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 59 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 2010 Annual Report honors the accomplishments of more than 260 grants representing a social investment of more than $5.6 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. The Foundation is also served by two community advisors: David Oliver and Susan Stanton. 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 780 Fellows. In 2010, Fellowship grants totaled $2 million in support of 40 Fellows. For more information, visit www.francisfellowships.org.

Lifelong Learning. In 2010, the Foundation invested more than $1.4 million in Lifelong Learning grants under the strategic plan. Four 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 2010 came to an end, the Foundation Board of Directors approved more than $900,000 through 80 grants to support arts and culture organizations and programs in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Total 2010 investments in arts and culture, including multi-year commitments approved in prior years, crossed 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 including innovative programs of the Charlotte Street Foundation, American Jazz Museum and Mattie Rhodes Art Center. At the same time, through our small arts program, the Foundation seeds both new and emerging 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. Ongoing efforts include the expansion of Kansas City Young Audiences’ Arts Partners programming and advocacy efforts of the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education. 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.
## Arts & Culture

### Small Arts Grant Fund

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| **Children's TLC**  
*Children's Therapeutic Learning Center Inc*  
*Centerbased Preschool Art Support*  
To help provide art instruction including painting, drawing, sculpting, designing, singing, dancing, imagination, and exploring using a wide variety of artist materials and techniques, all in an atmosphere of fun and success.  
$3,000 | **Marillac Center**  
*Expressive Arts Therapy Program*  
To help support a full spectrum of music, art and recreational therapy as a means of reconciling emotional conflicts and helping troubled children and adolescents learn to positively and creatively express themselves.  
$3,000 |
| **DeLaSalle Education Center**  
*Art & Culture Program*  
To help support in-school art as well as after school art and drama clubs.  
$7,000 | **Niles Home for Children**  
*Performance Music Program*  
To help provide sheet music and lesson books as well as professional instruction to initiate vocal and instrumental performance music program for students of Niles Prep Behavior Management School/Day Treatment Program and residents of Residential Treatment Program, using donated instruments.  
$2,500 |
| **Front Porch Alliance-Kansas City Inc**  
*Arts for Hearts*  
To bring cultural arts education, including drawing/painting, sculpting, music, drama and dance, directly to the youth participants, thus eliminating barriers such as transportation and cost.  
$2,500 | **Park University**  
*International Center for Music Concert Series*  
To help foster the exchange of master teacher/performers, renowned young musicians, and programs from countries across the globe, enabling students and community audiences to experience the wealth of music impacting generations.  
$2,000 |
| **Genesis Promise Academy**  
*Genesis School Inc*  
*West African Music and Dance Program*  
To support the students of the Genesis Promise Academy with high-quality instruction in the arts that helps them succeed in their academic and creative pursuits.  
$5,000 | **reStart, Inc.**  
*Arts at reStart for Children & Youth*  
To help support a comprehensive, interactive arts program to homeless children and youth that includes hands-on arts instruction, on and off-site, guided by professional artists and volunteers, ending with presentations of participants work.  
$2,500 |
| **Gordon Parks Elementary School**  
*Fine Arts Fridays*  
To support integration of the arts into Gordon Parks Elementary's academic curriculum including engaging all students in the fine arts through visiting artists, field trips and workshops.  
$4,000 | **Seton Center Family & Health Services**  
*Seton Center Inc*  
*Bringing the Arts to Seton High School*  
To assist integration of the arts in many forms into the lives of Seton High Students, raising their awareness, experience, and creativity.  
$4,000 |
| **Guadalupe Centers, Inc.**  
*Quinceanera Transformada*  
To help launch a semester course exploring the meanings and significance of the Latino Quinceanera Experience *(Coming of Age)* and plans for a gallery exhibit and community celebration around this theme. |
### Synergy Services, Inc.
**YRC Arts Program**
To help provide arts classes, workshops and performances annually benefitting homeless, runaway and street youth between the ages of 12 and 21, as well as youth from nearby neighborhoods.

$2,500

### Truman Medical Center Charitable Foundation
**Healing Arts - First Friday Concerts**
To support The First Friday Concert Series is a vital element in TMC's Center for Healing Arts, employing music to enrich patient care and enhance the hospital environment.

