

# The Rhode Island Foundation

2010 Annual Report

**Arts and Culture**

**Community and Economic Development**

**Education**

**Environment**

**Health**

**Human Services**

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# Our Mission

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



To Advance This Mission We:

***Actively inspire philanthropy*** and ***increase permanent resources*** for the state of Rhode Island

***Create maximum positive impact*** through our grantmaking, outreach and other investments in the community

***Provide leadership*** and a forum for dialogue on critical community issues

Collaborate with individual, business, government and community partners to ***catalyze positive change*** and develop solutions to longstanding challenges

# Letter from the Chairman and the President/CEO

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



**T**hese are challenging times. Rhode Islanders and the nonprofit organizations that serve them continue to feel the pressure of an economy that is only slowly recovering from “The Great Recession” of 2008 – 2009. Yet, as our leaders and engaged citizens work to move the state forward, we remain confident of the Foundation’s ability to effect positive change.

Last June the state’s top legislative and education leaders joined us to celebrate the passage of a bill establishing the first funding formula for public education in Rhode Island in two decades. In August we celebrated another victory for Rhode Island’s school children when the state won a \$75 million Race to the Top grant from the U.S.

Department of Education. Rhode Island was one of only 12 states to be a Race to the Top winner, a testament to the state’s outstanding leadership in public education reform. In September we welcomed the first class of Teach For America recruits to Rhode Island, more than 30 of the brightest college graduates in the country eager to teach in our most underserved urban schools, guided by Executive Director Heather Tow-Yick – Rhode Island native, Brown graduate and Teach For America alumna.

In March historic national healthcare legislation was passed and we launched “Making it Work,” a series of forums designed to help Rhode Island healthcare practitioners and leaders in the field understand the law’s implications. In the fall, thanks to a new fund established by the

RIGHA Foundation we were able to award nearly \$200,000 to the Rhode Island Health Center Association, Blackstone Valley Community Health Care, and South County Hospital Health Care System for primary care initiatives.

gave \$300,000 to 12 organizations that would immediately reach more than 100,000 Rhode Islanders from Westerly to Woonsocket, providing the basics of human life: food, housing, energy assistance and medicine. We are proud to have made

**“The Foundation is built on our shared love of Rhode Island and our shared belief that positive results, sustained growth, and a brighter future are within our reach.”**

These snapshots only begin to capture the momentum we gained in 2010, as we focused resources on public education and primary healthcare and also streamlined Foundation grant processes to more quickly respond to our partner organizations in the community, groups that weave a supportive tapestry, providing direct, immediate assistance to Rhode Islanders. While most of our grants support long-term, systemic change across the six sectors we fund, as a community foundation we must also respond to immediate and urgent needs.

In that spirit, last December we

grants of \$29 million – a record-breaking figure – in 2010, and to have assisted nearly 600 nonprofit organizations with a wide range of issues through our Initiative for Nonprofit Excellence. Still, we recognize that until all the needs are met, we cannot rest.

In 2011 we celebrate our 95th anniversary. Every year, we take a look back in the pages of our annual report, reflecting on highlights and significant activities. But what does it mean for Rhode Island? Recognizing that the needs will increase, we have redoubled our efforts to measure and learn from the

impact of our work in the community with the following goals in mind:

- The best public education in the United States
- The best primary healthcare in the United States
- Affordable housing available to all Rhode Islanders
- Job training programs that put people to work for the long term
- Preservation of our state’s quality of place, our clean air and water
- A thriving arts and cultural community with access for all
- A meaningful and effective safety net for those in dire need

Our impact is made possible by generous Rhode Islanders, our donors and fund holders. Thirty-eight new fund holders joined us in 2010, and you will find many of their inspiring stories here. The Foundation is built on our shared love of Rhode Island and our shared belief that positive results, sustained growth, and a brighter future are within our reach.

With sincere thanks for your continued trust and support of this vital work,



David M. Hirsch,  
*Chairman*



Neil D. Steinberg,  
*President & CEO*

# Congratulations, Rhode Island: a **Race to the Top** winner!

In August 2010, the U.S. Department of Education announced that Rhode Island was selected for the federal Race to the Top program. The true winners are the students and educators of Rhode Island who will benefit from the \$75 million in federal dollars to improve their schools and to close the achievement gap.

**T**he Foundation was an ardent supporter of the state's application for federal funds. Shortly after the program was announced, Foundation President and CEO Neil Steinberg stated, "We are committed to working with Commissioner Gist, and we applaud her vision of a Rhode Island where all students are ready for success in college, careers, and life. Race to the Top clearly represents an incredible opportunity for the state to make that vision a reality. It's great to be in the company of two other distinguished funders – the Nellie Mae Education Foundation and The Broad Foundation – in support of this important effort."

In announcing winners of round two funds, Education Secretary Arne Duncan said, "These states show what is possible when adults come together to do the right thing for children. Every state that applied showed a tremendous amount of leadership and a bold commitment to education reform. The creativity and innovation in each of these applications is breathtaking. We set a high bar and these states met the challenge." Rhode Island was one of only 10 applicants to receive funding in phase two.

We congratulate the literally thousands of people who worked diligently on this effort spearheaded by Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Deborah Gist, the Rhode Island Department of Education, and the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education.

