

2010

Arts and Culture

Discretionary Grants Awarded: 71
Amount: \$1,073,779

FOCUS

The Foundation focuses on ensuring the vitality of the arts sector and increasing participation in the arts.

Our principal target areas in arts and culture are:

- Efforts that foster artistic and operational collaboration within the sector and result in efficiencies
- Efforts to deepen, expand, and diversify audiences for artistic and cultural presentations
- Programs that support art making with youth in public schools and community settings



IMPACT (highlights)

- With a general operating grant of \$50,000, FirstWorks continues to utilize collaboration and partnerships as a key to success in all areas of its operation. FirstWorks will co-market programs with five arts organizations and collaborate with up to six artistic partners including local organizations Aurea and Everett Dance Theatre.
- A grant of \$30,000 to the Rhode Island Philharmonic supported a collaboration with WaterFire to produce Philharmonic on Fire. This live performance at WaterFire attracted approximately 75,000 people.
- A total of \$105,000 in grants to Trinity Repertory Company and the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities will strengthen fund development efforts and increase contributed income. A grant of \$32,925 to 2nd Story Theater will provide continued support for a chief financial officer position to strengthen the organization's financial position.
- A grant of \$25,000 to the VMA Foundation supported a diversity festival. By working with ethnically-specific organizations on this festival, the VMA Foundation aimed to increase the diversity of the auditorium's audience-base while raising the profile of its partnering organizations. Participants included the Rhode Island Black Storytellers, Teatro ECAS, Eastern Medicine Singers, and the Laotian Community Center of Rhode Island.
- A grant of \$47,550 will support a comprehensive branding and marketing initiative as the Newport Art Museum prepares for its centennial. Building upon recent successes, the museum plans to focus on outreach to young professionals under 45 and opportunities for individuals to engage and interact with the museum online.
- A grant of \$40,000 to the Island Moving Company will support the addition of an innovative residency and touring component to its summer Great Friends Dance Festival. By partnering with other dance troupes, Island Moving Company will raise its profile regionally and nationally while increasing and diversifying audiences.



Students at Agnes Little Elementary School, Pawtucket, and Gamm teaching artists participate in the Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre's Pawtucket Literacy and Arts for Youth (PLAY) program, a performance-based literacy learning model.

- \$57,100 in grants to the Sandra-Feinstein Gamm Theater and Providence CityArts will provide access to the arts for more than 3,500 young people in Providence and Pawtucket public schools, and model integrating arts into the curriculum and connecting out of school and in-school learning.
- A grant of \$15,000 will allow New Urban Arts to explore expanding its teacher institutes for educators. The Providence School Department has worked with New Urban Arts to develop workshops and professional development programs for the all of the city's K-12 art teachers.
- General operating grants total \$85,000 to New Urban Arts and Community MusicWorks for continued support for quality after school programming reaching more than 500 students from Providence's poorest urban communities. In the last two years, each of these programs has been a recipient of the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award.

"The support that the Rhode Island Foundation has provided this year to the PLAY project has enabled our program to expand into the elementary schools, both in-school hours curriculum-based enhancements and after school programs, reaching over 3,000 Pawtucket schoolchildren. Many new educational and community partners have heard about us and as a result we are working on furthering expanded services for next school year."

Yvonne Seggerman
Executive Director, Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre

Arts & Culture Grantees

(Received 2010 discretionary grant of \$10,000 or more)

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- Liz Collins, MacColl Johnson Fellow
Community MusicWorks
- Ellen Driscoll, MacColl Johnson Fellow
Educational Center for the Arts & Science
FirstWorks
- Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre
- Lynne Harlow, MacColl Johnson Fellow
Island Moving Company
- Jamestown Arts Center
- New Urban Arts
- Newport Art Museum
- The Pew Charitable Trusts for Cultural Data Project
- Providence CityArts for Youth
- Rhode Island Black Storytellers
- Rhode Island Citizens for the Arts
- Rhode Island Council for the Humanities
- Rhode Island Philharmonic
- Rhode Island School of Design
- 2nd Story Theatre
- Tomaquag Indian Memorial Museum
- Trinity Repertory Company
- Veterans Memorial Auditorium Foundation

"Working with PLAY has made literature and writing come to life for me. It's no longer a chore, it's beautiful. Things like subtext and movement, terms I've never thought of when writing or reading, are now in daily use."

