2013: A YEAR OF

Inspiration

RHODE ISLAND FOUNDATION

Annual Report
MISSION
The Rhode Island Foundation is a proactive community and philanthropic leader dedicated to meeting the needs of the people of Rhode Island.

STRATEGY
- RIF will lead...by fully leveraging our unique role in the community through the integration of our core enterprises (support for a strong nonprofit sector, proactive philanthropy, and thought-and-action leadership).
- RIF will transform...key elements of Rhode Island's quality of life by seeking short-term progress and long-term impact within, between, and across four strategic initiatives that leverage the full resources of the Foundation, grants in eight targeted sectors, and select special projects.
- RIF will inspire...by cultivating philanthropic partners who share the Foundation’s vision for Rhode Island and help us achieve sustainable growth in discretionary, donor directed, and deferred funding.

PRINCIPLES
- Rhode Island focused
- Stewardship
- Solutions-oriented
- Innovation
- Equity
- Networks
- Balance
- Quality

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES
- Education Success: Improve educational outcomes for all public school students.
- Economic Security: Improve Rhode Island’s environment for economic growth so all Rhode Islanders can prosper.
- Healthy Lives: Improve access to and quality of primary care for all Rhode Islanders.
- Inspiring Philanthropy: Increase philanthropy in Rhode Island.

ADDITIONAL GRANTMAKING AREAS OF FOCUS
- Arts and Culture: Diverse participation in the arts, arts education, and a vital arts sector.
- Children and Families: A strong continuum of care for children and families through evidence based practices and systems reform.
- Environment: Environmental resilience through strong food, energy, transportation, and natural resource systems.
- Housing: Increased affordable housing options in the state.
- Basic Human Needs: Small grants to support community agencies that provide food, clothing, housing, and prescription assistance.
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Dear friends –

For the Rhode Island Foundation, 2013 was a year filled with inspiration and momentum. Looking back, we could not be more proud of our community and all of our partners. With the year’s many highlights, how could we not be charged up?

Around the state, programs that are proven to have impact are being brought to a larger scale. UCAP, a second chance school for kids at risk of dropping out, expanded its Providence facility to include a new science lab, art studio, and gymnasium. Sales for Market Mobile, Farm Fresh RI’s wholesale distribution program, rose from $225,000 in 2009 to more than $1.5 million in 2013, and Farm Fresh is now leveraging their existing delivery routes to create a Farm to Food Pantry program. Year Up doubled the number of un- or under-employed young adults it serves. The Loan Forgiveness Program for primary care professionals took root; the program has helped 39 doctors, nurses, and physician assistants practice in Rhode Island. Riverwood Mental Health’s Housing First Rhode Island program is providing homes and wrap-around services for our state’s chronically homeless.

Many programs are experimenting with new, innovative strategies. The Highlander Institute is advancing the use of classroom technology and blended learning throughout Rhode Island. AS220, a nationally recognized arts organization, is working with Digital City RI to provide a coworking space for digital media professionals. The Washington County Regional Planning Council is exploring shared municipal services in the areas of streetlight maintenance and information technology. McAuley House is partnering with nutritionist Dr. Mary Flynn to provide healthy, low-cost meals for its guests to combat

We’re inspired by you – our donors, our grantees, the leaders of our community. Your vision of a better future and your philanthropy make us proud to be your partner.
conditions like diabetes and heart disease which disproportionately impact those in poverty. Thanks to the generosity and vision of philanthropists Letitia and John Carter, four Rhode Island Innovation Fellows are leading dynamic efforts to tackle local challenges.

The Foundation is proud to champion programs like these that are transforming our state. And we are excited to see new leaders emerge in the nonprofit, public, and private sectors, with fresh new ideas, strong networks, and deep commitments to Rhode Island. That’s why we eagerly launched Rhode Island: It’s All In Our Backyard in 2013. Backyard celebrates Rhode Island’s successes and strengths, (re)introducing industry stalwarts like 300-year-old Hope Global and 140-year-old Gilbane Building, local farmer Pat McNiff and aquaculturist Perry Raso, ever-evolving assets like TF Green Airport and McCoy Stadium, explorer Dr. Robert Ballard and scientist Dr. Jeff Morgan, growing startups like MojoTech and Andera, and new entrepreneurs like jeweler Loren Hope and Robin Squibb of Granny Squibb’s Iced Tea.

**Thanks to you, the state of the Foundation is strong.** Donors contributed $43.7 million in 2013. Donors started 73 new funds, and 56 people pledged a portion of their estate to us, ensuring that their philanthropic legacies will last forever. We hope you will read their stories (beginning on page 20). Community organizations turned $31 million in grants into priceless programs and services. Generous contributions to our Civic Leadership Fund helped to support “beyond grantmaking” work like convenings, research, advocacy, and network-building. And Foundation assets stand at a record $790 million.

Guided by our directors, we set a new strategic course for the Foundation, one that builds on our work over the past several years and our proud heritage, and sets bold new challenges to meet the needs of Rhode Island now and in the years to come.

Certainly, Rhode Island continues to face significant trials and deep inequalities that threaten the well-being of our people and our future. **We do not underestimate these challenges. But we see great cause for hope.** Every day, we’re inspired by you – our donors, our grantees, the leaders of our community. Your vision of a better future and your philanthropy make us proud to be your partner. We thank you for sharing your generosity of spirit.

Frederick K. Butler  
Chairman

Neil D. Steinberg  
President & CEO
2013 BY THE NUMBERS*

LEAD

$790,420,707

total Foundation assets at year-end

TRANSFORM

$31,090,337

total grants to 1,389 recipients

INSPIRE

$43,660,071

total gifts to the Foundation in 2013

* Unaudited
17.7%
2013 investment return

699
people participated in workshops, programs, and technical assistance offered by the Initiative for Nonprofit Excellence

$264,089
contributed to the Civic Leadership Fund for advocacy, research, and network-building from 149 donors

2013 New Funds by Type

56
new members and 404 total members of the Foundation’s 1916 Society, our legacy society for those who have included the Foundation in their estate plans
VICTOR AND GUSSIE BAXT: FULFILLING A COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

Victor was a self-made man, had great strength of personality, and yet was totally modest. He supported hospitals and other organizations that were important to him, but he didn’t like all the accolades,” says Gussie Baxt of her late husband.

But the accolades bestowed on Victor were many, from being named The Miriam Hospital Person of the Year in 2006 to receiving a Doctor of Science in 2011 from his alma mater, the University of Rhode Island, for his longtime commitment to and support of the university. The people he worked with described him as sharp, informed, interested, and caring in every way. He was a mentor to many.

Born and raised amid humble beginnings in Providence, Victor graduated from Hope High School before enrolling at the University of Rhode Island where he earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry. He continued his education at Duke University, earning a master’s degree in physical chemistry, before serving four years in the Navy. Upon discharge, Victor returned home, married his high school girlfriend, Edna, and began working at what was then Apex Tire and Rubber Co., the forerunner of today’s international plastics and rubber company, Teknor Apex.

Victor’s wife died in 1966, and the following year he married Gussie, also a Providence native, who had been widowed for

“His legacy is not only of a great businessman, but also a true gentleman and philanthropist towards others. His success is not just measured by how high he rose in the organization, but also by the great respect he earned from his peers, employees, friends, and family.”

– Jonathan Fain, President & CEO, Teknor Apex
many years. She has two sons from her first marriage, Michael and Robert Chusmir. Victor was dedicated throughout his 68-year career to making Teknor Apex the company it is today. He served as president, vice chairman, and chairman of the board. He retired at age 94. “Victor was known for asking the really hard questions. He was such a quiet guy and so gentle to me that I never knew that side of his personality, but in business he was really tough,” Gussie states.

“Victor served on many boards in the community, but his pet was The Miriam Hospital,” she continues. Victor served on the boards of The Miriam Hospital and The Miriam Hospital Foundation, as well as numerous hospital committees. The hospital’s Victor and Gussie Baxt Building recognizes the couple's commitment.

Victor also was very involved with URI. In a 2006 interview with the Rhode Island Foundation, he explained, “I’ve always had a great affection for URL. It’s not an Ivy League school, but a very good one. I have had friends and fraternity brothers for more than 50 years.” For his alma mater, Victor established an endowed scholarship in chemistry and chemical engineering and created the Victor Baxt Chair in Polymer Engineering.

His service on boards also included the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (now the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island), Temple Beth-El, Jewish Home for the Aged, Jewish Seniors Agency, Tamarisk Home, and others. Gussie was an active volunteer, giving her time to organizations including The Miriam Hospital and the Jewish Federation.

Victor and Gussie became familiar with the Foundation through colleagues and friends, including Norman Fain and Mel Alperin, both former Foundation board members. “Victor liked what he heard about the Foundation, had great confidence in what they were doing in the community, and preferred to have our philanthropy handled professionally,” Gussie recalls. In 2006, they established a donor advised fund at the Foundation.

That same year, he told the Foundation, “I’ve made enough money to live nicely. I’m not the type to live extravagantly. I want my kids to have a nice life, but to live productively… I feel I have a commitment to the community and enjoy doing what I can.”

Victor died in 2012, and Gussie explains, “This (fund) is Victor’s legacy. I’m carrying it on as best I can, and I feel really good about giving. It’s a big responsibility, but with the Foundation’s support and guidance, it’s also very gratifying and gives me such pleasure.”

It’s a wonderful tribute to a man Gussie refers to as “a give back kind of guy.”

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– Gussie Baxt
“It’s our health and our group. We’re all there to learn and to work on our own issues. It’s a little piece of heaven.”
– Connie Susa on the monthly diabetes support group she attends at Coastal Hillside Family Medicine, Pawtucket

“I’ve seen a change to a focus on preventative care. And with computerized health records, the information is always there in front of the doctor.”
– Gil Bricault, a patient at Wood River Health Services, Hope Valley

Connie and Gil are two of more than 200,000 Rhode Islanders receiving healthcare through the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) model. Promoted by the Rhode Island Chronic Care Sustainability Initiative (CSI-RI), this model puts patients at the center of their healthcare team, led by their physicians, with the goal of keeping patients healthy.

Established in 2006 by then Health Insurance Commissioner Chris Koller, CSI-RI has grown from an initial five participating sites to 48 sites comprised of 36 practices and 300 physicians. With expansions planned for each of the next five years, CSI-RI will serve 500,000 patients, more than half of the state’s total population.

“PCMH means a higher quality of care, improved coordination of care, and greater patient engagement in healthcare.”
– Debra Hurwitz, MBA, BSN, RN
CSI-RI Co-director

healthcare,” states CSI-RI Co-director Debra Hurwitz, MBA, BSN, RN. “It provides greater access, more responsive care, and sets a platform where you can talk about better health,” continues Pano Yeracaris, MD, MPH, who joined CSI-RI as co-director in January 2014.

CSI-RI brings together the key players in healthcare – physicians, other care providers, insurers, and consumers – to focus on prevention, wellness, and appropriate treatment. The approach has proven especially effective in supporting
people with chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and depression.

“A diagnosis of a chronic disease can leave a person feeling helpless, but the PCMH model empowers patients and helps them realize their central role,” patient Connie Susa explains.

Nurse Care Manager Donna Soares, RN, CDE, CDOE, believes the team approach benefits everyone involved with patient care. “Formerly, most everything was handled by the doctor. Now, we (nurses, nurse care managers, medical assistants, and others) can do some of the follow-up. It allows physicians to spend more time with the patients they see.”

Donna, who works at University Family Medicine in East Greenwich, views her role as a motivator and educator. For a patient with diabetes, that may involve education about healthy eating and providing motivation for losing weight.

**CSI-RI has shown impressive results:**
- Expensive, unnecessary hospital and emergency room visits were reduced for patients of participating practices
- Quality measures for chronic conditions, strong indicators of patient quality of life, have been met
- Patients have given positive ratings on their experiences, including access, communication, and support
- 19 CSI-RI practices, many with multiple practice sites, have achieved Level 3 Recognition, the highest level in this National Committee for Quality Assurance program; NCQA is a national nonprofit dedicated to improving healthcare quality
- Job satisfaction increased for staff in PCMH model practices

CSI-RI is driven by a common contract between the health care plans and participating practices. It provides payments to supplement the traditional fee for service structure, allowing practices to implement the PCMH model and focus on quality improvement.

The Rhode Island Foundation serves as CSI-RI’s fiscal agent, and also has provided funding to assist two providers, Blackstone Valley Community Health Center and South County Hospital Healthcare System, to prepare for participation in the CSI-RI initiative.

“CSI truly is transforming the delivery of primary care in Rhode Island through improved quality of care, at lower prices, and with better health outcomes. We are very pleased with their promising results and their plans for future growth,” states Yvette Mendez, grant programs officer for health at the Foundation.

To learn more, visit www.pcmhri.org.
It’s an ambitious vision: “to see better outcomes for all youth, from cradle to career.” Yet the Providence Children and Youth Cabinet (CYC), with its 170 members, is improving the education and well-being of Providence children.

CYC was formed in 2010 when then-Mayor David Cicilline brought a group together to determine how best to serve the city’s children and youth. Current Providence Mayor Angel Taveras built upon CYC’s early work, helping the partners set common goals and form work groups to achieve those goals.

Rebecca Boxx, CYC director, recalls, “I had experienced firsthand how promising initiatives can start and stop, start and stop, but I thought early on, ‘This could really be something.’ It took awhile to establish a level of trust, but the relationships coalesced. It’s about a different way of working, a different approach to success for children, and what we want for all our kids.”

CYC, housed at the Annenberg Institute for School Reform at Brown University, is comprised of partners from education, state and local government, higher education, business, and community-based organizations. “This absolutely is an economic development and workforce development strategy,” Rebecca stresses, noting that business partners have emphasized their need for prepared, capable employees.

**CYC has four far-reaching goals:**
- All children enter kindergarten healthy and ready to learn
- All children are supported academically, emotionally, socially
- All children are successful academically and graduate high school
- All students are prepared for college, career, and life

Each of the goals has research-based, measurable indicators and a clearly-written statement of “why it matters.” For example, one of the indicators for the goal of supporting all children academically, emotionally, and socially is the percent of children who are chronically absent. Why does it matter? Research shows that chronic absenteeism is associated with low academic performance and high school dropout.

CYC’s Attendance Work Group, in collaboration with the Providence Public School Department (PPSD), tackled chronic absenteeism through an awareness campaign and attendance teams in individual schools. These schools report improved student attendance.

“I honestly think this represents a new approach that, with minimum investment, can reap tremendous awards,” Rebecca states. She cites numerous examples of ‘collective impact’ where partner organizations have credited their collaboration with CYC as critical to gaining competitive funding:

- The CYC was awarded a $200,000 grant from the Lumina Foundation to increase the number of city youth completing college
- Ready to Learn Providence, in partnership with PPSD, was awarded a four-year, $3M Investing in Innovation (i3) grant from the U.S. Department of Education
- Providence Community Library was awarded a $250,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Service for a two-year Ready for K! program it is under taking in collaboration with Ready to Learn Providence and PPSD.

CYC is a member of the Strive Network which “works with communities nationwide to help create a civic infrastructure to unite stakeholders around shared goals, measures, and results in education, supporting the success of every child, cradle to career.” It is based on a successful program that began in 2006 in Cincinnati.