Way to go Rhode Island! We're one step closer to putting up the state welcome sign: "**Rhode Island: Home of the Nation's Best Public Schools.**"



*Education Commissioner Deborah Gist speaks passionately at a Race to the Top news conference, stating, "I am confident that we have the momentum, the sense of urgency, and the courage to do this right."*



*The delegation that traveled to Washington, DC in August in support of Rhode Island's Race to the Top application included (left to right) Jean Harnois, president, Rhode Island School Committee Association; Steve Smith, president, Providence Teachers' Union; Senator Hanna Gallo; Senate President Teresa Paiva-Weed; Amber Johnson, senior at Classical High School and Rhode Island's 2010 Poetry Out-Loud winner; House Speaker Gordon Fox; Neil Steinberg, president & CEO, The Rhode Island Foundation; Dr. Julie Nora, president, Rhode Island League of Charter Schools; Dr. Jennifer Smith, chief of transformation, Rhode Island Department of Education; and Former Representative Douglas Gablinske.*

# Overview of 2010 Grant Programs

**A**s the largest and most comprehensive funder in the state, the Foundation is committed to achieving maximum positive impact through grants, outreach, and other investments in the community. In 2010, we gave a record \$29.2 million in grants to more than 1,300 organizations.

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 or designated funds. In 2010, Foundation-directed grants represented 41 percent of total grantmaking; donor-directed grants totaled 59 percent.

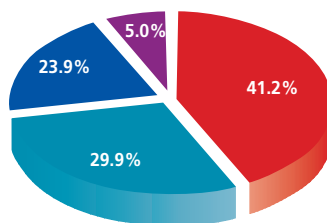
In 2010, we focused our discretionary grantmaking in our six funding sectors – education, health, arts & culture, community & economic development, environment, and human services – while increasing our attention and resources on two key “signature initiatives” of public education reform and primary healthcare. Our 2010 discretionary grants of \$10,000 or more are listed on pages 6-17. These pages also include an “Impact” section since we are determined to measure and learn from the impact of our investments and to communicate that impact more broadly.

The full range of Foundation grant opportunities in 2010 included:

- **Strategy grants**, which support projects that address significant community challenges, strive for lasting impact, and serve disadvantaged Rhode Islanders
- **Organizational development grants** for activities that strengthen and improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness
- **Basic human needs grants** for organizations providing food, clothing, housing, prescription, and utility assistance
- **Fund for a Healthy Rhode Island grants** to improve primary health care services and delivery

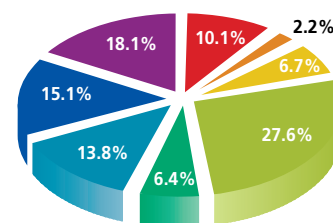
- **Newport County Fund grants** for organizations serving the six communities of Newport County
- **Equity Action grants** for organizations serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning communities of Rhode Island
- **Scholarships** providing financial assistance for educational opportunities through more than 150 scholarship funds

*A full list of grants made in 2010 is available at [www.rifoundation.org](http://www.rifoundation.org)*



**Total Grants by Fund Type**

|                   |       |                      |
|-------------------|-------|----------------------|
| ■ Discretionary   | ..... | \$12,050,040         |
| ■ Designated      | ..... | 8,759,453            |
| ■ Donor Advised   | ..... | 6,986,478            |
| ■ Supporting Orgs | ..... | 1,446,819            |
| <b>Total</b>      | ..... | <b>\$29,242,790*</b> |



**Total Grantmaking by Sector**

|                                    |       |                       |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| ■ Arts & Culture                   | ..... | \$ 2,948,510          |
| ■ Animal Welfare                   | ..... | 648,714               |
| ■ Community & Economic Development | ..... | 1,962,164             |
| ■ Education                        | ..... | 8,062,650             |
| ■ Environment                      | ..... | 1,878,672             |
| ■ Health                           | ..... | 4,041,128             |
| ■ Human Services                   | ..... | 4,418,579             |
| ■ Other                            | ..... | 5,282,373             |
| <b>Total</b>                       | ..... | <b>\$ 29,242,790*</b> |

\*Includes organizational endowment grants

# 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)

##### AS220

- 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

# Community and Economic Development

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

## FOCUS

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 (IPIIC) to help support the IPIIC 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

# Education

Discretionary Grants Awarded: 92  
Scholarships Awarded: 210  
Amount: \$3,530,594