Danielle, PLAY project participant

2010

Community and Economic Development

Discretionary Grants Awarded: 51
Amount: \$1,700,550

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The Foundation's key goals in this sector are to increase affordable housing options in the state and to increase the number of Rhode Islanders ready to enter the workforce.

Our principal target areas in community and economic development are:

- Efforts to increase the availability of affordable housing, providing ample rental and homeownership units
- Efforts focused on job training and readiness that address the workforce needs of employers and employees



IMPACT (highlights)

- With Foundation support, several community development corporations (CDCs) and related entities are expected to produce more than 100 units of housing, both rental and homeownership. The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), a national organization, received a \$200,000 general operating grant that enabled it to finance more than 300 units of affordable housing in Rhode Island and provide additional support to CDCs that assisted in the completion of more than 250 affordable housing units in every county in the state.
 - Grants related to job training and job readiness expect to provide training opportunities for approximately 200 individuals.
 - The Foundation made a number of grants to organizations that provide training and career laddering strategies that utilize a dual-customer approach to match employer demand with those seeking employment.
 - Third-year funding of \$60,000 was provided to the Stepping Up Program that works closely with hospitals, enabling it to expand its Providence-based model to northern and southern Rhode Island. The Saint Antoine
- A rooster weathervane graces this affordable home at Sandywoods Farm in Tiverton, an arts and agricultural community designed by Church Community Housing Corporation, a Newport nonprofit developer.
(Photo: Juan Gallo, HousingWorks RI)
- TEAMhealth2 certified nursing assistant training and career laddering program in northern Rhode Island received second-year funding of \$60,000. East Bay Community Action Program received second-year funding of \$50,000 for the Newport Skills Alliance, a county-wide effort to deliver regionally-based training through a coalition of education, training, and social service providers in collaboration with employers in key industry sectors. The Foundation also provided third-year funding of \$50,000 for the Amos House carpentry training program. All programs have the potential to be replicated and are providing training to those with substantial barriers to accessing job training programs delivered elsewhere in the state.
- HousingWorks RI is a coalition of nearly 140 organizations and businesses dedicated to increasing the availability of affordable homes across Rhode Island. With \$100,000 from the Foundation, HousingWorks RI continues its research, advocacy, and public education efforts.



Homeless advocates bring attention to the winter shelter crisis at a press conference organized by the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless and the RI Homeless Advocacy Project.

“The support the Rhode Island Coalition receives from The Rhode Island Foundation is critical to our work on constituent engagement. Through our Speakers Bureau, Speak Outs, and Constituent Advisory Board, we strive to help politicians, decision-makers, and the general public more fully understand homelessness, and its solutions, in Rhode Island. Without the support of The Rhode Island Foundation, achieving our vision of a state where no man, woman, or child is homeless would be impossible.”

Jim Ryczek, Executive Director
Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless



Pedro Maldonado, a Year Up Providence student, asks U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse a question about education reform. (Photo: Bobby Gondola)

- The Foundation provided continued support for organizations engaged in statewide efforts, such as Grow Smart Rhode Island (\$75,000), as well as regional initiatives including the Aquidneck Island Regional Planning Council (\$29,700). A \$25,000 grant was made to support the Innovation Providence Implementation Council (IPIC) to help support the IPIC grant program designed to stimulate knowledge economy projects and job development.
- The Foundation provided continued support for organizations that serve and advocate for the homeless such as the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless (\$55,000) and Housing Action Coalition (\$30,000), and the Corporation for Supportive Housing (\$40,000) to assist its efforts to improve the delivery of services and permanent housing for the homeless. A grant of \$100,000 for general operating support was provided to Crossroads Rhode Island to help address the increased demand on its shelter and related services.
- The geographic distribution of our grants reflected our intent to support “place-based” efforts related to the location of housing and access to job training.