“Providence is in the forefront with this work. The school department has been very committed and the collaboration from the private sector has been phenomenal. CYC is addressing real issues and removing barriers to success for all kids,” states former Grants Program Officer Denise Jenkins. The Foundation has awarded approximately $135,000 for CYC’s work which clearly aligns with the focus of our education success initiative on improving education outcomes for all public school students.

“The need to improve results for our students is of great urgency and great importance, and the momentum for implementing systemic change is significant. We’re going to have an impact,” Rebecca concludes.

To learn more, visit www.cycprovidence.org
The 170 members of the Providence Children and Youth Cabinet are represented by children from Ready to Learn Providence (top), Highlander Charter School (bottom left), and Providence Public School District (bottom right). Also pictured is a poster from the chronic absenteeism awareness campaign.

Photos: Ready to Learn Providence, Highlander Charter School, Providence Public Schools
In 1915, eleven prominent Rhode Islanders approached Rhode Island Hospital Trust Bank with the innovative idea of starting a community foundation for Rhode Island. (The country’s first community foundation had been established just one year earlier in Cleveland.) One of those forward thinking Rhode Islanders was R. H. Ives Goddard.

The Goddard family’s affiliation with the Foundation has not wavered since it was established in 1916. In 1932, Ives’s sister, Madeleine Ives Goddard (who became the Marquise d’Andigné...
when she married René d’Andigné) bequeathed $100,000 to
the Foundation to start an endowment that today is valued at
more than $800,000 and, in the last 10 years alone, has
awarded nearly $400,000. This first major gift to the
Foundation was designated by Madeleine “for the relief of
incurables.” Grants through the years have benefitted
organizations serving individuals with diseases including polio,
cancer, and Alzheimer’s.

In 1961, Ives’s son, Robert H. I. Goddard, was appointed to
the Foundation board of directors, a position he held for 33
years, including the last 22 as chairman. “That was a major part
of my father’s life during that time. He was very dedicated and
committed to the Foundation,” notes his daughter, Margaret
(Peggy) Goddard Leeson, who served on the Foundation
board from 1997 to 2006.

While on the board, Bob established two funds at the
Foundation: the Robert H. I. Goddard/St. Elizabeth Home Fund,
and the Robert H. I. Goddard Fund, an unrestricted fund.
Through his estate, Bob made plans for another fund. He died
in 2003 at age 93, and after the death of his wife, Hope, last
year at age 98, the Robert H. I. Goddard and Hope Drury
Goddard Fund was established at the Foundation.

The Foundation is one of dozens of community organizations
with which the couple was involved. The list is a virtual who’s
who of Rhode Island nonprofit organizations.

The Goddards’ son Ives explains, “What was characteristic of
my father’s approach to community service was that he just
did it as a matter of course. It was part of his everyday
activities, and it wasn’t just a matter of writing a check.” Noting
that his father was a great conservationist, Ives recalls his father
traipsing through the woods, sawing limbs off trees, and
painting the scar with creosote to protect it.

His brother, Moses, recalls too their father’s love of the sea
and his “obsession with old sailing vessels.” Of his commitment
to the community, Moses says, “We all learned to give back
early in our careers through his example.”

Of the new fund, William H. D. Goddard, another son, states,
“It’s a continuation of what the family has been doing for a
long time. It’s a matter of community responsibility for people
who are fortunate and have the means to give something back
to the community.”

“He wanted to leave a legacy, and he wanted to leave a
good portion of it through the Rhode Island Foundation. I see
this as a way to expand our family giving and, more
importantly, a way to involve our children in giving,” says Tom,
another of Bob and Hope’s sons.

Peggy agrees, noting, “It was set up so it can go on for
generations. I’m sure our father would have hoped it would
go on.”

Carol Golden, senior philanthropic advisor at the Foundation,
says, “Bob and Hope were committed to making Rhode Island
a better place. The Foundation looks forward to supporting the
Goddard Family as they continue the family legacy with this
new fund.”

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NETWORKS KEY TO BUILDING RHODE ISLAND’S ECONOMY

At Make It Happen RI in September 2012, the Foundation issued a call to action to Rhode Island’s private sector: let’s step up, in whatever ways we can, to improve Rhode Island’s economy. Since the original session, the Foundation has convened, connected, and provided $1 million in funding. In partnership with Commerce RI, we brought leaders together to explore opportunities at the intersections of industries. Among the themes that have gained traction: strong networks that leverage connections, opportunities for job growth, and talent within and across industries.

“They may be working in different industries, but all of these groups are focused on leveraging our assets and positioning Rhode Island as a leader,” explained Jessica David, the Foundation’s vice president for strategy and community investments. “Even more exciting is that, together, they’re building a network of doers. It’s a great example of the whole being greater than the sum of the parts.”

Digital City is a collective of the digitally minded, a “force-multiplier” that is working to transform Rhode Island into an international hub for digital media design and production. “Creating a critical mass of digital media literate workers and Rhode Island based companies is the key to achieving a thriving 21st century economy,” emphasized director Taliesin Gilkes-Bower. Already, Digital City has launched DC206, a vibrant community and co-work space in AS220’s Mercantile Block, and is bringing together academic institutions and programs across Rhode Island to promote and provide up-to-date digital education and citizenship in Rhode Island.

Also working in the creative economy is DESIGNxRI, an economic builder, collaborator, and communicator for design industries in Rhode Island. As architect Christine West describes, “We have a lot of designers in Rhode Island, from world-class superstars to brand new one-person companies. In fact, Rhode Island ranks among the highest states in the country for designers per capita.” DESIGNxRI’s purpose is to bring more business for designers into the state and to provide a platform for members to help each other create stronger businesses.

Similarly, MedMates is accelerating the growth of Rhode Island’s healthcare-technology sector. Its 250+ members

“They're building a network of doers. It's a great example of the whole being greater than the sum of the parts.” – Jessica David
include companies focused on research and development, manufacturing, distribution, and information technology, as well as hospitals, universities, sources of capital, and government partners, and they range from startups to mature companies. “Our mission is to build an interconnected web of talent in order to grow Rhode Island’s vital health care technology sector,” said co-founder David Goldsmith. MedMates is focused on creating a robust entrepreneurial launchpad, helping to shape public policy, and generating awareness at the national level of Rhode Island’s capabilities in biotech and life sciences.

EdTechRI is also on the technology scene, connecting the entrepreneurs who build education technology tools and the people who use it. “The goal of EdTechRI is to bring many of the companies that are in the growing edtech space right here to Rhode Island and to bring the innovations and best practices that are coming out of this new way of teaching into our classrooms,” said Shawn Rubin, director of technology integration at the Highlander Institute. A vibrant network of educators, students, and parents, EdTechRI has been featured by the national educational technology press. Members collaborate on product development and testing.

These are just a few examples of several collaborations underway across the state that we’ve been tracking since Make It Happen RI. On Main Street in Warren, Hope & Main is constructing Rhode Island’s first food business incubator. Styleweek Northeast is a biannual fashion week that connects buyers and press with local emerging design talent. Co-working spaces are popping up across the state at the Founders League, The Hatch, The Hive, and Quonset Business Park. And Rhode Island’s 11 colleges and universities are working together to generate research for policymakers through the College & University Research Collaborative and to connect employers with interns through bRldge.jobs.
2013 Rhode Island Innovation Fellows Lynn Taylor, MD, and Adrienne Gagnon are focusing their fellowship efforts on eradicating Hepatitis C and expanding “design thinking,” respectively. The fellowship program is possible through the generosity and vision of philanthropists Letitia and John Carter.

Recognized at a reception in their honor were newly-selected participants of the Loan Forgiveness Program. This program, for physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants, helps ensure a stable and adequate supply of primary care professionals to meet the health care needs of Rhode Islanders.

Honorees at the Foundation’s 2013 Annual Meeting were Paul and Elizabeth Choquette, Inspiring Partners Award, with Neil Steinberg; A. Max Kohlenberg, Esq., Harold B. Soloveitzik Professional Leadership Award, with James Sanzi, Esq. and Neil Steinberg; and The Learning Community, Community Leadership Award, represented by Co-Founders/Directors Meg O’Leary and Sarah Friedman, with Daniel Kertzner and Neil Steinberg.
New in 2013, the competitive Spark Grants program, conceived of and funded by Letitia and John Carter, provided 80 third grade Providence teachers with awards for projects that encouraged innovation in the classroom. Here, the Carters accept thank you letters from students at Veazie Street Elementary School, Providence.

Andy Hargreaves (far right), Thomas More Brennan Chair, Lynch School of Education at Boston College, led a discussion in the “Building a 21st Century Education System in Rhode Island: Getting it Done” series co-sponsored by the Foundation’s Civic Leadership Fund and the Annenberg Institute for School Reform at Brown University.

The Foundation launched Rhode Island: It’s All in Our Backyard in 2013 to uncover and elevate all that’s great in our state, including Armando Nieves, founder and president of Armando & Sons Meat Market Group. This Puerto Rican-born and multi-lingual butcher and grocer serves customers from throughout New England at two Rhode Island locations.

The Foundation’s Initiative for Nonprofit Excellence, in partnership with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island, presented 2013 Best Practice Awards to New Urban Arts for board governance, Youth in Action for leadership development, and the Basic Needs Network of Washington County for collaboration. Shown here: Peter Andruszkiewicz, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island; Russ Partridge, WARM Center; Cynthia Gardiner, Wood River Health Services; Elizabeth Pasqualini, Jonnycake Center of Westerly; Jill Pfitzenmayer and Neil Steinberg, Rhode Island Foundation.
Our Grants Programs

Foundation grants fall into two broad categories: discretionary grants made at the direction of Foundation staff and directors, and grants recommended by our donors through donor advised and designated funds. In 2013, Foundation-directed grants represented 35% of total grantmaking; donor-directed grants totaled 65%.

In December 2013, our directors approved a new strategic plan for the Foundation (see inside front cover), which defines our grantmaking areas of focus:

Three strategic initiatives:
- Education success
- Economic security
- Healthy lives

Five additional grantmaking areas of focus:
- Arts and culture
- Children and families
- Environment
- Housing
- Basic human needs

As the largest and most comprehensive funder in the state, the Foundation is committed to maximizing impact through grants, outreach, and other community investments. 2013 was another record year for our grantmaking with $31 million awarded to more than 1,300 organizations.

FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAMS
The Rhode Island Foundation offers grants through many programs. Some of our premier grant programs include:

STRATEGY GRANTS strive for lasting impact and serve disadvantaged Rhode Islanders in the areas of focus at left.

SMALL GRANTS for activities that strengthen and improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness and small-scale projects with high potential for advancing the priorities in one of the areas of focus above.

SCHOLARSHIPS provide financial assistance for educational opportunities through more than 150 scholarship funds.

A full list of grants made in 2013 is available at www.rifoundation.org.
Community foundations are unique in that they are funded not from a single source, but from many individuals, families, organizations, and corporations that have established funds. Donors generously contributed $43.7 million in 2013 to establish new funds and to add to existing funds at the Foundation. We are honored to work with our partners in the community – donors, professional advisors, nonprofit organizations, and civic leaders – to maintain this momentum. Thank you for putting your trust in us.

**PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

We thank our Professional Advisory Council members for the advice and assistance they provided to the Foundation in 2013.

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**YOU CAN ESTABLISH YOUR OWN PERMANENT FUND, NOW OR THROUGH YOUR ESTATE PLAN**

Types of funds:

**UNRESTRICTED** enables the Foundation to determine and support programs that address the state's most pressing issues

**FIELD OF INTEREST** identifies an area of interest, e.g. health, education, or a geographic region

**DONOR ADVISED** allows a donor and named successors to recommend nonprofit organizations to receive grants

**CORPORATE ADVISED** allows a corporation to recommend nonprofit organizations to receive grants

**DESIGNATED** identifies one or more specific nonprofit organizations for support

**SCHOLARSHIP** benefits students in specific communities, in particular areas of study, or at specific high schools or colleges/universities

**ORGANIZATIONAL ENDOWMENT** enables a nonprofit organization to receive grants and planned giving support and to take advantage of our professionally managed investments

**YOU ALSO CAN SUPPORT AN ESTABLISHED FUND**

**FUND FOR RHODE ISLAND:** our unrestricted fund which supports our state’s most pressing needs

**CIVIC LEADERSHIP FUND:** our current use fund, established in 2011, which empowers us to go “beyond grantmaking” to influence critical community challenges through convening, research, and policy

Or any of our more than 1,300 established funds

To learn more, contact James S. Sanzi, Esq., vice president of development, at jsanzi@rifoundation.org or (401) 427-4025, or any member of the development department (see page 61).
Our Funds

With generous donors contributing $43.7 million in 2013, Foundation assets at year end were more than $790 million.

Each of our 1,371 funds has a story behind it, a purpose before it. Together, they reflect the collective philanthropy of our many partners and communities.
The following is a list of the component funds at the Rhode Island Foundation with a balance of at least $10,000 or, if established before 1995, a balance of at least $5,000. Donors who wish to remain anonymous are not listed.

Funds appearing for the first time in the Foundation Annual Report are in black.
Those with a ★ have a profile in this book.
To learn about creating your own charitable legacy, contact the development department at (401) 274-4564.

Lorne A. Adrain Fund for Community Leadership (1997)
Lorne A. Adrain Fund for Special Olympics (1998)
Ross and Mary Aiello Fund (1979)
Louise M. Aldrich Fund (1987)
Louise M. Aldrich Fund (2006)
Allen Family Fund (1994)
Mark and Kathleen Alperin Fund (1997)
Patty & Melvin Alperin First Generation Scholarship Fund (1998)
★ Amaral Family Scholarship Fund (2013)
Amaranth of RI Diabetes Fund (2007)
American Legion Stark-Parker Post #21 Fund (2005)
Anne W. Anderson Fund (1996)
Edward R. Anderson CLU Scholarship Fund (1986)
Hugold B. and Barbara A. Anderson Fund (1989)
Hugold and Berndt and Jane Anderson Fund (2001)
Emily J. Anthony Fund (1931) (2)
Emily J. Anthony Fund (2011)
Chad Antoch Memorial Fund (1996)
Aquidneck Island Fund (2003)
Rhea Archambault Memorial Fund (1987)
Archive, Document, Display and Dissemination Fund (1986)
Artists Development Fund (1987)
As she gives a tour of the church, The Rev. Dr. Anita Schell-Lambert, rector of Emmanuel Church in Newport, states, “It was the women of the 19th century who were the organizers of what became Emmanuel Church.”

The church history extends back to 1841 when three women, concerned that many residents could not attend church due to the tradition of charging for pew seats, began holding meetings in their homes and inviting others to join them. Two church buildings preceded the current stone church which was constructed with funds given by another woman, Natalie Bayard Brown in memory of her husband, John Nicholas Brown. Natalie Brown’s descendants still are active in the church today, and her late son, John Nicholas Brown, II, served on the Rhode Island Foundation board of directors from 1930 to 1972.