## FOCUS

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

# 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.

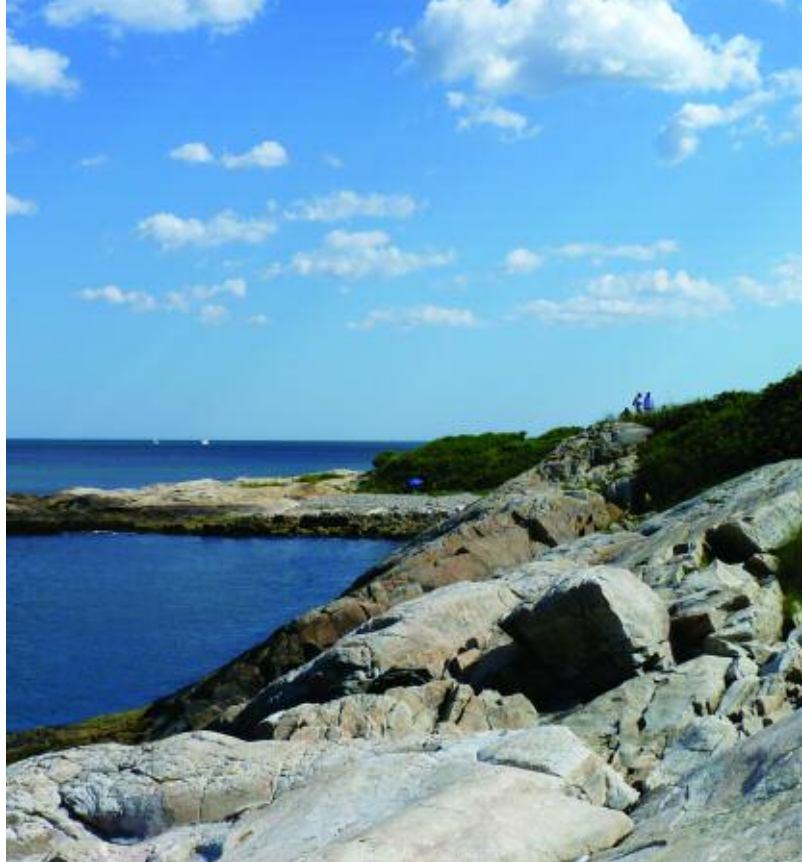
**"After land is protected by land trusts, the state or municipalities, sound stewardship is critical! Rhode Island Foundation funding enables us to be vigilant and ensure that these special places in our communities remain protected for future generations to enjoy."**

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**

# 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.



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

**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

# 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

# Community Initiatives

## Initiative for Nonprofit Excellence

■ The Initiative for Nonprofit Excellence (INE) has been serving Rhode Island nonprofits since 2008. More than 1,300 board members and executive leaders representing more than 600 organizations have attended our programs in the areas of board governance, leadership, organizational development, human resources management, fiscal literacy, and donor relations.



Rebekah Greenwald Speck, executive director, RiverzEdge Arts Project, shares her personal stories of leadership with “next generation leaders” in the Initiative for Nonprofit Excellence’s Emerging Leaders program.

■ INE workshops and extended training programs have demonstrated a positive impact in the nonprofit community, with participating organizations reporting that they gained increased knowledge about financial sustainability, governance, and organizational structures. INE programs are intended to strengthen leadership at the board and executive levels, with a special emphasis on building a cohort of early career leaders through our emerging leaders program. We also provide a unique set of on-line resources for nonprofits, including a complete directory of the state’s nonprofits and a resource guide to nonprofit consultants.

■ All our programs and services are designed to strengthen and build the capacity of the Rhode Island nonprofit sector so that it may effectively meet community needs.

## Newport County Fund

■ The Newport County Fund (NCF) was established in 2002 by the Foundation as a permanent endowment to benefit the six communities of Newport County: Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, and Tiverton.

■ The mission is simple: To improve the lives of Newport County residents. And the vision of NCF is based on the power of regional philanthropy – local people working together on local issues to improve the quality of life throughout the County.

■ Since 2002, NCF has awarded more than \$2 million in grants. In 2010, NCF launched the Common Ground Grants program, an initiative to support creative collaborative projects that cross institutional boundaries and city/town borders.

■ NCF also addresses regional issues through community convenings in partnership with the *Newport Daily News*. The 2010 program, 2020 Vision, challenged the community and local leaders to address issues concerning education, the economy, and the environment.

■ We are grateful to the many volunteers, led by the dedicated Advisory Committee (members are recognized on page 67), who are making this work possible.



Senate President Teresa Paiva Weed, D-Newport, speaks during the 7th Annual Newport County Legislative Breakfast, co-sponsored by the Newport County Fund and the *Newport Daily News*. (Photo: Jacqueline Marque, *Newport Daily News*)

## Equity Action

- In 2002, the Foundation accepted a challenge from the National Lesbian and Gay Community Funding Partnership (now known as Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues) to create Equity Action, a permanent philanthropic resource for Rhode Island's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) communities.



Honorees at the Julie Pell Awards Gala in November 2010 were (l to r) U.S. Congressman Barney Frank, Julie Pell Award for National & Regional Advocacy; Lise Iwon, Peter Hocking, and Jenn Steinfeld, Empowerment Award for Social Change & Civic Engagement; and Rhode Island ACLU (Steven Brown, executive director, accepting), Julie Pell Justice Award for Community Leadership. The late Julie Pell was a founding member of Equity Action and one of its most generous donors.

- Efforts have focused on generating new philanthropic resources and financial support for LGBTQ issues, increasing awareness about LGBTQ concerns, and investing in programs and projects that support and promote justice for LGBTQ Rhode Islanders. On the latter front, Equity Action has – since making its first grants in 2004 - awarded more than \$500,000 to nonprofit organizations working to advance the equitable treatment and improve the quality of life of LGBTQ Rhode Islanders.
- Two integral groups of volunteers have supported the fund's growth and impact – the campaign committee and the advisory council. Thank you to these extraordinary committee and council members (see a full list on page 66) and the hundreds of individuals who have supported the cause through the years.