Community & Economic Development Grantees
(Received 2010 discretionary grant of \$10,000 or more)

- AICU Rhode Island
- Amos House
- Aquidneck Island Planning Commission
- Corporation for Supportive Housing-New England Program
- Crossroads Rhode Island
- Dorcas Place Adult and Family Learning Center
- East Bay Community Action Program
- Greater Providence Chamber Foundation
- Grow Smart Rhode Island
- Housing Action Coalition of Rhode Island
- Housing Network of Rhode Island
- Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence
- Kingston Improvement Association
- Lifespan
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- Pawtucket Citizens Development Corporation
- Providence Plan
- Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless
- Rhode Island College Foundation
- Saint Antoine Residence
- Stop Wasting Abandoned Property - SWAP
- UNAP Education Fund
- Washington County Community Development Corporation
- Westerly Area Rest Meals - WARM
- Workforce Strategy Center
- Year Up

2010

Education

Discretionary Grants Awarded: 92

Scholarships Awarded: 210

Amount: \$3,530,594

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The Foundation is committed to reducing the number of students dropping out of school and increasing the number of high school graduates who go on to post-secondary education or job training programs.

Our principal target areas in education are:

- Efforts focused on middle school and high school retention – programs and supports that motivate young people to learn, to reach graduation and to seek further education opportunities
- Investments in charter schools and specialty schools where best practice can be learned and shared with larger schools and districts
- Programs addressing professional development and peer support for educational leaders



IMPACT (highlights)

- A \$50,000 grant will help the Urban Collaborative expand into larger quarters and have a state-of-the-art science laboratory and a gym, which will be used by the Collaborative's 140 students from the cities of Cranston, Central Falls, and Providence. The 225 students attending the Textron Chamber of Commerce Charter School will also utilize the laboratory and gym.
- The College Crusade will use an \$85,000 grant to serve more than 3,500 students from the urban core cities. More than 400 parents will be served in 22 workshops on various topics.
- The University of Rhode Island College of Engineering received a \$60,000 grant for its collaboration with the Providence School Department to interest more under-represented populations in the field of engineering. They have had 1,006 students participate in this program and professional development has been provided to the science/math faculty of the schools served.

Brown University Associate Professor of Engineering Jerry Daniels works with the College Crusade robotics team, helping them to build and program their robot and to collaborate on strategy for competing in the statewide robotics meet. In this photo, two high school Crusaders consult on how best to add a structural component to their robot chassis. (Photo: Karen Donovan)

- The Providence After School Alliance received a grant of \$46,000 toward its successful launch of the Hub initiative, its first program for high school students with more than 200 students in attendance.
- A \$71,000 grant will help City Year expand programming to additional Providence middle schools for students who are "off track." With the expansion, 1,276 middle school students will participate.
- A \$122,569 grant will enable the Education Alliance, along with representatives of Rhode Island's teacher training programs, to develop a new curriculum for all teacher-training programs to address the difficulties of teaching students for whom English is not their native language. Continued field-testing and assessments will lead to finalization of the curriculum.

“Guidance and support from the Rhode Island Foundation has not only made it possible for City Year Rhode Island to provide more students with academic support, mentoring and high-quality after school programs, but it has also increased our capacity to train our staff, strengthen our program and evaluate our impact. We are a better community partner because of the Rhode Island Foundation’s investment in our work.”

Jennie Johnson, Executive Director
City Year Rhode Island

- With support from a \$34,000 grant, the Rhode Island League of Charter Schools hosted the third Charter School Consortium where best practices were shared with Rhode Island public school students, educators, and families. More than 300 people attended.
- A \$50,000 Foundation grant is helping the American Federation of Teachers and the Rhode Island Department of Education negotiate to merge their respective teacher evaluation models into one shared model. This model will eventually be used to evaluate all 11,900 of the state’s teachers.
- A grant of \$5,000 provided support for the fourth year of a principal support network to help each school leader affect reform in schools.
- RI-CAN, an educational advocacy organization, was launched with \$50,000 in Foundation support.
- Funding of \$56,561 provided to the Rhode Island Department of Education supported the successfully enacted school funding formula.