“The church has a history of good female leadership,” Rev. Schell-Lambert explains, pointing out a tribute to Deaconess Bertha Butts, who served Emmanuel Church for more than 25 years and whose former home now houses the parish offices.

One of two endowments transferred to the Foundation was the result of a woman’s bequest. Margit Baum left funds for Emmanuel Church, as well as other Newport churches, to help indigent people in Newport. Born in Vienna, Austria, Margit was a Newport resident at the time of her death in 2001. “I get calls every day from people who need assistance. The funds have filled a real need,” Rev. Schell-Lambert relates.

The second endowment, the Brown Fund, honors John Nicholas Brown and his brother, Harold, who died within days of each other in May of 1900, John from typhoid fever and Harold from pneumonia.

The endowments were transferred to the Foundation after Rev. Schell-Lambert and the Vestry researched firms and organizations with which to partner. “Rhode Island Foundation was head and shoulders above the others. The Foundation is so aligned with our mission of service to the community. It was a clear choice for the Vestry and me.”
In the town of Narragansett lies a unique 175 acre piece of land. Named after the chief sachem of the Narragansett Indians, Canonchet, this land, Canonchet Farm, was part of former Rhode Island Governor William Sprague’s sprawling estate in the 1800s.

Now some 150 years later, the Friends of Canonchet Farm, a volunteer-led organization, came together to preserve and improve Canonchet Farm. Since inception in 2007, they’ve put in a lot of work, including removing asphalt from the base of European beach grove trees, a project that involved more than 60 different volunteers and resulted in the successful removal of nearly 50 tons of asphalt from the area.

Their current project involves the removal of invasive plants and restoring the natural habitat around Lake Canonchet and Little Neck Pond. “We’ve had amazing results,” said Kathie Kelleher, volunteer and secretary of the Friends of Canonchet Farm. “People can’t believe the work volunteers have done without using pesticides,” she added. Since the removal project began, the land has grown back 30 different native species.

It’s work like this that’s earned the Friends of Canonchet Farm Narragansett’s prestigious Knights of the Rockingham Arch (KORA) Award. “The KORA award is typically given to individuals who do a lot for the town and this was the first time an organization had ever received it,” said Kathie.

In addition to their efforts to improve the land, the Friends of Canonchet Farm hold educational and fun guided walks that cover a variety of subjects ranging from historical to cultural to scientific. This year the Friends of Canonchet Farm hosted nearly 200 visitors. “This farm means a lot to the community now. It’s changed from a place where nobody even knew it existed to a place where people say ‘I can’t believe this beautiful spot is here in Narragansett.’ It’s where you walk on the trail and you always see somebody,” said Kathie.

“It is our hope that through this endowment at the Rhode Island Foundation we can raise enough funds within five years to hire a dedicated part-time person to continue the great work we’ve done so far,” concluded Kathie.
He followed his interests with a passion and always wanted to help people,” says Tony Del Vecchio of his longtime friend, Samuel Chester who died in July of 2012 at age 99, just months after his beloved wife, Esther, died at age 94.

Sam and Esther (Greenberg) Chester both were born and raised in South Providence. Sam graduated from Classical High School, earned an undergraduate degree in biology from Providence College (which later awarded him an honorary doctorate), and intended to become a doctor. But when his father became seriously ill, Sam returned home to take over the family business, Standard Wire Company.

He later sold the business to pursue medicine, not as a doctor, but rather as a cancer researcher. Sam helped develop a clinical test to detect early stages of colon cancer; tested cell therapy for the treatment of leukemia, and advocated for the use of an FDA drug, approved for combating heroin and alcohol addiction, in the treatment of melanoma.

It was through another passion, music, that Sam met his future wife. “Esther was an accomplished pianist and had a quartet. They needed a violinist and Sam was there,” Tony says. The Chesters were married for 50 years. Sam was a violinist for 28 years with the Rhode Island Philharmonic and founder (along with Tony and others) of the nonprofit Friends of the Music Mansion.

Esther earned degrees in fine arts and education from Rhode Island School of Design and a master of education from Rhode Island College. She was a high school art teacher and an award-winning artist, specializing in a medium known as gouache.

These funds honor the Chesters’ passions: the Samuel J. and Esther Chester Arts Fund will support arts education for youth; the Samuel J. and Esther Chester Medical Research Fund will support medical research with a preference for research in the areas of cancer or pain management; and the Louis and Goldie Chester Full Plate Kosher Food Pantry Fund, named in honor of Sam’s parents, will support the food pantry at the Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island.

Joy Homestead was built circa 1774 by the Joy family, who were farmers and shoemakers. In 1781, the family witnessed French soldiers, led by General Rochambeau, passing by on their way to join George Washington’s army in New York. The homestead, on Cranston’s Scituate Avenue, is designated as a historic site on the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) and has been owned by the Society since 1959.

Sandra notes the financial challenges of preserving the historic buildings, and long advocated for the Society to establish an endowment fund. The initially small fund grew considerably about five years ago when Bob Carosi, a former Society board member, left the organization its first bequest. A second bequest followed in 2012 from a woman, unknown to the Society, who had a partial share in a neighboring home. Other funds have come from memorial gifts given in the name of deceased members.

Sandra credits Steve Frias, the Society’s finance chair; and resident managers Gregg and Mary Mierka with helping to persuade the Board to transfer the funds to the Foundation. “At the Foundation, we know the endowment will last, will be professionally managed, and will give us a steady source of income,” she states.
**DELMONICO FAMILY FUND**

Family is very important to Gilda “Jill” Delmonico, who is honoring her late parents and siblings through this donor advised fund.

“The Delmonico family in Rhode Island was very close,” she shares, explaining that her father, Giovanni Del Monaco (the name was later changed to Delmonico), came to the States in 1909 at the age of 17. After living in Boston and South Windham, ME, he settled in Providence’s Federal Hill neighborhood.

He spent six months each year in the U.S. and six months in his native Italy. In 1922, he married Carmela De Santis, but it wasn’t until 1935 that the family – then including Jill’s older brother and sister – came to Rhode Island.

“In America, my father tried everything when it came to work;” Jill states, noting he had worked at foundries, machine and wire companies, and later made and sold ice, ice cream, lemonade, candy, and fudge. He started Delmonico Ice Cream Company in 1947.

Jill’s siblings, Anna and Adolph, joined their father in the business.

She says the company’s biggest achievement was when it was selected to manufacture Clarabell bars through the then-popular television show, Howdy Doody. But the business suffered when large ice cream manufacturers became prominent. In the 1990s, Delmonico Ice Cream was sold to Warwick Ice Cream.

Jill was the only one of Giovanni’s children not to join the family business. A graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School, Jill attended Providence College before working at Eastern Scientific as a secretary and later as a sales representative. She also worked at the North Providence Library and has volunteered with Meals on Wheels, St. Edward’s Church food kitchen, Amos House, and McAuley House. Jill served on the board of the Italian American Historical Society of Rhode Island for more than 10 years and was the Society’s vice president for four years.

She learned about the Rhode Island Foundation through long-time friend Camille Roberti, who established the Dr. Robert F. Roberti Fund in 1992 to honor her late husband. Jill made numerous contributions to the Roberti Fund before deciding that she also wanted to memorialize her family. “This permanent fund is a wonderful way to keep the Delmonico family name alive, while also contributing to the community;” she concludes.

Bristol Historical & Preservation Society Helene L. Tessler Fund (2009)
Olive C.P. Brittan Memorial Scholarship Fund (2001)
Helen E.B. Bromley Memorial Scholarship Fund (2001)
Brooks Family Fund (2000)
Abbie A. Brougham Memorial Fund (1988)
Georgia A. Brown Fund (1991)
Jean Margaret Young Brown Fund (2006)
Walter G. Brown Fund (1964)
Bubba Fund (2009)
C. Warren Bubier Fund (2001)
Alfred Buckley Fund (1977)
Helen H. Buckley Fund (2003)
Marjorie W. and George B. Bullock, Jr. Fund (2001)
David P. Bulman Memorial Scholarship Fund (2005)
Bernard V. Buonanno Classical High School Fund (2010)
Dr. Alex M. Burgess Memorial Fund (1974)
Burke Bryant Family Fund (2001)
John P. Burke Memorial Fund (2005)
Butler Family Fund (2012)
Virginia B. Butler Fund (1978)
Edith T. Cabot Fund (1966)
John C. Cahill Memorial Fund (1997)
Ann Burton Cameron and Louise Cameron Hintze Fund (2012)
CANE Child Development Center Fund (2005)
Friends of Canonchet Farm Endowment Fund (2013)
Ruth A. Capron Fund (1991)
Anthony and Attilia E. Caran Fund for the Retarded (2007)
Donald and Suzanne Carcieri Fund (1998)
Patricia B. and Paul C. Carlson Fund (1994)
Carpenter Fund (1927) (2)
Ginger, Sheba and Susie Carr Fund (2013)
Richard N. Carr Memorial Scholarship Fund (1996)
Copenhagen has The Little Mermaid, Chicago has The Picasso, Denver has "I See What You Mean" (a 40-foot blue bear peering into the Colorado Convention Center), and New London has the Whale Tale Fountain.

Charles Denby, M.D., has a similar vision for public art in Providence. "I would like to see Superman on top of the 'Superman building' (111 Westminster Street, Providence). People respond to that kind of thing."

Noting that he and his wife, Sarah, have had the opportunity to travel extensively, he relates, "We have personally seen very lively, inspirational outdoor art. It can lift up the aesthetic profile of a city and improve a city's economic position through new tourism and convention business. Having cool, fun art would do great things for the city."

Born and raised in Chicago, Charley came to Rhode Island in 1974 as a student at Brown Medical School. Specializing in clinical psychiatry, he later worked at The Providence Center; was an assistant clinical professor at Brown, and has been in private practice since 1997.

His passion for art carries on a family interest. One of his uncles, he explains, was involved with the Chicago Art Institute, an uncle in California collected modern and Oriental art, and his grandfather was active with the Pittsburgh Symphony. "As I look back, I'm happy to continue what was a bit of a family tradition," Charley notes.

He has many ideas for public art in Providence, from Superman to a bust of Kennedy in Kennedy Plaza and from a bike rack constructed from a “surreal, cool bicycle drawing” by a Rhode Island School of Design student to a wave fountain. He envisions local artists displaying and selling their works, the city leasing sculpture, and the installation of signature, permanent pieces. "It's the level of art that would bring people into the city and boost the economy," he explains.

"The Foundation, through a donor advised fund, allows me a mechanism to participate in funding this new effort. This is an unserved niche, as there isn't funding for this type of art," he concludes.
A life well lived,“ Christine Driscoll says of her aunt, Frieda Dengal, who died in September 2012 at age 91. “She was a single, self-made woman. Through her own hard work, she was successful.”

Born in Rehoboth, MA, Frieda lived her entire adult life in Pawtucket. She rose through the ranks at Verizon, working in the company’s business service department. During World War II, she took her work one step further, serving as a citizen volunteer international operator in Seattle, WA.

“She was one of the operators connecting calls to the Pacific Rim. Much of the work was top secret and involved everything that was happening in the war,” Christine explains.

Frieda’s volunteer efforts continued throughout her life. “She was a Gray Lady for the Red Cross. I think she was a frustrated nurse. She didn’t have money for school, which I think is why she wanted (through this fund) to provide scholarships for nursing students,” says another niece, Kathy Urbanik, who continues, “She also drove patients for dialysis in Boston. She didn’t mind driving there; she was fearless.”

Through volunteer work at women’s shelters in Pawtucket and Providence, she became known as the ice cream lady. “She would bring ice cream for the children. She felt it was important that the children have treats,” Kathy explains.

“And she was the cereal lady at Amos House. She would load her car with food and deliver it to Amos House. She wanted to assure that people’s — and especially children’s — basic needs were taken care of,” Christine recalls.

Of her aunt’s decision to continue to help others through the Foundation, Christine says, “She wanted to give to something where she could do the most good… where her fund could grow and where it would be added to other funds to have an even greater impact.”

Through a trust Frieda established, this fund forever will “support medical research and provide scholarships for students studying to become nurses and other medical professionals, and assist children in need to obtain a quality education and health care, especially dental and eye care.”

FRIEDA DENGAL FUND

Cohen-Toon Fund (2012)
Arnold B. and Madelyn Collins Fund (2000)
Common Cause Rhode Island
Community Preparatory School
Nina H. Congdon Fund (1976)
Congdon Fund for the Benefit of Grace Church in Providence (2003)
Conservation Stewardship Collaborative Endowment (2007)
Constant Memorial Fund (1999)
Charles Nourse Cook and Mary C. Cook Fund (1938)
Christiane Corbat Art and Healing Fund (2006)
John & Lori Anne Corbishley Fund (1996)
John & Lori Anne Corbishley Memorial Garden Fund (2005)
Corliss Fund (1991)
Corning Glass Works Scholarship Fund (1974)
LeRoy P. Cox Trust (1992)
Cox Charities Northeast Fund (2009)
Horace and Reverend E. Naomi Craig Scholarship Fund (2000)
Mary Lou Crandall Fund (2006)
★ Cranston Historical Society Endowment Fund (2013)
Mary C. Crowell Fund (1976)
James P. Crowley, Sr. Football Scholarship Fund (2013)
John Michael Crowley Memorial Scholarship Fund (2012)
Paul Cuffee School/Rosalind C. Wiggins Fund (2008)
Helena Cullen and Anita Cinq-Mars Fund (2006)
Cumberland Land Trust Greenways Endowment Fund (2008)
Cumberland Public Library
Includes: Alice Codding Endowment Fund for Cumberland Public Library (2011); Cumberland Grange Endowment Fund for Cumberland Public Library (2011); and Cumberland Library Endowment Fund (2013)
Lillian Cumming Streetscape Fund (1988)
Rhode Island Foundation

Marquise d’Andigne Fund (1932)
Viola M. Dascoli Fund (2010)
William N. and Dorothy Q. Davis Fund (2003)
Walter L. and Edna N. Davol Fund (1993)
DeAngelis Family Fund (1978)
James Philip Deery Fund (1987)
Margaret Deery Fund (1987)
Allene deKotzebue Fund (1953)
★ Delmonico Family Fund (2013)
Delta Dental of Rhode Island Fund (2005)
Beatrice S. Demers Fund (2007)
★ Denby Family Fund for Public Art in Providence (2013)
Frieda Dengal Fund (2013)
Giovanni deNicola & Dora DeAmicis Memorial Fund (2003)
Densmore Scholarship Fund (1993)
★ Thomas DePetrillo and Carol Keefe Fund (2013)
DeRabbanan Fund (1989)
Clementina DeRocco Memorial Fund (1985)
David and Elaine DeSousa Family Fund (2006)
Developmentally Disabled and Retarded Special Needs Fund in Memory of Louise A. Shuster (1991)
Claudia and Mary Howe DeWolf Fund (1991)
Olive B. DeWolf Fund in Memory of Paul Churchill DeWolf (1990)
Jeremiah Dexter Family Fund (1998)
Dibble Memorial Fund (1990)
Dr. Bruno DiClemente Scholarship Fund (2001)
★ Dimock Fund (2013)
Directors’ Fund (2000)
Iona Dobbins Art Fund (2000)
★ Iona Blake Dobbins Scholarship Fund for the Visual Arts (2013)
Edgar M. Docherty Memorial Fund (2001)
Sylvia G. Donnelly Fund (1988)
Dorcas Place Partners for Learning Fund (1999)
Elizabeth M. Drapala Memorial Scholarship Fund (2002)
Frosty Drew Nature Center Fund (1985)
Gregory Dubuc Memorial Scholarship Fund (2008)
Sheila A. Duffy Fund (1997)
Edward Leon Duhamel Scholarship Fund (1991)

In his recently-released book, Don’t Stop the Roller Coaster: Business and Life Lessons, Tom DePetrillo states, “Having money is nice, but it is a blessing only if you share some of it to help your community and those less fortunate than you.”