## Black Philanthropy Initiative

- In 2005, a group of Black leaders met with the Foundation to discuss their vision for a thriving Black community in Rhode Island. Acknowledging that the challenges facing Black Rhode Islanders were both formidable and well-entrenched over many decades, they sought a solution that would be responsive to changing and emerging needs well into the future. Thus was born the Black Philanthropy Initiative (BPI), a field of interest fund at the Foundation.
- The mission of BPI is to advance equity and social justice for Blacks in Rhode Island. Through strategic grantmaking, BPI will support organizations and initiatives that: measurably improve the status of Blacks in Rhode Island; pursue equality, opportunity, and prosperity in the economic, cultural, social, educational, health, and public policy spheres; and galvanize Black leadership, nurture public/private partnerships, and leverage additional community resources.



Among the leadership of the Black Philanthropy Initiative are (l to r) Walter R. Stone, co-chair, campaign committee; Linda Newton, co-chair, campaign and steering committees; and the Hon. Edward Clifton, co-chair, steering committee.

- A dedicated group of volunteers has worked tirelessly to launch an initial fundraising campaign, determine strategic priorities, and recruit community support. We thank these many volunteers (listed on page 66) for their vision and commitment.

# Giving Through The Rhode Island Foundation

If you want to invest in Rhode Island – no matter what your interest – we can help you have a significant, far-reaching impact.

## YOU CAN ESTABLISH YOUR OWN ENDOWMENT FUND

Types of funds:

**Unrestricted** leaves the choice of grant recipients to the Foundation.

**Field of interest** identifies an area of interest, e.g. the environment, education, or geographic region.

**Designated** identifies one or more particular nonprofit organizations for support.

**Donor advised** enables a donor and named successors to recommend nonprofit organizations to receive grants.

**Corporate advised** allows a corporation to recommend nonprofit organizations to receive grants.

**Organizational endowment** enables a nonprofit organization to receive grants and take advantage of professionally managed investment and greater security.

## YOU ALSO CAN SUPPORT A CAUSE YOU CARE ABOUT

**Fund for Rhode Island:** our general unrestricted fund to meet the needs of the people of Rhode Island

**Fund for a Healthy Rhode Island:** for projects designed to have the greatest impact on quality and affordable health care in Rhode Island

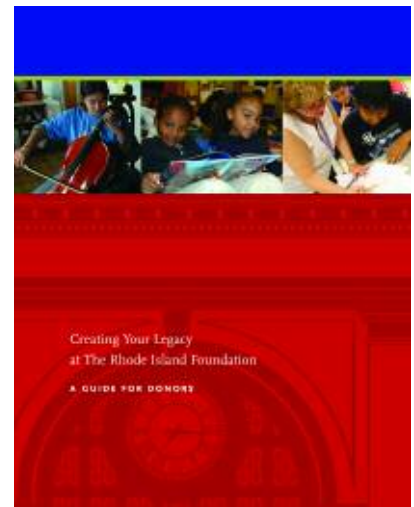
**Fund for Education:** for public education in Rhode Island

**Fund for Arts & Culture:** for a thriving arts community in Rhode Island

**Fund for Community & Economic Development:** for affordable housing and workforce development

**Fund for the Environment:** for the conservation, restoration, and stewardship of Rhode Island's natural resources

**Fund for Human Services:** for the support of at-risk children and youth



“It’s been very rewarding for me to co-fund with the Foundation. For many years, I’ve used the phrase ‘give until it helps’ and co-funding with the Foundation works to that end. I believe in giving enough funding so that really good works can actually be accomplished. I’m pleased to be part of working with the Foundation.”

Vera Gierke, donor advised fund, 2005

# Frequently Asked Questions About Giving

## Q. HOW DOES IT WORK?

**A.** If you choose to set up your own fund at the Foundation, you make an irrevocable gift. You choose the fund's name and its purpose, which the Foundation will carry out in perpetuity.

## Q. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "IN PERPETUITY"?

**A.** Forever. If you set up a fund now to benefit the XYZ Library, the Foundation will continue to make grants to that organization as long as it exists. If it ceases to exist, the Foundation will apply the fund to the closest similar organization.

## Q. WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION'S INVESTMENT POLICY?

**A.** The Foundation invests your gift as part of our endowment pool. Because the value of our assets is considerable, the Foundation attracts some of the country's top-performing money managers. We aim to protect and grow the principal of your gift. Our growth target each year is inflation plus 5%. But that is a minimum. Any investment returns in excess of grants and fees are added to the fund you established.

## Q. WHAT IS THE MOST POPULAR GIVING OPTION?

**A.** Donor advised funds are extremely popular. With a donor advised fund, you stay actively involved and each year recommend how to distribute grants from your fund.

But we offer several choices (see types of funds, previous page). Based on your needs and interests, we can help you decide what type of fund is best, and if it is appropriate to establish a fund now, through your will, or through other planned giving strategies. Many donors begin funds during their lifetimes, then add to the funds upon their deaths.