“The Rhode Island Foundation is an essential partner in our mission to advance college access and success for students in low-income urban communities. Thanks to the Foundation’s critical investment over the past year, over 3,500 inspired young people who participate in our program are closer to achieving their dream of going to college.”

Todd D. Flaherty, President & CEO
The College Crusade of Rhode Island



A City Year corps member provides one-on-one support in a middle school literacy class. (Photo credit: Jennifer Cogswell)

Education Grantees

(Received 2010 discretionary grant of \$10,000 or more)

Achievement First

American Federation of Teachers Foundation

Brown University

Katie Brown Educational Program

City Year Rhode Island

College Crusade of Rhode Island

ConnCAN

Cranston School Department

Paul Cuffee School

Education Alliance

Great Schools Partnership

Harmony Hill School

Highlander Charter School

The Highlander Dunn Institute

Newport Community School

Providence After School Alliance

Rhode Island League of Charter Schools

Rhode Island State Nurses Association

RiverzEdge Arts Project

Sophia Academy

Teach for America

University of Rhode Island Foundation

Urban Collaborative Accelerated Program

2010

Environment

Discretionary Grants Awarded: 36
Amount: \$764,210

FOCUS

The Foundation is committed to maximizing the conservation, restoration and stewardship of Rhode Island's natural resources and supporting local opportunities to address climate change.

Our principal target areas in the environment are:

- Efforts that advance environmental stewardship and strengthen the sector's capacity to protect and restore Rhode Island's natural resources through policy advocacy and programming
- Efforts to promote energy conservation, renewable energy, local agriculture, and efficient public transit



IMPACT (highlights)

- With \$40,000 from The Rhode Island Foundation, the City of East Providence leveraged more than \$300,000 in state funds to develop one of the largest solar energy projects in New England, transforming the former Forbes Street landfill, a long-time non-performing liability, into a performing asset for the city. The project will be incorporated into the local school curriculum and serves as a model for redeploying brownfield sites as alternative energy producers.
 - A grant of \$60,000 to the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning's "Green and Healthy Housing" demonstration project in Providence, one of 15 pilot sites around the country, will support 250 housing units that meet the standard of "green and healthy" and systems change that improves household health and lowers utility costs for Rhode Island families. The project has leveraged more than \$3.5 million in federal and state funds to date.
 - A \$55,000 grant helped the Coalition for Transportation Choices develop transportation funding recommendations as part of legislation introduced during the 2011 session to start addressing the state's unsustainable transportation financing structure currently in place.
- Save The Bay promotes water quality testing on the Pawcatuck River in Westerly (Photo: Save The Bay)
- As a result of the Environment Northeast's policy and advocacy efforts, energy efficiency programs worth \$45.6 million will be available to Rhode Island families and businesses, an increase from \$16 million in 2008. Energy efficiency measures saved Rhode Island customers \$12.3 million in 2010 and reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 432,000 tons. The Foundation awarded \$45,000 toward these efforts.
 - With a Foundation grant of \$30,000 Southside Community Land Trust is establishing a Rhode Island Food Council and an integrated two-year strategic action plan that moves the state toward a more sustainable food system.

"After land is protected by land trusts, the state or municipalities, sound stewardship is critical! Rhode Island Foundation funding enables us to be vigilant and ensure that these special places in our communities remain protected for future generations to enjoy."

Rupert Friday, Director, Rhode Island Land Trust Council

“Responding to the challenge of impaired water quality is essential to all citizens. Funding through the Rhode Island Foundation has helped us to bring together the two states and municipalities and deal with this issue in a collaborative way that improves communication across natural and political boundaries.”

David Prescott, South County COASTKEEPER®
Save The Bay.”