That is what Tom and his wife, Carol Keefe, plan to do through this donor advised fund. “We both have a penchant to contribute to poor people, where the money goes directly to them, and where you can see the results. We want to help people who are really having a hard time in their lives,” Carol explains.

Tom was raised primarily in Chad Brown public housing in Providence, and is one of 11 children. “It was really a great childhood. We didn’t think about how little our parents had,” Tom says.

He completed ninth grade, then quit school to help support his family. Enlisting in the service at 17, Tom obtained his GED and completed a one-year electronics course before serving two years in Germany. Upon discharge, he worked in electronics for General Electric, Raytheon, and Westinghouse. Tom later became a stock broker, then an investment banker which he continued until 1996 when he started his own venture capital and buyout firm, Providence Capital Group.

Carol, who was born in Boston and grew up in Connecticut, earned an undergraduate degree from Southern Connecticut State University and a master’s in education from University of Massachusetts Amherst. She taught remedial reading in junior and senior high schools in Massachusetts before pursuing a law degree at Suffolk University. After graduating, she worked in the attorney general’s office as a criminal prosecutor, worked as a public defender, and later entered private practice, from which she retired eight years ago.

Carol and Tom’s family includes Tom’s three children from an earlier marriage, Tom, Erin, and Paul, as well as two grandchildren.

Tom concludes his book by encouraging readers “to do their part to help other people and make the world a better place. Get involved. You can make a difference.” That’s what Tom and Carol are doing through the Foundation.
“If you can afford to give back, then why wouldn’t you?” asks Stan Dimock, who established this donor advised fund. Stan has found numerous ways to give back, with a focus on the environment.

Born and raised in central Connecticut, Stan explains, “The environment has always been important to my family.” He shares that his grandfather donated land for preservation and his mother was knowledgeable about birding, took Stan and his sister on hikes, and enjoyed summers in Maine with the family. “Nature’s always been pretty close to home,” Stan says.

Following his graduation from Bates College, Stan followed in his father’s footsteps and entered the insurance business, first with Kemper Insurance in Providence and later with Pawtucket Mutual Insurance. After 20 years in the business and incidents that included being physically attacked and having his life threatened, Stan left the field.

He planned to take time to chart his next steps, but volunteering to help with a mailing at Save The Bay (STB) changed that. “I called the next morning and told them I was ready to commit full time,” Stan recalls.

After being named STB’s Volunteer of the Year in 1998, Stan served as the organization’s volunteer coordinator from 1999 to 2003 and has been its operations assistant since 2003. “Cleanups are something I brought to Save The Bay. I grew the program from 600 volunteers to more than 1,000. I thoroughly enjoyed it,” Stan explains.

His shoreline cleanups are not limited to his efforts with Save The Bay. Since moving to Bristol in 1995, he has dedicated himself to cleaning Bristol Harbor. “I’ve been in every nook and cranny, trying to get all the trash I can get my hands on. I love being outdoors, being active, and trying to improve the world around me. It’s what makes me tick,” he shares.

This fund provides another avenue for Stan to improve the world around him. Of his decision to partner with the Foundation, Stan notes, “I want to make sure there’s more to my giving than one-time gifts, and I like the financial security and permanence that the Foundation provides.”

DIMOCK FUND

Charles and Nancy Dunn Family Fund (2011)
Dutch Island Lighthouse Endowment Fund (2011)
Grace M. Eastwood Fund for North Kingstown Free Library (2007)
J.D. Edsal Scholarship Fund (1981)
Priscilla B. & Henry P. Eldredge Fund (1990)
Priscilla Bateson Eldredge ’40 - Middlebury College Fund (1997)
Elmwood Church-Congregational Christian Fund (1955)
Emmanuel Church
Includes:
★ Baum Fund for Emmanuel Church (2013)
and
★ Brown Fund for Emmanuel Church (2013)
Embolden Charitable Fund (2012)
English-Speaking Union Boston Branch Educational Endowment (2007)
Includes: Simone P. Joyaux and Tom Ahern Fund for Equity Action; Sally E. Lapides Fund for Equity Action; Julia Lorillard Pell Fund for Equity Action; Bhikhaji M. Maneckji Fund for Equity Action; Schoenfeld Family Fund for Equity Action; and SoCoWiWo Fund
ETCO, Inc. Fund (1988)
Evangelista Family Fund (2000)
Linda Fain Family Fund in Memory of Beatrice and Archie Fain (2001)
Effie R. Fairley Fund (1992)
Matthew J. Fandetti Memorial Fund (2002)
John David Fanning Memorial Fund (1985)
Farnham Fund (1999)
Feibelman Family Fund (1988)
Harold C. and May Noel Field Fund (1968)
Harold J. Field Fund (1994)
Fifth Ward Memorial Fund (1962)
Frank and Anne Fiorenzano Scholarship Fund (2002)
Frederick J. Fish, Jr. Fund (1998)
Hyman and Mollie Fishbein Fund (1996)
John R. Fitton Memorial Fund (1988)
Kevin A. Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship Fund (1989)
Mary L. Flanigan Fund (1987)
James A. and Elizabeth K. Fletcher Fund (1993)
Iona Blake Dobbins Scholarship Fund for the Visual Arts

"First lady of the arts in Rhode Island."
"A champion for artists and the arts."
“Our artist in chief."

These are just a few of the tributes Iona Dobbins earned during her more than 40 years of dedicated service to the arts in Rhode Island. Born in Boston and raised in Franklin, MA, Iona was a graduate of Fisher College in Boston. She came to Rhode Island in 1960 when her husband, Dick, joined the faculty at Brown University.

Iona volunteered extensively, promoted arts in education, and served on nonprofit boards. She was the state coordinator for the New England Foundation for the Arts, founded Business Volunteers for the Arts in Rhode Island and First Night Providence, and helped establish VSA Arts of Rhode Island. She was executive director of the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts and was active with the Providence Art Club and the Art League of Rhode Island, serving as the latter organization’s president from 2008 to 2010. Iona died in July, 2012 at age 82.

The Art League hosted “IonaFest” in September of 2013 “to celebrate, promote, and support the arts by honoring the life and legacy of Iona B. Dobbins.” Event proceeds benefited both this scholarship fund and the existing Iona B. Dobbins Art Fund at the Foundation.

“Iona was somebody whom everyone in the arts community knew and knew over a long period of time,” explains Stephen Metcalf, treasurer of the Art League.

“The scholarship fund is a way to keep Iona’s name alive, to tell people about her passions, and to help get young people to the next level in their artistic efforts,” explains Kristie Gardiner, secretary of the Art League.

Noting the arts can provide people with a sense of community, Kristie said that in bringing the fund to the Foundation, “We looked at the mission of the Foundation, and we like that it’s a community foundation.”

“And your return sounded great. A group of professionals are doing the work that we wouldn’t be able to do,” Steve adds.

James A. and Elizabeth K. Fletcher Fund (1987)
Kenneth P. Flint Fund (2011)
Heather and Ronald Florence Fund (2009)
Flower Power Inc. Fund (2005)
Sarah Adams Fogg & Henry Meader Fogg Fund (1992)
Lois Hamilton Fontaine Scholarship Fund of the Westerly College Club, Inc. (1997)
Forer Family Fund (1999)
Fort Adams Preservation Fund (2008)
Maria A. Forte-Tocco Scholarship Fund (2002)
Foundation for Health Fund (2006)
Four Corners Community Chapel Endowment Fund (2011)
Alan Fox Fund for the Music School of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra (2001)
Eva and Boris Frankfurt Fund (2008)
George R. Frankovich Scholarship Fund (1996)
Mary Ethier Frappier Fund (2010)
Alexander E. and Alice M. Fraser Fund (1972)
Aldo Freda Scholarship Fund (1997)
Marion Baker Freeman Fund (1963)
Mimi and Peter Freeman Fund (2003)
Robert E. Freeman Downcity Fund (1992)
Fredric C. Friedman/Sheryl A. Jacobson Fund (2009)
Fruit Hill Women’s Clubs Scholarship Fund (1982)
Albert H. Fuchs Trust (1995)
Fund for Arts and Culture (2011)
Fund for Children and Families (2011)
Fund for Community Progress Endowment Fund in Memory of Joseph R. Vanni (1993)
Fund for Education (2010)
Fund for the Environment (2011)
Fund for Grace Church (1980)
Fund for Greater Providence YMCA (2003)
Fund for a Healthy Rhode Island (2008)
Fund for Housing (2011)
Fund for Rhode Island (1916)
Thomas E. Furey Fund (2009)
Bob and Wini Galkin Fund (2012)
Ira S. and Anna Galkin Fund (1977)
Madeline P. Gamble Fund (1987)
Ira S. and Anna Galkin Fund (1977)
Both feel very grateful to Rhode Island,” says Ellen Gower, noting it is where she enjoyed a successful banking career and her husband, Dick, ran his family’s business, White Fuel Company, for 47 years.

Ellen, who grew up in Richmond, VA, elaborates, “I fell in love with Rhode Island. It’s beautiful, close to skiing and the ocean, and Providence is such a nice, small city. There’s always something going on.”

Ellen came to Rhode Island by way of Northwestern University (where she earned her B.S. in radio/TV) and New York City, where she was a TV commercial production assistant at McCann Erickson Advertising. In 1963, her first marriage brought her to Rhode Island, and 10 years later she began her banking career at then-Industrial National Bank (later Fleet, now Bank of America) as an administrative assistant, becoming a lending officer, followed by a four-year stint as manager of the bank’s Barrington branch.

While advancing her career, Ellen met her second husband. Dick, a native Rhode Islander, is a graduate of Moses Brown School and Washington and Lee University. Following graduation, he entered the Navy’s Officer Candidate School, Newport, and served in Naval Intelligence for four years. After his discharge, he returned to Rhode Island to run the family business.

When he took over, White Fuel had 230 customers and six employees. Ellen relates, “Dick is a real people person, loves to get to know his customers, and consequently was a great salesman. He was very industrious and was quite successful in building the company’s customer base to nearly 10,000 with 50+ employees by the time he sold the business and retired.”

Ellen worked at White Fuel for four years before resuming her banking career in corporate cash management, first at Fleet and later running that department at Old Stone Bank. When she retired at age 49, as a vice president, she was ready “to pause and smell the roses.”

“It’s which choices we select that make all the difference in life,” Ellen notes. One of those choices brought the Gowers to the Foundation where they established this donor advised fund.

Ralph Hanson first became involved with Linden Place in 1988 when a group of concerned citizens joined forces to prevent the historic Federal style mansion in the heart of Bristol from being turned into condominiums. The following year, the group formed the nonprofit Friends of Linden Place and purchased the mansion.

Ralph served the Friends as a docent, a member and officer of the board of directors, and on various committees. As treasurer of the board, he was a driving force behind the organization’s transfer of its endowment to the Foundation in 2003.

Now, through a charitable gift annuity, Ralph, who died in September 2013, is further providing for the “crown jewel” of Bristol: the Friends of Linden Place will receive gifts in perpetuity from this fund. The goal, he explained to the Foundation in a 2005 interview, was not only to further support the Friends, but also “to lead by example,” encouraging others to remember Linden Place in their estate plans.

Born in Stoughton, MA, Ralph enlisted in the Navy just after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and served with the Hedron Fleet Air Wing 12 out of Key West, FL. After the war, he enrolled at Babson College. While a student, he met his future wife, Lillian, on a blind date.

Ralph graduated from Babson in 1949 with a degree in business. The couple married the following year, with Lillian working for New England Telephone and Ralph beginning a 36-year career with Nabisco. Working initially in territory sales in Plymouth, MA, he later became an account manager for the Rhode Island region.

The family - which had grown to include four children - moved to Bristol in 1957. The children all attended and graduated from the Bristol public schools. Today, Elizabeth and Mark live in Massachusetts and Jeffrey lives in Rhode Island.

Lillian died in 1992, and a daughter, Barbara, also predeceased him. In addition to his support of Linden Place, Ralph was active in the community through Rotary and as chairman of the scholarship fund at Babson College. His survivors also include his longtime partner Connie Stanley.
et upon breezy Narragansett Bay in Bristol stands the Herreshoff Marine Museum. Established in 1971, the museum showcases the works of the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company, a business famous for building the world’s fastest steam yachts and torpedo boats founded in 1871 by brothers John Brown Herreshoff and Nathanael Greene Herreshoff.

“The unique thing about this museum is that it is solely comprised of boats built by the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company; all were built right here on these grounds,” said Larry Lavers, chief operating officer of the museum.

Today the museum houses more than 60 power and sail boats, as well as dinghies, anchors, and other maritime artifacts. For the past 20 years, the museum also has been home to the America’s Cup Hall of Fame that honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to yachting’s most distinguished competition. As of 2013, there have been 80 people inducted.

“We want people to understand that the museum is about so much more than just boats. It’s a place that highlights the entrepreneurship of the Herreshoff brothers, their innovation in boat building, their design and engineering expertise, and their role in the American industrial revolution,” said Larry.

The museum serves about 8,000 visitors a year and aims to expand its outreach. “At one point in the museum’s history collecting pieces was the main focus. Part of what we are trying to do now is focus more on using this wonderful collection as a teaching tool,” added Larry. The museum regularly shares pieces of its collection with other museums and institutions around the country and is working with local schools to create onsite learning experiences for students.

The museum still owns a large portion of the original waterfront held by the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company. “This past summer we hosted 23 cruise ships docked here which provided a great boost for local tourism,” said Elisabeth Lavers, the museum’s development officer.

Of this endowment at the Foundation, the museum’s Chief Executive Officer Dyer Jones, said, “We partnered with the Rhode Island Foundation for its stability and the confidence in knowing that no matter what may come, our organization’s funds will be in trusted hands forever.”
rowing up on Providence’s East Side, Alan Harlam could see the houses of nearly all of his family – grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins – from his own home. But the family shared more than a physical closeness. “My grandfather, whenever he had success in business, set aside a portion to give back to the community. Family members were always on boards and involved in philanthropic causes. It was part of the family culture,” he explains.

Alan’s grandfather, Ralph Shuster, was in the scrap metal business in the 1920s and 30s, buying up companies along the way. “I think my opportunistic, entrepreneurial sense comes from him,” says Alan who now is director of social entrepreneurship at Brown University’s Swearer Center.

Following Ralph’s death, some of his earnings were used by his children to establish a trust to provide investment capital for future generations of the family to pursue their passions in business.