## Q. HOW DOES THE RHODE ISLAND FOUNDATION DIFFER FROM COMMERCIAL CHARITABLE GIFT FUNDS?

**A.** These funds are similar in some respects to the Foundation's donor advised funds. But there are important differences. Commercial gift funds confine themselves to simple due diligence, assuring that a charity is IRS-compliant. The Rhode Island Foundation offers extensive research services to its donors, to help you find just the right charities. If you tell us, for instance, that you want to do something about teen pregnancy, we'll help you identify the state's most innovative, most successful program to invest in. In fact, we invite donors to co-fund projects with us to extend the reach of our grantmaking dollars even further in Rhode Island.

Maybe the biggest difference is this: The Rhode Island Foundation is in business to help the community. Commercial gift funds are in business primarily to manage money and profit from fees.

## Q. DO I HAVE TO GIVE CASH?

**A.** Cash is great, but almost any asset of appreciated value can be transferred to the Foundation; we will convert it into cash. Many donors give appreciated securities (stock that has risen in value) to maximize their tax benefits. You also can earmark IRAs or pensions to the Foundation. Or even purchase life insurance that names The Rhode Island Foundation as the beneficiary.

## Q. WHAT IS THE MINIMUM AMOUNT I CAN GIVE TO ESTABLISH A NAMED FUND?

**A.** In most cases, our minimum is \$10,000; it is \$25,000 for a donor advised fund. You can support The Fund for Rhode Island or any of our

six cause-related funds (for education, health, arts & culture, community & economic development, health, and human services) at any giving level.

## Q. IF I'M INTERESTED BUT DON'T FEEL I CAN AFFORD TO ESTABLISH A FUND NOW, WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

**A.** In some cases, you can make a pledge and pay your gift over time. You can name the Foundation in your will or trust to receive a portion of your estate when you're gone. Or, you can choose a giving vehicle that will provide income to you or a loved one, and then create an endowment fund here after death. And of course, we welcome your gift of any amount to any of the more than 1,200 permanent funds listed on the following pages.

## Q. HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

**A.** Contact the Development Department at (401) 274-4564, check out the "Donors" section of [www.rifoundation.org](http://www.rifoundation.org), and/or request your free copy of A Guide for Donors.

**W**e wish to extend a special thank you to our partners who "co-funded" projects with us in 2010. Co-funding enables donor advisors to support a cause they care about while also extending the reach of Foundation-directed grant dollars.

Anonymous  
David and Jean Brown  
Betsy de Leiris  
H. Jack & Hannah Feibelman  
Vera Gierke  
The Honorable John W. Pickard  
Anne Sage

# Foundation Honors Community Leaders at 2010 Annual Meeting

During The Rhode Island Foundation's 2010 Annual Meeting, donors, community leaders, grant recipients, and stakeholders recognized several remarkable Rhode Islanders who have shown tremendous leadership and dedication to improving our state and the quality of life for others through their philanthropy and community engagement.



*Letitia and John Carter with Foundation President & CEO Neil D. Steinberg*

**T**he Foundation's **Inspiring Partners Award** was given to John and Letitia Carter of Providence. Established in 2003, the award pays tribute to individuals who have inspired others with their personal commitment to philanthropy and thoughtful approach to grantmaking. John and Letitia Carter were honored for their deeply committed efforts to shape a better future for countless Rhode Islanders.

"The Carter's commitment, integrity and generous philanthropic efforts have had tremendous impact across the state. Their generosity and caring spirits can be found in communities and organizations across the state, and it is an honor to recognize John and Letitia Carter for their love of Rhode Island," said Neil D. Steinberg, president and CEO.

**P**aul A. Silver of Providence received **The Harold B. Soloveitzik Professional Leadership Award**, an award established for the beloved Westerly lawyer who exhibited an enduring loyalty to philanthropy throughout his career. The award is given annually to a professional advisor who shares this enduring commitment. Paul A. Silver, a partner with Hinckley, Allen & Snyder, was recognized for his longstanding relationship with the Foundation and the personal value he places on both practicing and promoting philanthropy in Rhode Island.



*Paul Silver and Neil Steinberg*

"We are truly fortunate at the Foundation to have Paul's good counsel and guidance, and even more important, his trust. We are honored to work with Paul and the many clients he has connected to us," said Carol Golden, executive vice president and chief development officer at the Foundation.



*Elizabeth Burke Bryant and Neil Steinberg*

**T**he Foundation also inaugurated a new award at the meeting. **The Community Leadership Award** was presented to Rhode Island KIDS COUNT and Executive Director Elizabeth Burke Bryant. KIDS COUNT and Bryant were recognized for commitment, innovation, and passion in promoting positive outcomes for our state's children.

"Rhode Island KIDS COUNT is a greatly admired partner of the Foundation. Elizabeth Burke Bryant's leadership and expertise is well known and respected by leaders across the state. Elizabeth and her staff have worked tirelessly to make KIDS COUNT one of our state's most effective advocacy organizations," said Steinberg.

# **The Rhode Island Foundation**

## **Permanent Endowments**

As of December 31, 2010, generous Rhode Islanders had established the **1,218 permanent endowments** listed here, **growing the Foundation's assets to \$572 million**. Each endowment has a story behind it, a purpose before it. Together, these endowments reflect the collective philanthropy of our many communities.

The following is a list of the endowments 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 red.

Those with a ★ have a profile in this book.