$5,000

### United Inner City Services
**St. Mark Child and Family Development Center**
To help provide a unique approach to early childhood education through arts and culture based activities and environment.

$4,000

### Arts & Culture

**Small arts & culture organizations funded to support a program**

### University of Missouri-Kansas City
**Curators Of The University Of Missouri KC ArtistLink**
To help support a consortium of nonprofit organizations to create professional development programs and a network of resources for business development that seeks to improve living and working conditions for artists residing in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

$7,000

### YWCA of Greater Kansas City
**Young Women's Christian Association**
**YWCA 2nd Friday Arts Outreach and Exhibits**
To provide access to arts and cultural events for children, families and the under served in the urban core of Kansas City, Kansas.

$10,000

### Arts in Prison
**Conducting Hope**
To help support a documentary film that tells the story of the East Hills Singers at Lansing Correctional Facility, the only prison choir in the country that performs outside prison walls, teaching inmates responsibility, teamwork, leadership, and most importantly, gives them hope.

$7,000

### Azteca De Greater Kansas City
**Azteca de Greater Kansas City Fiesta**
To support a Fiesta that promotes culture, community, and gives back to the community, as well raising funds to provide scholarships.

$7,000

### Cultural Crossroads Inc
**"Hello, World!" and "Is This Your New Year?"**
To help support two art programs offered as workshops throughout the region. "Hello, World!" teaches children words of greeting in different languages and includes decorating T-shirts as wearable art. In "Is This Your New Year?" children learn when and how the beginning of a new year is celebrated in other societies through expression of the arts and crafts of other cultures.

$2,500

### My Mother’s Club
**A 60-minute documentary film**
that centers on the African American women’s social clubs in Kansas City during the late 1940’s to 1960’s, will preserve a very valuable piece of Kansas City history. The project, sponsored by **The Reel Images Film and Video Group**, began in the fall of 2009 with an initial grant from the Black Community Fund, and has now garnered wide community support and partnerships.

$7,000

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### Small Arts Grant Fund
**Dream Studio LLC**
**True Light Family Resource Center**
**Olu’s Dream the Musical (the dream of a community)**
To help support a musical production based on the Harper Collins title "Olu’s Dream" that will move throughout the city of Kansas City motivating children of all ages to dream.

$7,000
Emily A Silverman Memorial Fund
Summer Dance Program 2011
To help support Em's Spotlight's summer program introducing the joy of dance to children with limited opportunities in conjunction with the Upper Room, through free dance lessons along, two nights of dance recitals that include costumes, professional pictures, DVD of program dinner and transportation to the recital.
$3,000

The Kansas City Boys Choir
The Kansas City Boys Choir A Not-For-Profit Corporation
Annual Winter Concert Program
To help support the annual holiday musical production for the community.
$2,000

Kansas City Music Teachers Association
Multi-Piano Concerts "Musikopoly"
To help feature 36 performers on 18 grand pianos simultaneously playing duet repertoire under the direction of a conductor. Presented in two one-hour concerts with performers comprised of students of all ages and levels of abilities paired with their teachers, siblings, parents, grandparents, and friends.
$1,000

Liberty Symphony Orchestra
Liberty Symphony Orchestra Inc
Community Youth Concert
To help provide elementary and middle school age students the opportunity to experience live classical music performances in a youth-friendly environment.
$2,000

Musical Theater Heritage Inc
Live Performances at Off Center Theater at Crown Center
To help underwrite the 2011 Season: Gypsy, Evita, the holiday concert, and six Musical Mondays.
$2,500

Quixotic Performance Fusion
Kidzotic
To help provide arts education that combines several disciplines for students to choose from.
$7,000

Reel Images Film & Video Group
My Mother's Club
To help produce a documentary film centering on the African American women's social clubs in Kansas City during the late 1940's, 1950's, and 1960's, told from the perspective of daughters of club members. Focus is on the impact of these clubs on Kansas City's African American community through their social activities, volunteerism, and social activism.
$7,000

Arts & Culture
Small Arts Grant Fund
Small arts & culture organizations receiving general operating support

940 Dance Company
Lawrence Arts Center
$5,000

Arts Council of Johnson County
$5,000

Chameleon Theatre Company
Community Childrens Theatre Of Kansas City Mo Inc
$4,000