Alan’s wife, Bari, notes that it was Alan’s uncle, Mat Shuster, who was the “leading thinker” of the family trust. “He was eager to teach, and the trust was very much about sharing his experience. He absolutely was generous and motivated in finding opportunities for different family members,” she notes.

One of those opportunities came to Bari, who grew up in a Chicago suburb and met Alan when they were undergraduates at the University of Pennsylvania. Shortly after she and Alan moved to Providence in 1992, the family purchased Imperial Pearl, a costume jewelry company that was in receivership. Bari insisted their bid price end in $718 – a tribute to their then-infant twin sons who were born on July 18.

“It was a unique opportunity – to learn how Alan’s uncle thinks, operates, and works to turn a business around – and it shaped how I think today,” says Bari who now is executive vice president of membership marketing and analytics for BJ’s Wholesale Club.

The sale of Imperial provided funds for this endowment. “We felt it was important to honor my uncle. And bringing the funds to the Foundation was a way of re-engaging in Rhode Island philanthropically. We like what is happening at the Foundation and the leadership the Foundation is taking,” Alan concludes.

GREENE CEMETERY FUND (1989)
Nancy Carolyn Greene Endowment Fund (2007)
Greenhalgh Charitable Fund (1971)
Gregson Foundation (2002)
Gregson Fund (1975)
Griffiths Family Fund (1999)
Groden Center
Includes: Groden Center Fund (2011) and Considine Family Fund at the Groden Center (2012)
Bessie Grossman Memorial Fund (1966)
Herschel and Suzanne Grossman Fund for Assisting Immigrants (1995)
Rosa Anne Grosvenor Fund (1942)
Gudoian Family Fund (2005)
Madeline Guida Memorial Fund (2007)
Florence Kennan Gurney Fund (1972)
Hans E. Gwinner and Berta E. Gwinner Fund (2001)
Hans E. Gwinner and Berta E. Gwinner Charitable Fund (2001)
Hans E. Gwinner and Berta E. Gwinner Fund for Economic Development (2001)
Hans E. Gwinner and Berta E. Gwinner Fund for Education (2001)
Barbara S. Gwynne Shakespeare’s Head Garden Fund (1995)
Haffenreffer Seacoast Point Fund I (1988)
Haffenreffer Seacoast Point Fund II (1988)
Arnold H. Hahn, Jr Memorial Fund (2005)
Mary Kimball Hail Fund (2004)
Thomas B. and Virginia Ann Haire Memorial Fund (1991)
Hale House Endowment Fund (2011)
Halkyard Family Fund (2000)
Lawrence L. Hall Fund (1996)
Chester W. Ham Memorial Fund (2008)
Hemingway Hamlin Fund (1993)
Hemingway Hamlin Family Fund (1993)
Roland Hammond Fund (1979)
★ Ralph E. Hanson Fund (2013)
Percy A. Harden Fund (1953)
Maegan Harpool Memorial Fund (2009)
Three generations of the late Elizabeth J. Johnson’s family lived in the Joseph Spaulding House, circa 1828, at 30 Fruit Street, Pawtucket. Elizabeth and her late husband, John, restored the Federal style cottage and, in 1976, it became the first residence in Pawtucket to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In the House, Elizabeth and her grandmother amassed a collection of material about Pawtucket, its people, businesses, nonprofits, and government. A self-educated archivist and genealogist, she did extensive research; engravings, photographs and newspaper clippings document the nature of work in the textile mills, community services in the 19th century, the diversity of cultures in Pawtucket in the early 20th century, and more.

In 2002, Elizabeth established the nonprofit Elizabeth J. Johnson Pawtucket History Research Center with the mission “to collect, preserve, enhance, and make available materials about Pawtucket.” In 2005, she transferred ownership of the Spaulding House to the Center. Elizabeth died in 2010 at age 85.

Lacking sufficient funds to operate the Center, the board decided to donate her history collection to the Pawtucket Public Library and to transfer ownership of the Spaulding House and its remaining contents to the Preservation Society of Pawtucket.

With the proceeds from a public sale at Christie’s of a set of diaries in the collection about the gold rushes in California, Colorado, and Idaho, supplemented by funds raised from local trusts and foundations, the Center board created a room at the library for the collection, gave a similar sum to the Preservation Society for costs of operating the House, and established these two funds: one for the Friends of the Pawtucket Public Library to support the Center and the other for the Preservation Society of Pawtucket to benefit Spaulding House.

Dennis Stark, president of the Research Center, said that the board is proud they were able to continue both of Betty’s goals, albeit in a different way than she originally envisioned. He stated, “The board selected the Rhode Island Foundation to hold the endowments because of its track record in handling similar funds, including outstanding long-term investment results and generous annual total return payouts.”
We were each other’s families,” says Maude Bivins of the relationship she shared with her college roommate and lifelong friend, Virginia “Jinny” Jones. Remembering how Jinny, who died in 2008, always wanted to honor her mother — her father had received many honors during a long, distinguished career — Maude established this fund to honor all three members of the Jones family.

Dr. J. Paul Jones earned degrees from the University of North Carolina and Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. During an internship, he met Carolyn Miller, a graduate nurse of the Protestant Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia. The couple married and, in 1917, came to Rhode Island when Paul’s brother-in-law asked him to work in his medical practice.

Rhode Island soon became their home: Dr. Jones served as chief of staff and chief of surgery for many years; he continued practicing medicine until he was 83 years old. Carolyn resumed her nursing career once the new hospital was constructed.

The Jones celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1965; Carolyn died the following year and Dr. Jones died in 1980.

Their only child, Jinny, earned degrees in textiles and design at the University of Rhode Island and the University of Tennessee, the latter where she met Maude Bivins. Jinny taught at both the University of New Hampshire and URI before moving to her father’s native North Carolina, where she established an art supply and designer crafts shop. Later, she founded and was executive director of the Arts Council of Macon County. Following their retirements, Jinny and Maude summered in South County. “Jinny always felt there was no place as wonderful to be as Rhode Island,” Maude shares.

The Jones Fund will support South County Hospital and the URI School of Nursing, with an emphasis on nursing education, thus fulfilling Jinny’s desire to honor her mother.

John and Carol Howland Family Fund (2003)
Peter Howland Family Fund (2003)
Howland Swan Fund (2006)
Katharine F. Hubbard and Josephine H. Williams Fund (1959)
Buell W. Hudson Memorial Fund (1979)
Hudson Family Fund (2001)
Paul W. Hunger Memorial Fund (2000)
Dorothy H.W. Hunt Fund (1971)
Dorothy H.W. Hunt-Clarence H. Philbrick Fund (1971)
Harrison Barrows Huntoon Fund (1991)
Phyllis Huston Fund (2005)
† Imperial 718 Fund (2013)
Fanny T. Ingalls Fund (1973)
Initiative for Nonprofit Excellence Fund (2008)
Interfaith Health Care Ministries/The Reverend Dr. Duane F. Parker Endowment Fund (1998)
International House of Rhode Island - Rooke Fund (2008)
Joyce Ioanes Mental Health Memorial Fund (2007)
David C. Isenberg Family Fund (2007)
Israel-Frumson Family Fund (2005)
Harry Itchkawich Memorial Scholarship Fund (1998)
Barbara P. Jackson Fund (1980)
Benjamin M. Jackson Fund (1945)
S. Lee Jackson and Dorothy M. Jackson Fund (1976)
Madeleine C. Jackson Fund (1979)
Jalbert Family Fund for Basic Human Needs (2012)
Jalbert Family Fund for Education (2012)
Jamestown Community Fund (2001)
Jamestown Fund for the Performing Arts (1983)
Jamestown Historical Society
Jamestown Philomenian Library
Jasper Fund for the Care and Rescue of Animals (2000)
Ellen M. Jecoy Memorial Fund (2002)
Mary M. Jennings Fund (1996)
Anna E. Johnson Fund (1978)
Elizabeth Arnold Johnson Historic Trust (2001)
both Rose’s parents and my parents arrived in America as survivors of a genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Turks. They came with the feeling that it was important their children as Americans always remember their culture and heritage. That was instilled in us throughout our young lives,” explains Varoujan Karentz.

“We want to perpetuate that conviction,” states Varoujan of this fund, designated for the Armenian Relief Society of Eastern USA, Providence Ani chapter, to enable Rhode Island students of Armenian descent to study their Armenian history, culture, and heritage.

Varoujan was raised in the Edgewood neighborhood of Cranston and attended Cranston High School for three years before enlisting in the Coast Guard during WW II. He served on convoy duty and later was re-called by the Navy and served an additional three years during the Korean conflict. Although he never completed high school, Varoujan was later recruited by Raytheon Company. He rose through the ranks during his 34 years of service, retiring as director and vice president of foreign operations.

Rose, a native of Granite City, IL, worked as a secretary and taught adult education at high schools in Massachusetts. The couple has three children: a daughter who is a professor at the University of San Francisco and senior scientist with the National Science Foundation; a second daughter who is vice president and provost of Portland (OR) State University; and a son who is a marine expert with a Fort Lauderdale-based marine forensics company.

Varoujan notes that both his parents (Soghomon and Vergin Karentz) and Rose’s parents (Arsen and Parantzem Harioan) dedicated themselves to Armenian organizations, and that Varoujan’s mother served on the national committee of the Armenian Relief Society. “She dedicated her life to serving various Armenian organizations,” Varoujan shares.

Through this fund, Varoujan and Rose are continuing in perpetuity their parents’ commitment to their heritage and history. “Don’t ever forget your ethnic background,” Varoujan instructs.

Noting he has followed the Foundation for many years, he concludes, “It is a great organization with a stellar reputation. Your organization was just a natural for us.”

In May of 2006, just shy of their 200th anniversary, King Solomon #11 turned in their charter, merged with a neighboring lodge and sold their property.

“One of the promises a man makes when he becomes a master mason is to come to the relief of all worthy, distressed master masons, their widows, and orphans. Bob Kempe, the last secretary of the lodge, and I chose to use the proceeds to honor the idea of helping widows and orphans and established this fund to support the Elizabeth Buffum Chace House and the Boys and Girls Club of Warwick,” said Al.

“Through the suggestion of Lawrence V. Robinson, Jr., former member and long-serving treasurer of the lodge, we chose the Rhode Island Foundation as the instrument of our philanthropy. An ancient masonic tradition tells us that ‘you are not truly dead until you are forgotten’. As long as the Rhode Island Foundation exists, people will remember King Solomon #11,” concluded Al.
s a young girl, Mary Kosowski read the William Shakespeare quote, “What fools these mortals be” and was bothered by it. “I was determined to prove it wrong. I loved school, worked hard, got good grades, helped at home, followed the rules, and chose the good path,” she recalls.

Born and raised in Pawtucket, Mary graduated from East (now Tolman) High School before attending Rhode Island School of Design. Of her enrollment at RISD, Mary says, “The high school art teachers encouraged me to apply for a state scholarship because I was kind of shy. But I’ve loved to draw from the time I could hold a pencil.”

She met her future husband, Alfred, when they both were students at RISD where he was in the textiles program. They pursued careers following graduation and marriage, with Alfred working at Paragon Worsted in Olneyville, and later in the insurance business. Mary worked as a designer before being a stay-at-home mother to the couple’s daughters, Linda and Eileen. Mary later began teaching at Catholic schools in Woonsocket and Cumberland, earned a master’s degree in teaching from Rhode Island College, and taught for 25 years in the Cumberland Public Schools. Alfred died in 1989, and Mary retired one year later.

Mary shares that new relationships, new personalities, and new behaviors within her family, combined with outside forces and problems, have created personal devastating challenges. “And so I realize we are fools and William Shakespeare long ago realized the havoc we can create as conditions arise to plague us, and thus we do need help changing behaviors. Maybe this fund (designated for a University of Rhode Island graduate student in behavioral sciences) can help us address some of it.”

Mary became familiar with the Foundation through art, specifically through the late Antonio Cirino’s fund for fellowships in arts education training. She served many years on the Cirino Fund advisory committee.

She concludes by sharing this Albert Pike quote: “What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.”

ALFRED AND MARY KOSOWSKI FUND

★ Elizabeth J. Johnson Pawtucket History Research Center Fund (2013)
★ Victoria Johnson Scholarship Fund (2011)
★ Johnston Lions Armand Muto Scholarship Fund (1985)
★ Dr. J. Paul Jones, Carolyn M. Jones and Virginia L. Jones Fund (2013)
★ Jonnychace Center Fund (2005)
★ Michael and Jane Joukowsky Fund (2001)
★ Herbert E. Kaplan Fund for the Association of Fundraising Professionals, RI Chapter (1996)
★ Varoujan and V. Rose Karentz Scholarship Fund (2013)
★ Karibian Family Fund (2000)
★ Richard Katzoff Fund (1990)
★ Stephen M. Kaufman Memorial Fund (1999)
★ Peter M. Keefe Junior Golf Memorial Fund (2002)
★ Margaret H. C. Keiler Memorial Fund in Memory of Edmund H. Keiler (1992)
★ Edward D. Keith Fund (1949)
★ Amelia M. and Minnie E. Kelley Fund (1983)
★ Ellen Williams Kenerson Memorial Fund (1968)
★ Sylvia & Frederick Kenner Fund (1996)
★ Kiernan-Fallon Fund (1993)
★ Mari Killilea Memorial Scholarship Fund (1988)
★ Horace A. and S. Ella Kimball Fund (1944)
★ Judith Alperin King and Timothy King Fund (2000)
★ Martin Luther King Scholarship Endowment Fund (2001)
★ King Solomon #11 Fund (2013)
★ King’s Daughters and Sons Scholarship Fund (1978)
★ Kingston Hill Gardeners Fayerweather Grounds Endowment (2009)
★ Susan Kizlinski Family Fund (2013)
★ NC Klein Jazz Scholarship Fund (2012)
★ Paul and Nancy Klotz Fund (1979)
★ Alfred and Mary Kosowski Fund (2013)
★ Krause Family Fund (1994)
Hans L. Kuster Fund (2012)
Ladies Auxiliary of the Bristol Volunteer Fire Department Fund (1982)
Bruce Lang Good Government Fund of RI (2006)
Langevin Family Trust (1990)
Marie J. Langlois and John F. Loerke Fund (2011)
Harold A. Lanphear Fund (1977)
Ella M. Lapham Fund (1933)
Alice W. Larchar Fund (1981)
Laurans Fund (1979)
Isabelle Lawrence Fund (1992)
Mary B. Lawrence Fund (2010)
Dominick J. Lepore Memorial Fund I (2009)
Letcher Family Fund (2008)
Irving M. and Pauline L. Leven Fund (2001)
Irving H. Levin Fund (2007)
Frederick N. and Carol J. Levinger Fund (2003)
Sarah and Harold Libby Scholarship Fund of the Chopin Club (2011)
Mario M. Libutti Memorial Fund (2008)
LIFECycle Endowment Fund (2012)
★ Lifelong Learning Collaborative Fund (2013)
Alice Gertrude Lothrop Lincoln Fund (1959)
Lincoln School Education Fund (2011)
Includes: Lincoln School Faculty Fund (2011); Lincoln School Lincoln Scholar Fund (2011); Lincoln School Operations/Unrestricted Fund (2011); and Lincoln School Scholarship Fund (2011)
Marjorie H. and Clinton J. Lind Memorial Fund (2001)
Linden Place Endowment Fund (2003)
Frederick Lippitt Memorial Fund (2006)
Frederick Lippitt Endowment for the Woonasquatucket River Watershed (2005)
Lippitt Hill Tutorial Founders Fund (1988)
Lucy Lippitt Fund (1961)
Mary Ann Lippitt Memorial Fund (2007)
★ Lewis P. and Edna D. Lipsitt Fund (2013)
Arthur B. and Martha B. Lisle Fund (1968)
Little Compton Playground Fund (1988)
Little Compton United Congregational Church Fund (1981)
Little Compton United Congregational Church Fund (2007)

It isn’t often that a nonprofit organization is the beneficiary of a fund established at the Foundation by an anonymous donor, but it happened to the Lifelong Learning Collaborative (formerly BCLIR, Building a Community of Learning in Retirement) in 2013.