Funds with a ★ were established at the Foundation at least **50 years ago!**

*To learn about creating your own legacy, contact the Development Department at (401) 274-4564.*



### JEAN H. AND STANLEY E. AUSLANDER FUND

Rhode Island Foundation Senior Development Officer Gail Ginnetty established this fund in her parents' memory to benefit Lincoln School, a place that had a lasting influence on the lives of her mother, her father, and herself.

Jean Hamilton Auslander graduated from Lincoln in 1938; 26 years later, Gail graduated with the class of 1964. "My mother was an extraordinary alumnae role model. She gave to the Lincoln annual fund every single year for nearly 50 years. She served as class scribe for 25 years, was vice president of the alumnae board, and often hosted class reunions. And she was fascinated by the school's changes over time. When I served as treasurer and presiding clerk of the board of trustees, she invited me to speak to her 55th and 60th reunion classes about the latest developments at Lincoln – and of course, to encourage giving."

Gail's father, too, "loved all things Lincoln –

including the needlepoint pillows and glasses cases that my mother would make." In 2003 Mr. Auslander attended his wife's 65th reunion after she died to stay connected to her longtime friends.

With this fund, Gail notes, "I am endowing my mother's annual giving." Gail adds that she hopes others will consider endowing their giving, to ensure, in her words, "that the giving goes on when they are no longer with us."

After a long career in banking at both Fleet/Boston Financial Group and Citizens Financial Group, Gail joined the Foundation in October 2010. Her familiarity with the organization gave Gail the confidence to establish this fund. "With a consistent track record, a well thought out investment strategy, and a stable infrastructure, the Foundation was an easy choice," she notes.

2010 was Lincoln's 125th anniversary year. "I have spent more years at the school as an adult than I did as a student," says Gail, who served the board of trustees for twelve years, including three years as president. She also helped to establish "green sense" financial education classes for seniors.

Gail emphasizes that she and her parents agreed on the power of a Lincoln education. She concludes, "Lincoln girls are encouraged to expand their horizons, explore their talents, and excel. Celebrating this milestone year for Lincoln by honoring my parents seemed like a perfect match to me."

Lorne A. Adrain Fund for Children (2000)

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 (2006)

Alperin Hirsch Family Fund (1995)

Mark and Kathleen Alperin Fund (1997)

Patty and Melvin G. Alperin Fund (1995)

Patty & Melvin Alperin First Generation Scholarship Fund (1998)

Amaranth of RI Diabetes Fund (2007)

American Legion Stark-Parker Post #21 Fund (2005)

Margaret A. Ames and Robert S. Ames Fund (1996)

Anne W. Anderson Fund (1996)

Edward R. Anderson CLU Scholarship Trust (1986)

Hugold B. and Barbara A. Anderson Fund (1989)

Hugold and Berndt and Jane Anderson Fund (2001)

James G. Angell Fund (1994)

★ Emily J. Anthony Fund (1931) (2)

Chad Antoch Memorial Fund (1996)

Aptaker Family Fund (2004)

Aquidneck Island Fund (2003)

Aquidneck Land Trust Merritt Neighborhood Fund (2004)

Ronald D. Araujo Memorial Scholarship Fund (2004)



**BERNARD V. BUONANNO  
CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL FUND**

“Growing up, volunteering always seemed a normal part of family life. Our parents were great examples – they never lectured about it, they just did it, whether it was Classical Varsity Club, the Boy Scouts, the Heart Fund, or my mother’s favorite, a nunnery that served food to shut ins,” says Rhode Island native and Chicago businessman Vincent J. Buonanno, who established this permanent endowment to honor his father’s association with and love for Classical High School.

Bernard V. Buonanno, born in Providence in 1909, was a 1927 Classical graduate who went on to excel in track and field at Brown. He returned to Classical in 1934, taught French and Latin, and served as guidance counselor, football and track coach. At a time when Classical, known for stellar academics, wished to also shine athletically, Mr. Buonanno brought the school to its first undefeated football season for two seasons in a row and was later inducted into its Hall of Fame.

Vincent has happy memories of his father’s famous preseason football camp on the Cape, where the whole family pitched in.

“His years at Classical shaped him,” notes Vincent, adding, “It was where he developed his love for Classics, sports, and everything he cared about.” Vincent also points out that the unusually successful Classical grads of that era continued to honor their teacher and coach and bring him into their lives, often attributing their high achievement to his thoughtful and sage guidance.

Following his 10-year career at Classical, Mr. Buonanno founded New England Container, located originally in Centredale and later in Smithfield, which he served as chairman until 1998. A lifelong education leader, he served on the Providence School Committee, the New England Board of Higher Education, and the first Rhode Island Board of Regents for Education. Mr. Buonanno, who died in April 2009, just before his 101st birthday, was proud that teaching was the chosen profession of a few of his 11 grandchildren.

Vincent notes that the Classical Alumni Association, which will advise the Foundation on the distribution of the fund, honored his father by naming the school’s college preparatory room for him on the occasion of his 80th Classical reunion.

“My father would approve of this fund,” says Vincent, who adds, “It is an uncomplicated gift, a lovely representation of what was important to him.”