- A \$25,000 grant is helping Westerly Land Trust develop a long-term strategic plan for its urban program, consisting of four catalytic projects: the Westerly KeepSpace Initiative, the restoration of the United Theater, the Main Street Gateway Project, and the development of a regional commuter rail hub.
- As a result of Save The Bay’s climate change initiative, Newport, Bristol, and Warwick will have revised comprehensive and hazard mitigation plans that incorporate climate change impacts leading to smarter infrastructure investments and stronger local policies in the areas of water infrastructure, coastal management, and storm preparedness. The Foundation supported this work with a \$30,000 grant.
- A \$50,000 grant is helping The Nature Conservancy revise the State Wildlife Action Plans to incorporate climate change considerations, a new federal mandate. The project will leverage more than \$100,000 in federal funds and makes the state eligible for an estimated \$600,000 annually for plan implementation.
- A Rhode Island Environmental Literacy Plan was approved by the Rhode Island Department of Education and utilized as a basis for an environmental education curriculum that has demonstrated success nationally in improving student engagement and performance in math and science. A \$22,000 Foundation grant supported the Plan.
- The Audubon Society of Rhode Island, the largest private steward of conservation land in Rhode Island, received a \$38,000 grant to help increase sales and revenue at its two retail stores and sustain a 10% growth per year over the next three to five years to support its educational and conservation programs.



Rhode Island’s more than 45 land trusts work to preserve open space and natural areas like Black Point, Narragansett. (Photo: Rupert Friday, Rhode Island Land Trust Council, with fiscal agent Third Sector New England)

Environment Grantees

(Received 2010 discretionary grant of \$10,000 or more)

- Audubon Society of Rhode Island**
- Brown University**
- City of East Providence**
- Clean Water Fund**
- The Coalition to End Child Lead Poisoning**
- Conservation Law Foundation**
- Environment Council of Rhode Island Education Fund**
- Environment Northeast**
- The Nature Conservancy**
- New England Grassroots Environment Fund**
- Rhode Island Natural History Survey**
- Save The Bay**
- The Sierra Club Foundation**
- Southside Community Land Trust**
- Third Sector New England**
- Town of Bristol**
- The Westerly Land Trust**

2010

Health

Discretionary Grants Awarded: 60

Amount: \$1,977,589

FOCUS

The Foundation's work in health promotes the development of a successful and effective system of primary care; and increased access, affordability, and quality of primary care for Rhode Island citizens.

Our principal target areas in health are:

- Develop new ways for vulnerable Rhode Islanders to access primary care
- Provide access to affordable medications through primary care providers
- Support outreach around primary care and personal health responsibility
- Build a stronger primary care workforce
- Integrate oral and behavioral health services and the effective management of chronic conditions with primary care
- Develop policy around health insurance expansion and cost containment



IMPACT (highlights)

- There were six grant-funded projects to effectively manage chronic conditions:
 - Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic received a \$40,000 grant to open a new "free clinic" in the Olneyville section of Providence. It will serve an estimated 2,000 individuals without health insurance.
 - With a \$51,755 Foundation grant Rhode Island Hospital Foundation's Yes! I Can be Healthy will serve 195 adults with diabetes by engaging patients in a group-based medical visit and education program.
 - Foundation support of \$75,400 will help Cornerstone Adult Services, Inc. expand its Community Partnership for Chronic Care to serve an additional 82 older adults with chronic conditions living in the community through collaborations with the primary care community.
 - An \$82,183 grant will allow Comprehensive Community Action Program to develop new approaches to engage adolescents disconnected from primary care. The project will serve 600 adolescents in

A young boy gets a check-up from a Providence Community Health Centers health professional..

CCAP's community health centers in Cranston and Warwick.