The donor explains, “When I joined the Lifelong Learning Collaborative a number of years ago it was still associated with Brown University. I have watched it grow in numbers as well as the variety of courses offered to its members for their continued intellectual growth and the resulting friendships they have made.

“I wanted to assure its continuation as a community organization and made a contribution to establish an endowment for that purpose. My hope is that others who have had the same experience with the LLC might follow my lead and contribute, through the Rhode Island Foundation, a part of their plans for long term personal giving in gratitude for the opportunity that the program has offered to each of us.”

LLC, which invites members and prospective members to “Learn, Discover, Enjoy,” offers peer-led classes and activities for adults, most of whom are retired. “Almost all of our learning is collaborative learning. Each person in a class takes a topic on the class syllabus and teaches a session. I think by our participating, it’s more stimulating to the mind,” explains Ed Mehlman, president of LLC.

The more than two dozen fall 2013 classes included topics that ranged from “Shoot your way to better pictures” to “History of Jerusalem” and from “Backstage at the arts” to “Race – let’s talk about it.” LLC also offers trips and other social activities to its approximately 425 current members.

While acknowledging that LLC is “growing rapidly,” Ed acknowledges that the organization has plans to further increase its membership. “We are putting a real effort into a diversity outreach program, and I hope it works,” he explains.

Of the new fund, Ed states, “It’s very important and I’m going to do everything I can to encourage members to add to the fund through memorial gifts or to mark a joyous occasion.”
LEWIS P. and EDNA D. LIPSITT FUND

"Education, social justice, and the well-being of children have been passions in our lives," says Lewis P. Lipsitt, professor emeritus of Brown University.

Born in New Bedford and raised in Marion, MA, Lew earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago and a master’s degree in clinical and social psychology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

At UMass, Lew met Cambridge-born Edna Duchin, and they were married on Edna’s graduation day from Lesley College where she earned her degree in education.

Lew served two years in the Air Force as a psychologist at an air base hospital in San Antonio, TX, where Edna taught school, before he pursued his doctorate in child psychology at the University of Iowa. There, Edna worked as a research assistant in a study of children’s intelligence. As he completed his PhD, Lew was hired in 1957 at Brown University to teach and do research in a new study of children, from birth onward. Throughout his career, he focused on infant learning and development.

Since returning East with their son Mark, who now lives in Maryland and is a professional dog trainer, their lives have centered on Brown and education. Daughter Ann, born in Providence, lives in Vermont and is a middle school teacher; a special education expert, and her school’s director of literacy.

In Providence, Edna taught elementary school while serving as Lew’s primary editor in his writing and publishing career. She started a “furniture loan” program at Brown for visiting professors and fellows from other countries and also introduced Brown colleagues to the Trinity Repertory Theater in its first years. A passion of Edna’s throughout her and Lew’s 62 years of marriage has been entertaining friends and family with creative food preparation.

Extensive community work of the Lipsitts has included Butler Hospital, RI KidsCount, the Institute for the Teaching and Practice of Nonviolence, and the New England Psychological Association, of which Lew is past president.

Of their decision to partner with the Foundation, Edna and Lew state: "We’ve been happily involved with many nonprofits for more than 50 years, and it is wonderful to consolidate as much financial support as possible through the Rhode Island Foundation."

Little Compton United Congregational Church Fund (2012)
Royal Little Memorial Fund (1994)
Stanley & Martha Livingston Fund (1997)
Annie Mary Livsey Fund (1987)
R. M. Logan Hospice Fund (2005)
George W. Lothrop Fund (1970)
Lovett Fund (1979)
Michael F. Lovett Scholarship Fund (1994)
Edgar J. Lownes Memorial Fund (1958)
Raymond J. Loynds Memorial Fund (2002)
Fordyce Remsen Lozier & Mary Williams Horr Lozier Fund (1993)
Edna P. Lumb Fund (1967)
Paul D. Lynch Scholarship Fund (2013)
Maria Lyssikatos Scholarship Fund (2007)
Cynthia M. Macarchuck Donor Advised Fund (2008)
Mary K. and Norman A. MacColl Fund (1967)
MacColl Benevolent Fund (1973)
Commander Michael MacDonald Fund (1982)
William M. and Louise Barr Mackenzie Fund (1975)
N. Douglas MacLeod Fund (2009)
James and Jean Schofield Madden Family Fund (2000)
Sally Wing Madeira Memorial Fund (1988)
Virginia T. Madeira Fund (1982)
Elizabeth Ann Magee Memorial Fund (1964)
MaGown-Roberts Endowment Fund (1999)
Mark P. Malkovich III Memorial Fund (2010)
Bhikhaji Maneckji Fund (2013)
Michael Marcogliese Scholarship Fund (1989)
Ron Margolin and W. Lynn McKinney Scholarship Fund for GLTQ Youth (2011)
Ruth and Samuel Markoff Fund (2013)
Alita C. Marks Endowment Fund (2005)
Martland Selby Bell Choir Fund (2002)
Mary A. Mason Fund (1971)
Stanley H. Mason Fund (1979)
Master Gardener Foundation of Rhode Island Endowment Fund (2012)
Matouk Family Fund (2013)
Rose Grinnell Matteson Audubon Society of RI Fund (2008)
Rose Grinnell Matteson Fund (1966)
Rose Grinnell Matteson/Exeter Fund (1990)
Duncan H. and Louise Safe Mauran Fund (1986)
★ Maurania/Rainbow Fund (2013)
Edmund and Janet Mauro Button Hole Scholarship Fund (2004)
Cheryl Smith Mayhew Westerly High School Athletic Scholarship (2005)
Charles E. and Agnes J. McCarthy Memorial Scholarship Fund (2008)
Arthur McCartney Fund (1965)
McConnell Family Fund (2010)
Ted McConnon Scholarship Fund (1999)
Norman E. McCulloch Fund (1994)
Norman E. McCulloch, Jr. and Dorothy Rooke McCulloch Fund for St. John's Church (2008)
Mary E. McCulloch Fund (1989)
Gloria McDonald Fund (1996)
Gloria McDonald Fund for St. Mary's Church (2003)
Liz and Jack McDonald Fund (2010)
Thomas P. and Katherine A. McHale Fund (1990)
Anna Louise McInerney Fund (1982)
McQue Fund (2005)
Bishop Russell J. McVinney Fund for the Poor (1988)
Jeanne Marie Mehmed Fund (2013)
Gladys and Raymond W. Mellor Fund (1983)
Gladys W. and Raymond W. Mellor Fund (1987)
Joseph B. Merrick Fund (1987)
Della Fusco Merrill Memorial Fund (2013)
Merrylegs Fund (1988)
Alice Butts Metcalf Fund (1945)
Louisa D. Sharpe Metcalf Fund (1959)
Jesse H. Metcalf Fund (1916)
Dr. Eric Bradley Miller Fund (2009)
John Manchester Miller Fund (1998)
Jean Smith Mills Memorial Fund (2006)
Arthur and Martha Milot Fund (1990)
Mitchell Family Fund (1985)
Robert D. and Mary G. Mitchell Fund (2009)
MJSA Education Foundation Scholarship Fund (1989)
Nasra and Abdullah Mogayzel and Sons Fund (2007)

Rhode Island Foundation

Paul’s association with Westerly began more than 30 years ago when he became the president of Wescon Corp. “PD”, as he was known to many, became well-known in the community through the years for his generosity. “A little to a lot” was one of his expressions and any local organization that asked would receive a contribution from Paul and Wescon.

One of Paul’s biggest civic accomplishments was the restoration of the Granite Theater in downtown Westerly. A theater buff himself whose Sunday drives included a CD of one of his favorite broadway shows, Paul felt that a community theater was important for Westerly and helped purchase the theater (known then as the Colonial) and re-made it into a thriving performing arts center for the whole area to enjoy.

“Paul had a quote from George Bernard Shaw in his office that life belongs to the community and that it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. This really sums up what Paul was about. He was someone who took great pleasure and pride in being able to help people,” said Paul’s widow Ellen.

With a generous donation from the Horace A. Kimball Foundation, an organization of which Paul was a trustee, the Lynch family set up the Paul D. Lynch Scholarship Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation. The fund will benefit students at Westerly High School, Stonington (CT) High School, and Chariho High School, three schools that serve the children in and around Westerly.

“My father had a great perspective on life and on people. He was so approachable and visible throughout the Westerly area. It is our hope that this fund will allow us to continue his legacy of generosity forever,” concluded Peter.
hikhaji Maneckji is a familiar face at the Foundation, with his involvement spanning more than a decade. An early supporter of Equity Action, he established a fund in 2010 to honor long-time friends Ginny and Tom Soutter and more recently supported the Foundation’s Civic Leadership Fund. A member of the 1916 Society, Bhikhaji – known widely simply as B – has added this donor advised fund to his repertoire.

Of the timing of this fund, B explains, “I’ve been giving a reasonable amount of money through the Foundation for some time and, once you got to know me, you’ve been steering me toward things I’m really interested in.”

As an example, he talks excitedly about a reception the Foundation hosted for Venture For America. “That one hit a sweet spot, and I’m really excited about the organization. I buy into the concept that America has to survive on its brains which means start-up companies,” he states, adding, “And the kids are exciting.”

Born and raised in Bombay, India, B came to the States in 1966 to attend the University of Washington. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration in three years and an MBA in one additional year before coming East for law school at George Washington University.

Although a good student, B says, “All I wanted to do was get through and get my law degree. Working after law school is where you get your real education.”

Through connections his father had, B started his legal career at Textron in Providence. It is where, he says, “I learned to be a good lawyer.” During his 27-year tenure, he was involved in more than 150 acquisitions and dispositions. He retired in 2000 as vice president and general counsel of Textron’s Fasteners Group.

Today, he divides his time between his home in Providence, “the farm” in Berkley, MA, and his native India. He remains committed to Dorcas Place (now Dorcas International Institute) where he served on the board and was the donor of the Virginia and Thomas Soutter Fund for Dorcas Place, to Venture For America, and “to anything where my money helps people, especially that helps people to advance.”
Bernard and Doris Nemtzow Fund (2013)
Jeraline N. Nerney Fund (2001)
TGHS '82 Renee Tetreault Newell 9/11 Scholarship Fund (2001)
Frederick J. & Ruth P. Newman Fund (2005)
Newport County Fund (2002)
Includes: Anonymous Fund; John and Holly Collins Fund for Newport County; Anne and Peter Damon Fund for Newport County; Dominick J. Lepore Memorial Fund II; and NSG Education Fund in Memory of Ellen S. Murphy
Newport Harbor Corporation Fund (1983)
Albert E. and Florence W. Newton Fund (1973)
Alice Newton Fund (1984)
Irene Nicholas Fund (2007)
William Nicholas Scholarship Fund (1999)
Emily Nicholson Fund (1997)
Norman Bird Sanctuary Support Fund (2010)
North Kingstown Free Library
North Providence High School Scholarship Fund (2010)
North Providence High School Scholarship for Special Opportunity (2006)
Christine A. Nowak Fund for the Blackstone Valley Historical Society (2012)
Bob and Jerry Nugent Family Foundation (1992)
Robert C. Nyman Fund (1997)
Virginia W. Nyman Fund (2005)
Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church Living Memorial Fund (1987)
* Joan M. and John J. O’Connor Jr., Fund (2013)
Marian G. O’Donnell Fund (1977)
Oliver Fund (2008)
Daniel Patrick O’Neill Memorial Fund (2007)
Nick O’Neill Scholarship Fund for All Children’s Theater (2004)
Open Doors of Rhode Island, Inc., Charitable Fund (1979)
Walter M. Oppenheim Fund (1998)
Emma and Ely Oppenheimer Fund (1997)
Mary and Pat O’Regan Fund (1992)
Charlotte Orlowski-Eicher Memorial Fund (2005)
Bernard and Henrietta O’Rourke Scholarship Fund (2008)
Richard and Sandra Oster Charitable Fund (2009)
Naomi and Viola Osterman Fund (1998)

In 1906, Samuel Markoff established what became one of the largest greeting card companies in the world. Located in an old mill at the Pawtucket-Central Falls line, The Paramount Line, Inc. employed more than 400 people. Samuel’s three brothers and their children, his wife Ruth and their three daughters, as well as their grandchildren all worked at one time at Paramount.

“My grandfather was an artist. He would draw a picture, they would print it on a card, and then it would be hand colored,” explains Ted Winston, one of the grandsons. Samuel Markoff died in 1932, but the company remained in family hands until it was sold in 1983.

“My grandmother was a vibrant person with a strong commitment to the Rhode Island community. They taught us the importance of volunteering to improve the lives of others,” says Gloria. Bernice adds, “We wanted the Markoff family’s charitable giving to continue for generations to come.”

With the transfer of the Foundation to this donor advised fund, the next generation of the family – Ted and two of his cousins – assume responsibility. Gloria explains “We want our children to experience the importance of charity as a way of life and we appreciate the excellent leadership at the Rhode Island Foundation.”

Bernice notes, “The roots of our family are in Rhode Island. We’d like to continue our parents’ philanthropy where their legacy began.” Dotty, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, concludes, “The Markoff family is proud to be a part of our community’s future with the Rhode Island Foundation.”
he Duncan Hunter Mauran Family has two funds at the Rhode Island Foundation: the Duncan H. and Louise Safe Mauran donor advised fund, established in 1986, to make donations to charities and causes they cared about; and this new Maurania/Rainbow Fund.

Duncan “Hunt” Mauran was owner and president of The Providence Steamboat Company, a towboat company whose tugs were familiar around Narragansett Bay, each with a gold eagle on top of the pilot house. Shortly before his death in 2005, he was pleased and proud to have had built a state of the art tractor tug which he named “Rainbow”, in hopes there might be a “pot of gold” along with the new technology.

Two years after Hunt’s death, the family sold the company to McAllister Towing and Transportation of New York. With the proceeds from the sale they established the Maurania Corporation. His widow, Loulie Mauran Groton, urged the directors, four of their daughters, to start a fund at the Rhode Island Foundation because she feels it is a well run, caring foundation. They call this fund "Maurania/Rainbow" in Duncan’s memory. Loulie says the family all feel very lucky and setting up this fund is a way to share what they have with others.