James E. Arcaro Fund (1995)  
Rhea Archambault Memorial Fund (1987)  
Archive, Document, Display and Dissemination Fund (1986)  
Artists Development Fund (1987)  
Arts in Academics Fund (2004)  
Asbury United Methodist Church Fund (1993)  
Hugh D. Auchincloss III Fund (2006)  
Karl Augenstein Memorial Fund (1989)  
Jim and Karin Aukerman Fund (2006)

★ **Jean H. and Stanley E. Auslander Fund (2010)**  
Avalon Fund (2008)  
Vaughn Avedisian Helping Hand Fund (2005)  
Vaughn Avedisian Memorial Fund (2003)  
Bach Organ Scholarship Fund (1985)  
Marion Brown Baker Fund (2002)  
★ Martha Cross Baker Fund (1960)  
Charles C. Balch Fund (1963)  
F. Remington Ballou Scholarship Fund (2003)

★ Jennie M. Ballou Fund (1946)  
Hildred F. Bamforth Fund (1992)  
Frederick H., William, & Frederick H. Banspach Memorial Fund (1997)  
Barrington Christian Academy Endowment Fund (1993)  
Barrington Christian Academy-Stratton Scholarship Fund (2005)  
Barrington Congregational Church Fund (1990)  
Barrington District Nursing Association Fund (1989)  
★ William Walter Batchelder Fund (1954)  
Victor & Gussie Baxt Fund (2006)



### LILLIAN CHASON MEMORIAL FUND

Lillian Chason of Barrington was 18 years old, a freshman at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, when she was felled by Acute Respiratory

Distress Syndrome in December 2009. Her family established this fund to support activities that had special meaning to Lillian, including community theater, Friends Camp and drama scholarships.

By all accounts, Lillian was a beautiful, brilliant girl with a promising future. Rower, softball pitcher, academic superstar, she was passionate about everything she did, but above all loved theater, especially acting in plays at the Barrington Community Theatre. In fact she was in rehearsals for the lead role in a new play at UNC when she became ill.

Lillian displayed remarkable independence during her entire life, but no more so than when she learned at the age of 16 that she had Stargardt's disease, a genetic form of macular degeneration that would take her eyesight. According to her parents, Lillian was extremely courageous in dealing with her disability. She never complained, learned how to use assistive technology, and completed reading assignments via audio books. "When we asked her if

we could talk to her teachers when her eyesight made her work load too large, she wouldn't let us intervene," her father Eric says, adding, "She wanted to stand up for herself."

Acting was the perfect outlet for Lillian's creativity and dynamism. Her mother Cate Chason says, "When I watched her act, I couldn't believe how good I thought she was. It's been nice to hear that other people also felt that she had a real gift."

Lillian was extraordinarily happy at UNC, where she thrived academically and socially. Despite having been accepted to Brown, she chose to spread her wings and try a completely new environment. Her father says, "It was a joy to hear the excitement in her voice and know that she loved what she was doing."

Lillian's family was overwhelmed by the support the Facebook page, "prayersforlillian" received. More than ten thousand people prayed for her recovery. In her obituary, it was noted that Lillian "lived her life in all directions, bright and extravagant. She was, and is, a magnificent soul. The best lives take unpredictable turns; when we least expected it, Lillian soared, and sails under the gale force of the spirit."

Beacon Brighter Tomorrows Fund (1998)

Sara G. Beckwith Fund (1990)

Andrew Bell Scholarship Fund (2004)

Thomas L. and Kathryn D. Bendheim Family Fund (2006)

Frederick J. Benson Scholarship Fund (1975)

Alvin Benjamin Berg Fund (2002)

Zabel Yaghjian Berg Fund (2001)

Marion Berlin and Kara Berlin-Gallo Family Fund (2006)

**Bernadette and Douglas Bernon Charitable Fund (2010)**

Berry Family Fund (1971)

★ Thomas Beswick Fund (1960)

Black Philanthropy Fund (2007)

Blackall Fund (1986) (2)

Blackburn Family Fund (2004)

George T. Blackburn and Susan H. Blackburn Fund (2004)

Victor Blanco Memorial Scholarship Fund (2008)

Alice W. Bliss Memorial Fund (1981)

Lorraine S. Bliss, Lewis I. Gross, Sophia S. Gross, and Rosetta L. Horowitz Memorial Fund (2009)

Block Island Conservancy/ Eric Jess Spierer Fund (2004)

Block Island Conservancy Inc. Stewardship Endowment Fund (2008)

Block Island Fund (1994)

Block Island Medical Center Endowment Fund (2008)

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island Community Health Fund (2005)

Raymond J. and Brenda B. Bolster Community Fund (2005)

Bonnet-Eymard Family Fund (2007)

Larry and Jean Bonoff Fund (2007)