Chestnut Fine Arts Center Inc
$3,000

Halo Foundation
The HALO Center
$6,000

Kansas City Artists Coalition
$7,000

Kansas City Chalk And Walk Festival, Inc
$2,000

Kansas City Chamber Orchestra
$5,000
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.
Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art  
Operating Support designated to Education and Outreach Expenses  
$20,000

Paul Mesner Puppets  
$10,000

The Charlotte Street Foundation  
General Operating Support, and 1-time Strategic Investment  
$40,000

Arts & Culture

**Friends of Chamber Music**  
*Chanticleer, Feb. 2011, and "What Makes It Great?" 2010/11*  
To help underwrite two programs: 1. The early music ensemble, Chanticleer– a program of 16th-century sacred works by Orlando di Lasso, on February 5, 2011 at the Community of Christ Temple in Independence, Missouri. 2. The Friends' 2010-11 "What Makes It Great?" educational outreach series with composer and commentator Rob Kapilow --- four programs that will bring the joy and wonder of classical music - while unraveling some of its mysteries - to audiences of all ages.  
$15,000

**Harry S. Truman Library Institute**  
*Harry S Truman Library Institute For National & International Affairs*  
The 'Bus Stops Here" Field Trip Grant Program  
To help provide field trip grants for K-12 teachers in the Greater Kansas City area so that their students may participate in a Guided Museum Tour of the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum or its nationally acclaimed education program, the White House Decision Center.  
$5,000

**Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey**  
*KCFAA Arts Education Programs*  
To help support all year-round educational programs, including in-school/community residencies, lectures/demonstrations, KCFAA studio classes, Ailey Trio workshops, Setting the Stage, and Ailey Company school performances at the Kauffman Performing Arts Center.  
$25,000

**Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art**  
Toy and Miniature Museum of Kansas City  
$68,623

**Unicorn Theatre**  
$10,000

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

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

**Program or Project Grants**

**Kansas City Symphony**  
Youth Education & 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**  
*Lyric Opera Of Kansas City Inc*  
*Lyric Education Programs*  
To help support a broad range of opera programs for young people from kindergarten through 12th grade in the Kansas City metropolitan area.  
$15,000

**Matti Rhodes Counseling & Art Center**  
*Mattie Rhodes Center*  
*After School and Summer Cultural Arts*  
To help provide critical multicultural arts education for children K-8th through afterschool programming and Summer Art Camp at the Westside Center, and through the Cultural Arts Exploration program at the Northeast location.  
$20,000

**Mid-America Arts Alliance**  
*Cultural Programming and Professional Development in the Greater Kansas City Area*  
To assist in bringing visual arts exhibitions, live performances, and professional development activities to audiences, artists and cultural organizations in the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area.  
$15,000
Performing Arts at Johnson County Community College
Johnson County Community College
Performing Arts Education Program
To help support a broad range of arts education services including master classes, youth performances, workshops, lecture-demonstrations, and teacher workshops in area schools, community centers, and on the JCCC campus, with attention given to underserved school-age children, and increased collaborative planning and advocacy with community organizations.
$20,000

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

University of Missouri-Kansas City
Curators Of The University Of Missouri
Musical Bridges Program at the UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance
To help provide intensive one-on-one musical training to promising 5th-12th graders from Kansas City urban schools.
$40,000

Arts in Education

Kansas City Young Audiences, Inc.
Arts Partners Expansion 2008-2012
To fund Arts Partners expansion to additional urban/low-income school districts and increase training of school teachers in use of integrating the arts as a teaching tool across disciplines.
$47,924
Awarded in 2008
Total Grant Amount: $279,824

Missouri Alliance for Arts Education
MAAE Advocacy Program
To help increase advocacy efforts in the Missouri legislature, public schools, State Board of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education through research, communication, coalition building and organizational capacity building.
$30,000
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.