- A \$90,000 Foundation grant supports Blackstone Valley Community Health Center's project, Care Coordination: Integrating Team and Technology, will implement the patient-centered medical home model and prepare the health center for participation in the Chronic Care Sustainability Initiative, a program funded by the state's commercial insurers designed to demonstrate the benefit of primary care in managing three chronic conditions: diabetes, coronary artery disease, and depression.
- South County Hospital Healthcare System and its physician and community partners are working to develop a Patient Centered Medical Community as part of the statewide Chronic Care Sustainability Initiative. This \$90,000 grant will help South County Hospital and six community primary care practices lay the groundwork for working together in this effort.

■ Five grant-funded projects helped in the development of important pieces of policy:

□ Projects include an \$87,631 grant to the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University for promoting Primary Career Choices in Rhode Island. This project will connect third and fourth year medical students with new developments in primary care through partnerships with practicing physicians.

□ The Rhode Island Health Center Association (RIHCA) received \$75,000 in funding to develop the Patient Centered Medical Home Collaborative. Funding will support community health centers to achieve the goal of Level II NCQA Patient Centered Medical Home Accreditation. This medical home initiative will provide approximately half of the 10 health centers with resources to pay the application fees and for RIHCA to establish a medical home collaborative that is focused on the unique needs and varying levels of readiness among the community health centers.

□ Ocean State Action Fund (\$25,000), HealthRight (\$50,000), and Rhode Island Public Radio (\$75,000) will advocate for health care reform and will cover developments in health reform in Rhode Island.

■ Seven physicians new to the practice of primary care in the state have been supported through the Primary Care Loan Forgiveness Program, a collaborative of the Rhode Island Medical Society, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority, the Foundation, and other groups.

■ There were eight grant-funded projects totaling \$486,134 that serve Rhode Island's blind, elderly, disabled, or those who have severe or persistent mental illness or cancer. Recipients included the Foundation Fighting Blindness, CareLink, Homefront Health Care, Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island, and Providence Clubhouse Development Group.

Rapid Access Rhode Island: "Rhode Island Foundation support has allowed Blackstone Valley Community Health Care to expand patient services to include Saturday and Sunday walk in visits. Prompt patient access allows BVCHC to offer a cost effective alternative to Emergency Department visits."

Raymond Lavoie, Executive Director
Blackstone Valley Community Health Center



The Palliative Care Team at Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island (Photo: Pam Taylor, Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island)

Health Grantees

(Received 2010 discretionary grant of \$10,000 or more)

Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Blackstone Valley Community Health Care
CareLink

Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic

Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP)

Cornerstone Adult Services

East Bay Center

The Foundation Fighting Blindness

Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island

Homefront Health Care

IN-SIGHT

Lifespan Office of Research Administration

Lifespan/Rhode Island Hospital

Ocean State Action Fund

Providence Clubhouse Development Group

Providence College

Rhode Island Health Center Association

Rhode Island Hospital

Rhode Island Parent Information Network

Rhode Island Public Radio

Rhode Island Special Olympics

Rhode Island Student Loan Authority

Roger Williams Medical Center

South County Hospital Healthcare System

Visiting Nurse Services of Newport and Bristol
Counties

2010

Human Services

Discretionary Grants Awarded: 143
Amount: \$2,008,544

FOCUS

The Foundation works to strengthen the continuum of care for at-risk children, youth in crisis, and teen parents.

Our principal target areas in human services are:

- Programs that utilize evidence-based practices tailored to meet the needs of target populations as outlined above
- Efforts to develop systems, policies and advocacy to improve overall well-being outcomes for children



IMPACT (highlights)

- With a Foundation grant of \$50,000 the Newport County After School Excitement (iNCASE) will seek to ensure that 750 youth in Newport County have increased and easier access to high-quality after-school programming and will build an innovative, county-wide network that expands youth choices in after-school activities. Members are Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County, Jamestown Teen Center, Newport Art Museum, Child & Family Services (Ophelia and Iron John Sessions), and East Bay Met School. In developing this model, it has sought technical assistance from the successful Providence After School Alliance (PASA) model.
- The Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence will expand its program offerings for youth with Foundation support of \$75,000. Currently, the Institute serves 175; that number will increase to 500 in 2011. Current programs provide positive opportunities for at-risk youth, including employment, life skills training, and leadership development. Specific programs include summer and after-school jobs, and community drop-in programs. These opportunities will greatly expand in scope in the coming year, since the Institute is now

Above: A student and teacher work together at the Carter School at Meeting Street. (Photo: Jim Egan)

Below: Participants in the 5K Race Against Racism, April 10, 2011, sponsored by the YWCA of Northern Rhode Island.

occupying a renovated building with extensive space for classrooms, after-school programs, and youth development.