Their daughter, Marion Mariner, agrees, saying, “For my sisters and me, although we live in different states, this is a wonderful opportunity to support the places and institutions that are near and dear to our hearts. We all get along really well, and we have the same goals. We all tend to support such organizations and causes as libraries, women’s services, medical research, land trusts, educational institutions, and theater.”

Marion lives in Providence, Louise Nadler in Marion, MA, Harriette (Bunny) Merrill in Morrisville, VT, and Margaret Zuccotti in Jenkintown, PA. “We just are very, very lucky and giving is an important part of what we do,” Marion concludes.

Both Charles Fenger Nadler, Jr. and Louise Mauran Nadler are proud to be able to say that they were raised in families with long histories of community collaboration and volunteerism. In looking at the future, they want to help to ensure the continuation of those legacies. Although they have lived in the Midwest and overseas, Louise’s family’s long tradition in Rhode Island made the Foundation a natural choice for their family’s fund and their hopes for the future involvement of their three adult children.

In the 1980’s as young parents, they created a family fund when the tax laws changed in order to be able to put aside appreciated securities and create a framework to protect their ability as donors to continue forward towards a responsible future. As Louise explains, “We consider this account a legacy fund as we intend to continue to contribute towards future value and only begin to make grants when the timing seems appropriate. We will continue to grant from other funds at this point.

“In general, our focus has been on education, conservation, and medicine but as important as a focus is, we also want our children to feel vested wherever their lives take them. Our daughters, Augusta and Lucie (both educators), and our son, Hunter (a banker), are involved as donors and volunteers with nonprofit organizations, and we want them to be able to continue making contributions to organizations that matter to them. They know it’s important to us that they continue to evolve as responsible donors and active volunteers.”
JOAN M. and JOHN J. O’CONNOR JR. FUND

Joan O’Connor’s love for animals, evidenced through her involvement with local animal humane organizations, as well as the two cats, Wendy Lou and Nigel, who kept her company for many years, will be permanently recognized through this fund she established for the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA).

“They do marvelous work. They work to improve conditions for animals throughout the world,” Joan said in a 2005 interview with the Foundation. She became familiar with the organization when she heard John Walsh, then WSPA’s international projects director, speak at a local event.

Born and raised in Providence, Joan graduated from Central High School in 1944, and then went to work as a legal secretary at Edwards & Angell. It was during her early years at the law firm that she was introduced to John O’Connor, her future husband. A graduate of Classical High School, he had served as an Army combat engineer during World War II and was a student at Brown University when the couple met in 1947.

John graduated from Brown in 1950 and the couple married. He worked briefly as a salesman with a local jewelry company before entering the insurance business, working at Travelers, Starkweather & Shepley, and finally at Amica. After 23 years in the insurance industry, he left to serve as administrator of St. Elizabeth Home, for which he already served on the board of directors. He was the home’s administrator for 10 years, until his death in 1983 at age 58.

Joan changed employers only once. After nine years at Edwards & Angell, she accepted a position at Citizens Bank as secretary to the president. She advanced through the years, first to administrative assistant, then to corporate secretary, and finally to vice president. She retired from Citizens in 1977 following 24 years of service.

Joan, who died in February, 2013, was active at the First Unitarian Church in Providence and had served on the boards of both the Providence Animal Rescue League and Volunteer Services for Animals.
Well-known Bristol restoration architect Lombard John Pozzi studied, made architectural drawings of, and left his mark on more than 400 buildings, mostly in Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts, by the time of his death in July 2013 at age 67.

His works include such Rhode Island landmarks as the Roger Williams Park Casino, Linden Place Ballroom and Mansion, the Bristol Statehouse, Warren’s George Hail Free Library, and scores of private homes, including his family home in Bristol and other buildings he owned as rental properties.

In a 2010 interview with the Foundation, he explained, “I’m putting so much effort and time into these properties. I want to preserve what I’ve done and let them live on for future generations to use and enjoy.”

That preservation will happen through this fund Lombard established through his estate and designated for the Bristol Historical and Preservation Society “to benefit historic preservation in Bristol, RI.”

He became active with the Society in the 1970s and served on the nonprofit’s board until his death.

Derwent Riding, president of the Bristol Historical and Preservation Society, states, “Lombard did this for the community. The historical society keeps the records and artifacts of the community. This fund at the Foundation will allow us to run this (Lombard’s family home) as an architectural study center to help other people.”

Lombard received his training at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Columbia University, the latter where he earned his master’s degree in restoration and preservation.

“Restoration can never be totally finished – it’s a perpetual passing of the baton from one generation of caregivers to another,” he told The Rhode Islander Magazine for a January 30, 1994 article.

With his death, the baton for the caregiving of his family home and other properties has been passed to the Bristol Historical and Preservation Society. “He loved Bristol and did this for the town,” Derry concludes.

Lombard John Pozzi Historical Preservation Fund
Mary C. and Joseph E. Pucci Fund (1999)
Helen Walker Raleigh Tree Care Trust Fund (1995)
Helen Walker Raleigh Youth Fund (2006)
Raleigh-Providence Tree Care Trust Fund (1998)
Rallis Conover Fund (2005)
Elueterio, Anna, and Mary Raponi Memorial Fund (2009)
★ Frank J. Raponi Memorial Fund (2013)
Ralph and Letty Raponi Fund (2010)
Raven Fund (1999)
RDW Group, Inc. Minority Scholarship Fund for Communications (2000)
Edith Reall Memorial Scholarship Fund (1992)
John H. Reardon, Jr. Fund (2012)
Redgate Camp Davis Fund (1995)
Lindsay T. Reed Fund for the East Side/Mt. Hope YMCA (2009)
Alice M. Remington Scholarship Fund (1984)
Barbara Reynolds Memorial Scholarship Fund (2001)
Madeline Reynolds Memorial Fund (1969)
Rhode Island Advertising Club Fund (1979)
Rhode Island Arts Fund (1985)
Rhode Island Association of Former Legislators Scholarship Fund (1996)
Rhode Island Association for Justice Endowment Fund (2011)
Rhode Island Charities Trust (1991)
Rhode Island Commission on Women/Freda H. Goldman Education Awards Fund (1997)
Rhode Island Council for the Humanities
★ Rhode Island 4-H Club Foundation Memorial Fund (2013)
Rhode Island Foundation Employee Fund (1993)
Rhode Island Innovation Fellowship Fund (2011)
Rhode Island Legal Services Endowment Fund (2006)
Rhode Island Meals on Wheels Memorial Fund (1981)
Rhode Island Medical Society Medical Purpose Fund (1966)
Rhode Island Rose Award Fund (1985)
Rhode Island Scholarship Assistance Fund (2007)
Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants Philanthropy Fund (2012)
Rhode Island Supreme Court Historical Society Fund (1998)

In establishing this fund in loving memory of Frank, his brothers Anthony and Ralph and sister-in-law Letty note, “Frank was an avid believer of the Smile Train Charity where children from all over the world with deformed clefts would get free surgery so that they could live a normal life. This fund will forever benefit Smile Train, Inc., helping it to continue its wonderful work.”

FRANK J. RAPONI MEMORIAL FUND

On the coldest February day in years, six-year-old Frank Raponi fell through the ice into the Providence River. He was rescued by Joseph Cannon, an electric company employee, who jumped in the river to save him.

Frank’s brothers, Ralph and Anthony, relate, “The doctors gave our parents little hope for his survival; but the next day, he made a miraculous recovery.”

Twenty five years later, Frank rescued two elderly people from their home that was on fire. He was awarded a Letter of Commendation from the city of Pawtucket for saving two lives.

Ralph states, “He was very aware that his life was saved when he was six for a reason.”

Frank died at age 71 in August, 2013 in the arms of his loving companion of 40 years, Agnes Spano.

Frank, who had been ill for the past 20 years, donated his body to Brown University Medical School to be used for research.
When it began in Ohio in 1902, 4-H offered “corn clubs” for boys and home economics clubs for girls. “Through the corn clubs, professors taught new ways of growing crops to farmers’ kids. It was an easy way to get research from the universities out to the farmers,” explains Kristy Horan, volunteer coordinator of Rhode Island 4-H, who says the earliest pictures of 4-H in the Ocean State are from the 1920s.

Today, Rhode Island 4-H offers 35 project areas, ranging from leadership and life skills to healthy living and from science/technology/environment to communications and expressive art. “4-H is youth driven, so the kids decide what to do. We train the adult volunteers and have a lot of curriculum for them to use, but the volunteers end up learning a lot of things with the kids as they go along,” notes Heidi Wright, program coordinator for Rhode Island 4-H.

Although the club’s programming has changed significantly through the decades, its connection to universities remains. “4-H is unique in that it is organized through the land grant institutions in every state. This provides us with a natural network,” says Marcia Morreira, state 4-H leader. In Rhode Island, the land grant institution is the University of Rhode Island and 4-H is part of the College of the Environment and Life Sciences.

Supporting the work of Rhode Island 4-H is the Rhode Island 4-H Club Foundation, created in 1958. Its executive director, Deborah Imondi, explains, “Through the Foundation, we do whatever we can do to supplement 4-H programs and provide scholarships, awards, recognition, and travel opportunities.

“The 4-H Foundation board decided to use this fund, consisting mostly of memorial gifts garnered over a number of years, to provide scholarships,” Deb continues, adding, “I certainly had known about the Rhode Island Foundation. The professional investment management and asset diversification the Foundation offers, we could never get that on our own.”

Susanna Camacho, treasurer of the 4-H Foundation board, agrees, stating, “We think of the Foundation as a safe and secure place, one that invests for a lot of nonprofits, and the investment return has been great. This gives us a return we can plan on each year.”

Rhode Island Tree Council Fund (2001)
Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association (RIVMA) Companion Animal Fund (2007)
RIBA/Dagata Scholarship Fund (1997)
RIGHA Foundation Fund (2010)
Ricci Family Fund (2011)
Eileen Julie and Brittany Jaye Richardson Memorial Fund (2005)
John M. Richmond Fund (1953)
Richard J. and Barbara L. Richmond Fund (1996)
Richard J. and Barbara L. Richmond Designated Fund (1996)
Frances Waterhouse Richmond Fund (2012)
Martha Rieg Fund (2012)
Marcia and Robert Riesman Fund (1997)
Harry Vandall Rigner Memorial Fund (1979)
Henry and Jan Rines Fund (1998)
RISE Conservation Fund (1997)
Jeanne Risica Fund for Art Education (2011)
Ernest and Mary A. Ritchie Memorial Fund (1995)
Paula M. Rivard Memorial Fund (2005)
Riverwood Endowment Fund (2005)
Gwennie Anne Robbins Memorial Fund (1994)
Dr. Robert F. Roberti Fund (1992)
★ Colonel Lee Walton and Xenia Roberts Memorial Fund (2013)
★ Robin Hill Fund (2013)
Elizabeth Robinson Fund (1959)
Selma Pilavin Robinson Endowment Fund (1992)
Familia Rodriguez Fund (2002)
Roger Williams Baptist Church Endowment Fund (2012)
Roger Williams Chair in Thomistic Philosophy Fund (1988)
Roger Williams Park Zoo Endowment Fund (1986)
Friends of Rogers Free Library
Rogers High School Class of 1961 Scholarship Fund (2011)
Rose and Aaron Roitman Fund (1982)
Aaron Roitman Fund for Chamber Music (1982)
Rosenberg and Kohorn Fund (2001)
Paul Follett learned about the Foundation through Make It Happen RI, the Foundation-sponsored convening in September 2012 designed to set a new economic course for Rhode Island. “When I attended Make It Happen, I picked up your annual report, read through it, and it looked like a reasonable thing to get involved with. What you do is of interest to me,” he states. Paul acted quickly on his new-found interest, establishing this donor advised fund.

He has deep roots in Rhode Island as “a fourth or fifth generation Rhode Islander.” In the 1930s, his paternal grandfather bought land in Snug Harbor and built a cottage on it. Situated on a knoll, he named the cottage “Robin Hill.” Spending wonderful summers at Robin Hill was a gift to me that now needs repayment, Paul explains.

Raised in Cranston, Paul enlisted in the Army following his graduation from Cranston High School. Following a three year state-side enlistment in the Army, he enrolled in the electrical engineering program at the University of Rhode Island. While a student, he worked as a boat carpenter and he and his wife had three children. Of the competing demands, he says simply that he was “serious and driven about getting it done.”

After graduation, Paul worked in electronic design for GE in Pittsfield, MA before returning to Rhode Island. He worked at several electronics companies, including Techni-rite Electronics and Gulton Industries before joining a startup company, Atlantek, in Wakefield. Atlantek’s work as a pioneer in thermal printing enabled the small company to design and manufacture unique printers for such industry giants as Polaroid, Kodak, Hewlett Packard, Haliburton, Siemens, and DuPont among others.

Paul and his partners sold Atlantek in 2004, and Paul retired. Within a year or two, he joined the Cherrystone Group of angel investors. “It looks at young start-ups and basically funds new companies. It’s fun looking at them and trying to determine who’s going to be successful,” Paul says.

Through this fund, Paul intends to support organizations that give a hand to people to help themselves, explaining, “I’d like to find a way to reward folks who are pulling themselves up. I have a lot of patience for people who work hard.”
Michael, Sr. was active with many professional organizations, including the Manufacturing Jewelers and Silversmiths of America (MJSA). He joined the board of MJSA in 1970 and later served as its president, where he was recognized for addressing the “needs of the smaller manufacturer.” He encouraged MJSA to transfer its numerous jewelry scholarships to the Foundation.

This scholarship fund is the second established by and named for the Salvadore family to support scholarships and educational purposes of MJSA; the first memorializes Andrew Salvadore and his wife, Frances. “Our grandfather’s fund is here and MJSA’s fund is here. We never gave any consideration to going anywhere else,” Michael states of his family’s decision to partner with the Foundation.

MICHAEL A. SALVADORE and A. DORIS SALVADORE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Salvadore Tool and Findings was founded in 1945 by Andrew Salvadore. “Our grandfather only went as far as the fifth grade, but he built a company that employed almost 300 people. Having a trade then was equivalent to having a PhD,” states Michael A. Salvadore, Jr., Andrew’s grandson.

Andrew’s son, Michael Sr., followed his father into the business after graduating from Mt. Pleasant High School, attending Bryant College, and serving in the Army. Michael was dedicated to the family business working hard and long hours. His wife Doris was a stay-at-home mom to Michael, Jr. and two sisters Judy and Dana. Doris was devoted to her family and eventually became a strong supporter and volunteer for the Rhode Island Red Cross.

“Our father felt strongly about giving back, helping the families who lived by Salvadore Tool, reaching out to anyone in need; that was our family philosophy and corporate philosophy, although companies didn’t have corporate philosophies in those days,” Michael, Jr. explains.
MaryAnn has traveled all over the world, with a particular interest in third world countries. “I like to go to places that are not like here, be with the people, and learn about the culture. That really makes me happy,” she says while sharing photographs she took in Africa.

Of her intentions for the fund, MaryAnn says, “Money helps to keep us safe – from the cold, hunger, and from people who might hurt us. It is my hope that the Foundation will guide me to where my money can do the most good for people who need help.”
Rhode Islanders since 1968, Thomas and Virginia Soutter moved here when Tom was recruited by Textron to serve on its legal staff. A graduate of the University of Virginia where he earned both his undergraduate and law degrees, Tom also served four years in the Navy and practiced corporate law in New York City before joining Textron.