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<td><strong>FICYD</strong>&lt;br&gt;Foundation Of The Metropolitan Colleges&lt;br&gt;Francis Resource Center and FICYD Director</td>
<td>To support the Francis Resource Center as it transitions to a self-sustaining community resource. $628,745</td>
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<td><strong>Kansas Action for Children, Inc.</strong>&lt;br&gt;General Operating Support and Support for Kansas Coalition for School Readiness</td>
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<td><strong>Metropolitan Council on Early Learning</strong>&lt;br&gt;Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation</td>
<td>General Operating Support for the Metropolitan Council on Early Learning (MCEL) $180,000</td>
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<td><strong>Partnership for Children</strong>&lt;br&gt;General Operating Support</td>
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<td><strong>DeLaSalle Education Center</strong>&lt;br&gt;Parent and Child Education Support Program (PACES)</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td><strong>Kansas City Area Parents as Teachers Consortium</strong>&lt;br&gt;Olathe Unified School District #233</td>
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<td><strong>KCPT - Public Television 19, Inc.</strong>&lt;br&gt;Public Television 19 Inc&lt;br&gt;KCPT Reads and The Local Show</td>
<td>To support a family-centered program that builds pre-literacy skills in children, and help launch a weekly show highlighting Greater Kansas City. $80,000</td>
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<td><strong>Operation Breakthrough</strong>&lt;br&gt;Parent Support Program</td>
<td>To help provide a variety of activities to promote parents' involvement in their children's development, and improve parenting skills. $20,000</td>
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Too many children in greater Kansas City still begin school without the skills necessary to prepare them for success. **Metropolitan Council on Early Learning** — a part of the **Mid-America Regional Council** since 1989 — and numerous community partners have focused on improving both access to and the quality of early learning in our area. While exciting improvements in teacher training, early learning program quality, child care facilities, and access have been made, much work remains.
The Foundation provides support to organizations, programs and initiatives that provide parents and family members the skills that instill lifelong learning in all children.

Reach Out and Read Kansas City
Kansas University Endowment Assoc
General Operating Support
$50,000

The Family Conservancy
Parent Support Services in Child Care Resource and Referral
To support continual metro area analysis of and responsiveness to families’ early education needs in a 14 county bi-state area.
$60,000

Lifelong Learning

PREP-KC
Partnership for Regional Educational Preparation-Kansas City
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 2010, total Foundation grantmaking in support of the Parker B. Francis Fellowships exceeded $2 million, and supported the work of 40 fellows at the following institutions.

American Thoracic Society
General Operating Support
$10,000
Awarded in 2009
Total Grant Amount: $50,000

Thomas L. Petty Aspen Lung Conference
Aspen Lung Conference
To continue the Parker B. Francis Lectureship
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
Investments in Pulmonary Research are intended to attract, develop and retain the best researchers in the field of pulmonary medicine.

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**PBF Fellowships**

Johns Hopkins University  
University of California, San Francisco  
Brigham and Women’s Hospital  
Centre Hospitalier de l’Université de Montréal Research Center  
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center  
Columbia University Medical Center  
Dartmouth Medical School  
Harvard College  
Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
National Jewish Medical and Research Center  
Northwestern University  
Ohio State University  
Oregon Health and Science University  
St. Michael’s Hospital  
Stanford University  
The Salk Institute  
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston  
University of Alberta  
University of Colorado Health Sciences Center  
University of Manitoba  
University of Massachusetts Medical School  
University of Michigan  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of South Alabama  
University of Washington  
University of Western Ontario  
University of Wisconsin at Madison  
Vanderbilt University  
Yale University

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**Capital Campaigns**

**Friends of the Zoo of Kansas City Missouri**  
*Make Your Mark*  
To support renovation in the capital campaign and help fund the endowment.  
$100,000  
Awarded in 2007  
Total Grant Amount: $1,000,000

**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

**Kansas City Ballet Association**  
*Todd Bolender Center for Dance and Creativity*  
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

**KCPT - Public Television 19, Inc.**  
*Public Television 19 Inc*  
*KCPT-Improving for You*  
To support conversion from analog to digital production and broadcasting by upgrading Master Control, Field Equipment, Editing Suites & Studio to continue producing all local programming.  
$80,000  
Awarded in 2008  
Total Grant Amount: $250,000

**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
**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 2010, 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.

**Financial Highlights**

- **Foundation Grantmaking – Strategic Areas of Interest**

- **Foundation Expense Areas**

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