- The Youth 4 Change Alliance (Y4C), a collaborative, youth-led initiative housed at Youth In Action, will plan, build, and implement its "Right to Education" campaign with a Foundation grant of \$35,000. The project will ultimately involve 600 students. Y4C will leverage relationships, access, and share objectives to increase public understanding, develop a sense of urgency for change, and provide youth-developed solutions in Providence.
- The Foundation provided Meeting Street Center with \$75,000 for general operating support. Meeting Street is where infants, preschoolers, and children of all ages and abilities receive individualized attention from highly-trained, dedicated educators, therapists, and staff who work as a team. The School will ultimately serve 3,100 children age birth to five.

“Employment is an often neglected part of gang intervention and prevention. The Rhode Island Foundation has supported the Institute generously and loyally for many years and additionally last summer made an emergency grant to fund our Beloved Community Summer Job Program. This grant was instrumental in saving the program and ultimately saved lives.”

Teny Gross, Executive Director
Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence

“The Rhode Island Foundation’s support of Meeting Street was critical in allowing us to serve more children and young adults and continue to expand our commitment to the healthy development of the whole child.”

John M. Kelly, President, Meeting Street

- Our general operating support grant of \$125,000 will allow Rhode Island Kids Count to continue its statewide policy and advocacy work in the areas of health, education, and economic well-being and safety of Rhode Island’s children. Rhode Island Kids Count collects and disseminates data on the well-being of Rhode Island’s children and advocates for and facilitates the development of responsive policies and programs by framing the issues, stressing their impact on children and communities, enlisting media coverage, and collaborating with key partners.
- The YWCA of Northern Rhode Island received a grant of \$50,000 to support the Rhode Island Alliance to End Teen Pregnancy. The Alliance will build upon its 41-member partner coalition to increase its capacity to use science-based approaches to prevent teen pregnancy and promote adolescent reproductive health, including abstinence, sexually-transmitted infections and HIV prevention. Approximately 1,100 teens have children each year in Rhode Island. Seventy percent of these adolescents live in the state’s core cities.
- The Rhode Island Foster Parents Association received a grant of \$75,000 to continue its efforts to improve outcomes for children and youth in Rhode Island’s child welfare system. The organization estimates these policies affect 5,000 children and youth each year.

Human Services Grantees

(Received 2010 discretionary grant of \$10,000 or more)

Amos House
Boys & Girls Club of Newport County
Boys Town New England
Child and Family Services of Newport County
Children's Friend and Service
Connecting For Children & Families
Direct Action for Rights & Equality
Families First Rhode Island
Family Service of Rhode Island
Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence
John Hope Settlement House
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Looking Upwards
Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island
Meeting Street
Newport Partnership for Families
The Poverty Institute
The Providence Center
Providence Plan
Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless
Rhode Island Community Action Association
Rhode Island Community Food Bank
Rhode Island Donation Exchange Program
Rhode Island Foster Parents Association
Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
Rhode Island Natural History Survey
Salvation Army
Southside Community Land Trust
St. Vincent de Paul-Diocesan Council of Providence
Tannerhill
United Way of Rhode Island
WE LEARN (Women Expanding Literacy Education Action Resource Network)
Westerly Area Rest Meals - WARM
Youth In Action
YWCA of Northern Rhode Island

The Rhode Island Foundation is a true community champion and valued partner of YWCA Northern Rhode Island in our efforts to eliminate racism, empower women and celebrate diversity. Not only does the Foundation talk the talk, they walk it with us.

Deborah L. Perry, Executive Director
YWCA Northern Rhode Island