An active community member, he was a trustee of the New England Legal Foundation, Providence Preservation Society, and Providence Performing Arts Center. He also served as the national chairman of alumni giving for the University of Virginia Law School and as an advisor to the International and Comparative Law Center. After a long and successful career, Tom retired from Textron as executive vice president and general counsel.

Ginny attended Skidmore College in Saratoga, NY, where her interests ranged from psychology to communications to the arts. She held jobs in teaching and testing while Tom was in law school and later became a full-time mother to the couple’s three children, Sam, Andy, and Hadley. It was then, too, that she began to explore the contributions she could make to the community through volunteer work. Locally, she has been involved with organizations that include the Rhode Island School of Design Museum, Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island, and Dorcas Place (now Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island).

It was through Ginny’s volunteer service at Dorcas Place that she was introduced to the Rhode Island Foundation. As a member of the Dorcas Place board, Ginny attended a planned giving workshop at the Foundation. That experience, as well as “hearing what others said about the Foundation and learning about their good experiences,” led Ginny and Tom to include the Foundation in their charitable plans.

Tom died last year, and this donor advised fund was established through his estate. Ginny will serve as the fund’s advisor and plans to include the couple’s three adult children.

Soloveitzik/Rhode Island for Community and Justice Fund (1992)
Harold B. Soloveitzik/American Association of University Women Fund (1992)
Harold B. Soloveitzik Fund (1986)
Lewis D. Sorrentino Fund (2004)
Lily and Catello Sorrentino Memorial Scholarship Fund (1978)
Edith B. Soule Fund (1999)
South County Ambulance and Rescue Corps (2002)
South County Garden Club of Rhode Island
Includes: South County Garden Club of RI/Margaret Dunbar Fund (2004) and South County Garden Club of RI/Susan B. Wilson Fund (2010)
South County Habitat for Humanity Endowment Fund (2012)
South County Museum
South Kingstown Education Foundation Fund (2012)
SOUTTER FAMILY FUND
Virginia and Thomas Soutter Fund for Dorcas Place (2010)
Spark Grants Fund (2013)
Spartina Fund (2007)
James L. Spears Charitable Fund (2005)
Madeline Standish Fund (2010)
Staples Family Fund (1986)
Starkweather & Shepley Charitable Fund (2010)
Station Nightclub Fire Children’s Scholarship Fund (2004)
Henry A. Stearns Fund (1977)
Cameron Duke Stebbins Memorial Fund (2001)
Shirley Steere, Battey-Campbell Memorial, and Book Endowment Fund (2013)
Steinberg-Shao Family Fund (2008)
Ronald G. Stevens and Patricia E. Moore Fund (2013)
Frank M. Stewart Fund (2012)
William Laverne Stillman and Elizabeth C. Stillman (Class of ’33) Scholarship Fund (2008)
Stone Bridge Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship Fund (1991)
Henry A. Street Fund (1956)
Sylvia Street Fund in Memory of Ruth Ely (1981)
John O. Strom, MD Memorial Fund (2008)
William J. and Judith D. Struck Fund (2005)
Sturges Fund for Grace Church (2008)
Sullivan Family Fund (1996)
Bruce and Marjorie Sundlun Scholarship Fund (1990)
Howard G. Sutton Endowment for Crossroads Rhode Island (2011)
Helen E. Swanson Fund (2003)
Miss Swinburne Fund (2002)
Anne and Michael Szostak Fund (2009)
Richard W. Szumita Memorial Scholarship Fund (2001)
Hope and Roland Talbot Fund (1979)
Helen E. Talcott Fund (1930)
David D. Tarnapol Scholarship Fund (2006)
C. George Taylor Fund (1999)
★ Temple Habonim Endowment Fund (2013)
Test Fund (2013)
Rupert C. Thompson Fund (1987) (2)
Hope L. Thornton Fund (2001)
Thorp Family Scholarship Fund (2006)
James E. Tiernan Memorial Fund (2005)
Albert Harris Tillinghast Fund (1949)
Tiverton Land Trust Fund (2000)
Clinton and Mary Tompkinson Memorial Fund (2010)
Peter and Sunny Toulin Fund (1986)
Geraldine Tower Education Fund (2002)
Christopher Townsend-Child and Family Services of Newport County Fund (2007)
Christopher Townsend-Newport Public Library Fund (2007)
Agnes Meade Tramonti Memorial Scholarship Fund (1998)
Fund for Trinity Repertory Company
Raymond H. Trott Scholarship Fund (1980)
Troy Fund (1979)

SHIRLEY STEERE, BATTEY-CAMPBELL MEMORIAL, and BOOK ENDOWMENT FUND

Three people, all for whom the Greenville Public Library was an important part of their lives, are honored through this fund which will help ensure a permanent source of funding for the 132-year-old library. At the same time, the library transferred its Book Endowment Fund to the Foundation.

The late Shirley Steere served the library in numerous capacities — children’s librarian, assistant librarian, and acting director. Upon her death in 1981, Shirley’s family requested memorial gifts be made to the library. For the past 33 years, the library has used the fund to purchase books and furniture for the children’s room. “She was very popular at the library and in the community. We don’t want that to get lost, for people not to know who she was,” explains Library Director Christopher LaRoux.

Former Greenville residents David and Eleanor (Battey) Campbell were honored in 2003 when their daughter and her husband, Janice and Richard Lindsay, established a

The Book Endowment Fund helps fill an ongoing need at the library. “We never have enough money for books which represented about 90% of our circulation last year,” Chris states.

The library and its director have many ties with the Foundation. Two funds at the Foundation, the Moore Fund, in honor of Thomas Winsor, and the Mattie A. Walcott Fund, are designated for Greenville Public Library. Chris has participated in programs offered by the Initiative for Nonprofit Excellence and is a member of the Smithfield Rotary Club which has a scholarship fund at the Foundation.

Of the library board’s decision to partner with the Foundation, Chris says, “We need to have our endowment where it will be safeguarded. We think, too, we’ll have a better chance of getting additional donations for the Book Endowment if it’s held at the Foundation.”
here’s such a profound need out there. We asked ourselves, ‘How could we not do this?’” Patricia Moore says of the decision she and her husband, Ronald Stevens, made to start a donor advised fund at the Foundation. “There are four areas we’re especially interested in – poverty, health, education, and the environment.”

The couple’s philanthropic interests are aligned with their backgrounds and community work. Born and raised in Creve Coeur, MO, Ron shares that he always loved science. He earned an undergraduate degree in physics from DePauw University (Greencastle, IN), served two years in the Army, then continued his education at Rutgers University where he received two master’s degrees in environmental science and physics.

His career brought him to Rhode Island in 1974 when he began working at the Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center on the Bay Campus of the University of Rhode Island (URI). He stayed nine years, leaving to work at Electric Boat in Groton, from which he retired after 27 years. Patricia, a native of Portland, ME, earned an undergraduate degree at the University of Maine and a Masters of Business Administration at URI. During her career she worked in diverse management positions in Tufts and Brown teaching hospitals; she also served on state and national task forces on health policy.

Their extensive community work includes volunteering for nonprofit organizations addressing poverty, healthcare, and the environment. Both have served on Rhode Island Department of Health advisory committees. Currently, Patricia is a URI Master Gardener, a member of the Kingston Hill Gardeners, and is a Rhode Island Tree Steward. Ron is active in the Kingston Congregational Church.

Of their decision to partner with the Foundation for their philanthropy, Ron says, “We were searching for a community organization that would carry out our wishes. We wanted to be part of a larger force in the community, and we wanted to deal with respected financial stewards for our funds.”

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The Temple had its first home of its own in 1965 when members purchased a house on County Road. As membership increased, they outgrew the building and, in 1976, purchased a former school administration building on New Meadow Road that remains the Temple’s home today, although it has been renovated and, more recently, expanded to accommodate what today is a congregation of 200 families.

“We work hard at being very welcoming,” Leslie says of Temple Habonim, the only Reform Temple in the East Bay. “We’re a spiritual home and a community. And that’s what we strive to offer people, a community where they can feel comfortable.”

Jerry explains three reasons the Temple’s leadership decided to transfer the endowment to the Foundation. “First, we want the expert, ongoing attentive management of the funds that the Foundation provides. Secondly, we want to go to prospective donors and say, ‘You can count on the reputation and stability of the Foundation,’ and thirdly, we want to grow the endowment through donations and the Foundation offers a way to assist with that.”

Returning to the idea of increasing awareness prior to raising funds, Jerry concludes, “This presents a great opportunity. We can make a big difference.”
Jerry and Edie Weinstein are relative newcomers to Rhode Island, having moved here in 2009. “We’d like to be more involved in Rhode Island, and we see philanthropic involvement as a means to do this,” explains Jerry.

Originally from New York, Jerry was raised in Brooklyn, Edie on Long Island. He earned an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from City College of New York and both a master’s and doctorate in industrial engineering from Purdue University. He then pursued what would become a 35-year career with Whirlpool Corporation, including six years in Italy where he was responsible for industrial operations throughout Europe and in Africa.

Edie earned an undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Rochester, and pursued social work with nonprofit organizations throughout the couple’s moves. “I was fortunate to be very flexible with what I did,” she explains, noting that she was a welfare case worker in West Lafayette, IN, and worked for Big Brothers Big Sisters in Marion, OH, Crittenton Services in Toledo, OH, and Planned Parenthood in St. Joseph, MI.

Community involvement is a priority for the couple. “It’s who we are, but we’ve always lived in small towns, where you’ve just got to do it. Education is very big for us,” Jerry says, with Edie adding, “And the arts. We’ve always given to theaters and museums wherever we’ve lived.” The environment and Jewish causes also are among the couple’s interests.

It was followingJerry’s retirement that the Weinsteins moved to Rhode Island, where daughter Deborah, her husband, and their two children live. Their twin daughters also are on the East coast, Laura, her partner and their daughter in Arlington, MA; Marjorie, in Brooklyn. Through their community involvement, the Weinsteins have long been familiar with community foundations. They learned about Rhode Island Foundation through a presentation at their synagogue, Temple Habonim in Barrington.

“It (the Foundation) is a great vehicle. It gets good investment returns, and this hundred year history (referring to the Foundation’s 100th anniversary in 2016) counts for a lot. I can see using the knowledge of the Foundation,” Jerry states of the couple’s plans for this donor advised fund.
Commemorating the year of the Foundation’s founding, The 1916 Society honors more than 400 individuals who have informed us of their plans to leave a legacy through the Foundation in the future.

If you are not a member of The 1916 Society but have arranged to establish or add to an existing endowment in the future, we hope you will let us know. Please call (401) 274-4564.

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2013 FINANCIALS

Our approach to investing the dollars that generous Rhode Islanders have entrusted to us is a critical component of our work. We employ long-term investment, spending, and operating strategies to ensure not only that these philanthropic dollars last forever but also that we make available the maximum amount possible for grantmaking every year.

Thanks to the diligent work of our investment committee and staff, we distributed $31 million in the community in 2013.

SPENDING POLICY

The board of directors annually reviews the Foundation’s spending policy to ensure that our endowment continues to grow even as we continue to meet the needs of the people of Rhode Island. The Foundation’s spending policy of between 5.0 and 6.53 percent (including our support fee) calculated over a sixteen quarter trailing average, which is comparable with that of New England’s largest community foundations, allows us to provide a predictable stream of grants to organizations that serve our community, while maintaining a prudent rate of endowment growth.

INVESTMENTS AND INVESTMENT POLICY

A committee of Foundation directors and community members with expertise in the field governs our investments. The committee establishes investment policy, monitors individual investment managers and their performance, and sets each year’s spending rate. The Foundation also utilizes an investment consultant.

The Foundation’s asset allocation is diversified, and we set high performance standards for our investment managers. During the past decade, the Foundation has increased the proportion of equity investments and has expanded its portfolio to include emerging markets, alternative investments, and global fixed income assets.

The Foundation is committed to a “total return” investment philosophy to ensure that our endowment grows in perpetuity. Any investment return earned over the spending policy is added to principal, thus increasing the size of the endowment to combat inflation and overcome cyclical down markets. We consistently are in the top quartile of performance with peer foundations, and in 2013 we were pleased with our investment return of 17.7%.

OPERATING EXPENSES

We are committed to carefully managing our operating expenses, again with the goal of maximizing our investments in Rhode Island. To this end, in 2013 our operating expenses were managed to within approximately one percent of our total assets, which is well within the industry standards for community foundations.

Thanks to the diligent work of our investment committee and staff, we distributed $31 million in the community in 2013, a record for the Foundation.
## SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. Full financial statements are available upon request. Form 990s are available at www.rifoundation.org.

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

#### UNAUDITED 2013

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<td>Cash</td>
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<td>Accrued investment income receivable</td>
<td>176,087</td>
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<td>Investments, at fair value</td>
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<td>Other assets</td>
<td>16,241,259</td>
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<td>Other receivables</td>
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<td>Fixed assets, net</td>
<td>4,546,576</td>
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#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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<td>Accounts payable and accrued expenses</td>
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<td>Grants payable</td>
<td>3,167,745</td>
<td>2,649,961</td>
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<td>Charitable trusts</td>
<td>6,747,580</td>
<td>6,658,094</td>
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<td>Liability for funds held as agency endowments</td>
<td>44,978,555</td>
<td>35,500,674</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL LIABILITIES</strong></td>
<td>56,039,036</td>
<td>45,405,174</td>
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| NET ASSETS                     | 734,381,671 | 632,825,616 |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** | $790,420,707 | $678,230,790 |

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

#### UNAUDITED 2013

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<th>$35,636,825</th>
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<td>Spending rate and grant income distributions</td>
<td>35,636,825</td>
<td>32,518,105</td>
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<td>Royalties and other income</td>
<td>1,627,854</td>
<td>1,991,051</td>
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<td>Contributions for current use</td>
<td>2,464,110</td>
<td>2,439,172</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</strong></td>
<td>39,728,789</td>
<td>36,948,328</td>
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<td>Net grants appropriated</td>
<td>29,682,681</td>
<td>28,267,948</td>
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<td>Expenses related to administration, depreciation, and other</td>
<td>9,986,074</td>
<td>7,780,082</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL OPERATING GRANTS AND EXPENSES</strong></td>
<td>39,668,755</td>
<td>36,048,030</td>
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| INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS | 60,034 | 900,298 |
| **NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)** |         |          |
| Contributions for long-term investment | 37,812,835 | 33,417,060 |
| Reinvested investment income and gains | 59,968,234 | 33,727,634 |
| Change in value of investments held in trust | 5,732,541 | 1,578,830 |
| Distribution of supporting organization | (2,017,589) | ---- |
| **TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES** | 101,496,021 | 68,723,524 |

| INCREASE IN NET ASSETS | 101,556,055 | 69,623,822 |
| **NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR** | 632,825,616 | 563,201,794 |

| NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR | $734,381,671 | $632,825,616 |

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Notes:
Form 990s are available at www.rifoundation.org.
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