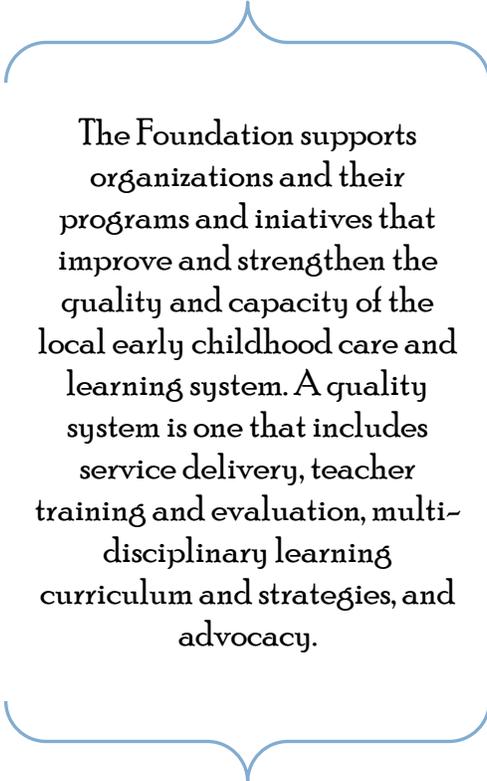
To support the Francis Resource Center as it transitions to a self sustaining community resource.

\$600,484

Kansas Action for Children, Inc.

General Operating Support (\$25,000) and Support for Kansas Coalition for School Readiness (\$25,000)

\$50,000



The Foundation supports organizations and their 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.

Early Education System

Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation

Kansas City Early Learning Initiative

To support community efforts to build a quality comprehensive early learning system for children, infants to PreK.

\$230,000

Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood

General Operating Support

\$30,000

Partnership for Children

General Operating Support

\$50,000

The Foundation provides support to organizations, programs and initiatives that provide parents and family members the skills that instill lifelong learning in all children.

DeLaSalle Education Center

Parent and Child Education Support Program (PACES)

To help provide safe and quality on-site early childhood education for infants and toddlers of DeLaSalle students while assisting young parents in developing good parenting skills as they strive to reach their educational goals.

\$20,000

The Family Conservancy

Parent Support Services: Data Management/Child Care Resource and Referral Services and Homefront

To help support continual metro area analysis of and responsiveness to families' early education needs in a 14 county bi-state area. Funding also supports professional development and parent education resources for Homefront coalition partners.

\$60,000

Kansas City Area Parents as Teachers Consortium

(Olathe Unified School District #233)

General Operating Support

\$20,000

KCPT - Public Television 19, Inc.

KCPT Reads

To help support this family-centered program that builds pre-literacy skills in children.

\$30,000

Operation Breakthrough

Family Nurturing Program

Toward provision of a parenting education and support program designed to give low-income parents the information and assistance they need to provide the best possible home environment for their children's healthy whole child development.

\$19,763

Reach Out and Read Kansas City

Kansas University Endowment

Assoc

General Operating Support

\$50,000

For nearly 30 years, *Kansas Action for Children* has helped shape policy that puts children first. Kansas Action for Children and the Coalition For School Readiness were able to effectively engage constituents in a campaign to protect the Children's Initiatives Fund in the Governor's Budget. The campaign generated approximately 400 communications with the Office of the Governor and played an important role in avoiding cuts to the Children's Initiatives Fund in the Governor's 2011 Budget.

Healthy Steps for Young Children

(Greater Kansas City Community Foundation)

Healthy Steps for Young Children:

Growth and Expansion Plan

To support the expansion of Healthy Steps Program.

\$50,000

Awarded in 2005

Total Grant Amount: \$300,000

Partnership for Regional Educational Preparation-Kansas City (PREP-KC)

General Operating Support

\$250,000

Awarded in 2007

Total Grant Amount: \$1,000,000

Pulmonary Research

The Foundation created the Parker B. Francis Fellowship Program, a *national postdoctoral study in pulmonary research* 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 2009, total Foundation grantmaking in support of the Parker B. Francis Fellowships exceeded \$2.1 million, and supported the work of 46 fellows at the following institutions.

PBF Fellowships

Boston University
Brigham and Women's Hospital
Centre Hospitalier de l'Universite de Montreal (CHUM Research Center)
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
Columbia University Medical Center
Dartmouth Medical School
Duke University
Harvard College
Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University
Johns Hopkins University
Mount Sinai School of Medicine
National Jewish Medical and Research Center
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Stanford University
The Salk Institute

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
Thomas Jefferson University
University of Alberta
University of California, San Francisco
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Iowa
University of Kansas Medical Center
University of Manitoba
University of Massachusetts Medical School
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of South Alabama
University of Utah
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin at Madison
Vanderbilt University
Yale University

Investments in Pulmonary Research are intended to attract, develop and retain the best researchers in the field of pulmonary medicine.

Pulmonary Research

American Thoracic Society

\$10,000
Awarded in 2004
Total Grant Amount: \$50,000

Aspen Lung Conference

To support the Parker B. Francis Lectureship, where lectures are delivered by established, world renowned leaders in the chosen topic related to lung disease, while the abstract presenters usually are young investigators in training (often recipients of PBF Fellowships).
\$3,500
Awarded in 2008
Total Grant Amount: \$10,500

University of Washington

PBF Program Administration
\$80,761
Awarded in 2008
Total Grant Amount: \$209,146

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 in which each are personally interested. In 2009, 100 awards were made totaling more than \$600,000.

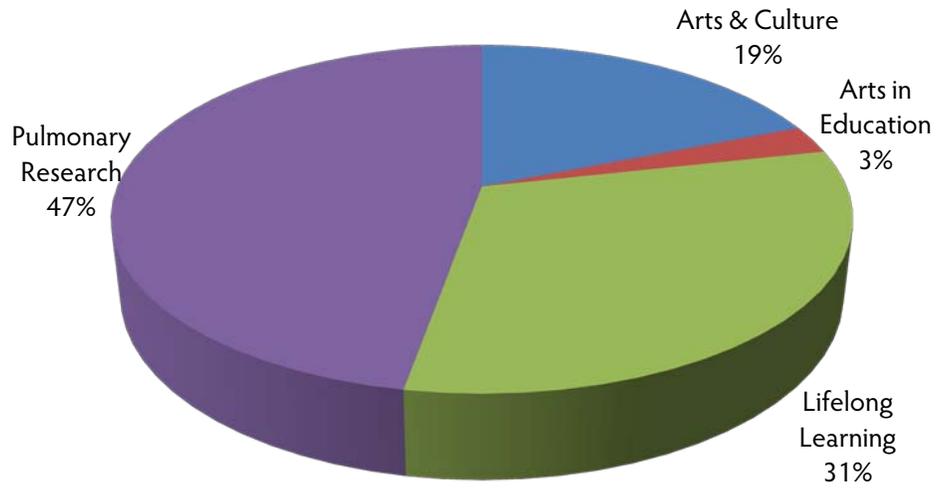
In addition, in response to the economic downturn and increased community need, the following emergency assistance grants were approved.

**Harvesters-The Community
Food Network**
\$10,000

Kansas City Community Kitchen
\$7,500

**United Way of Greater Kansas
City**
To contribute to a collaborative funders pool developed to respond to peoples' needs in the economic downturn through emergency assistance organizations.
\$100,000

Foundation Grantmaking — Strategic Areas of Interest



Foundation Expense Areas