Daniel R. Borah Fund (2005)  
Emilie Luiza Borda Charitable Fund (2008)  
Borders Farm Endowment Fund (2004)  
Bosworth Fund (1999)  
Edward M. Botelle Memorial Library Fund (1989)  
Family of Eugene M. Boutiette Fund (1979)  
Bowen Haven Fund (2009)  
★ Richard M. Bowen Fund (1927)  
Mary A. Boylan Memorial Fund (1997)  
Boys & Girls Club of Newport Fund (2002)  
Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket Funds (2002-2005)  
Mae L. Bradley Fund (2006)  
Carol A. and Robert H. Breslin, Jr. Fund (2004)  
Alma Brewster Fund (1978)  
Roberta H. Bridenbaugh Fund (1996)  
Harriet M. Briggs Memorial Fund (1978)  
Bristol Children's Home Fund (1967)  
Bristol Female Charitable Society Fund (2003)  
Bristol Historical & Preservation Society Helene L. Tessler Fund (2009)  
Olive C.P. Brittan Memorial Scholarship (2001)  
Helen E.B. Bromley Memorial Scholarship (2001)  
Abbie A. Brougham Memorial Fund (1988)  
Fern Brown Memorial Fund (1995)  
Georgia A. Brown Fund (1991)  
H. Martin Brown Memorial Fund (1998)  
James P. Brown, Jr., and the Greta P. Brown Fund (1982)  
Jean Margaret Young Brown Fund (2006)

Jeffrey A. and Barbara Horovitz Brown Fund (2004)  
Walter G. Brown Fund (1964)  
William Horace Brown Memorial Fund (2004)  
Bubba Fund (2009)  
C. Warren and Anne D. Bubier Fund (1989)  
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)  
John P. Burke Memorial Fund/ Joseph J. Sprague Sr. Memorial Scholarship (2005)  
John P. Burke Memorial Fund/ RI State Seniors' Golf Association Scholarship (2005)  
James J. Burns and C. A. Haynes Scholarship Fund (1991)  
Virginia B. Butler Fund (1978)  
Button Hole Fund (2004)  
Edith T. Cabot Fund (1966)  
Jane Brownell Cady Fund (2002)  
John C. Cahill Memorial Fund (1997)  
CANE Child Development Center Fund (2005)  
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)  
Arthur H. Carr Fund (2009)

Richard N. Carr Memorial Scholarship Fund (1996)  
Beverly E. Carr Fund in Memory of Manola & Arthur Merrill and Estella & Edwin Hartley (2000)  
Richard N. and Beverly E. Carr Fund (2000)  
Virginia Carson Memorial Scholarship (2009)  
Marion M. Carstens Fund in Memory of Janice E. Mutty (2002)  
Charles H. Carswell Fund (1980)  
Christine & David Carter Fund (2007)  
Florence P. Case Fund (1967)  
Grace D. and Lloyd A. Case Fund (2006)  
Cataract Fire Company #2 Scholarship Fund (1974)  
Samuel M. Cate Fund (2001)  
Allison N. Cathro Fund (1997)  
Margaret Chace Scholarship Fund (1999)  
Charles V. Chapin Fellowship Fund (1968)  
Roger B. Chapman Scholarship Fund (2007)  
Holly Charette Scholarship Fund (2007)  
Chariho Community Innovative Projects Fund (2003)  
Anne Elizabeth Chase Fund (1976)  
★ **Lillian Chason Memorial Fund (2010)**  
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan Fund for the Wheeler School (1978)  
Chopin Club Scholarship Fund (2003)  
Choquette Family Fund (1995)  
Carl W. Christiansen Scholarship Fund (1974)  
★ Church House Fund (1958)  
Montie Ciarlo Memorial Scholarship Fund (2005)  
Anita Cinq-Mars Fund (2002)  
Antonio Cirino Memorial Fund (1987)  
Harriet A. F. Claflin Fund (1990)



**ROBERT W.  
& MARY W. C.  
(POLLY)  
DALY FUND**

The road back to Rhode Island for Bob and Polly Daly took a number of interesting turns. After graduating from Brown in

1973 and beginning their careers as bankers in New York, they earned MBAs from Harvard in 1978. Then, their paths diverged. Polly moved around the country as a grain merchandiser and Bob stayed in Boston as a management consultant. During the next 30 years, both had families and successful careers, Polly in banking and Bob in venture capital/private equity. Each developed a meaningful interest in philanthropy. “When we reconnected (they were married in 2007) and began a new phase of our lives together, it was clear we would support our community,” says Polly. “It’s an important value we share,” adds Bob.

For the Dalys, establishing this fund continues a family tradition started by Polly’s parents, John, a former Foundation director, and the late Mary Wall. Still, “Coming from careers in various aspects of

finance and investment, we felt it prudent to conduct our own ‘due diligence,’” states Bob. Polly adds that, “joining the Foundation’s finance committee in 2009 provided further insight. And as treasurer of the Harvard Business School Association of Southeastern New England, which has a fund at the Foundation, I’ve witnessed firsthand the Foundation’s impressive work and excellent financial stewardship.” The Dalys also appreciate the combined appeal of a donor advised fund’s flexibility with the Foundation’s broad reach into many issue areas.

Both Dalys are retired, although Bob is still active developing therapies for sleep apnea. In the Boston area, he provided pro-bono consulting to Harvard’s teaching hospitals, volunteered as the de-facto systems administrator for the Mother Caroline Academy where he also donated the computer lab, and served as an overseer of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Bob has provided grants for medical research at Brown and Harvard.

Polly, who recently joined the Foundation’s board of directors, is a trustee of Community Preparatory School and a mentor in the Women’s Leadership Forum at Brown. She is also involved with the Episcopal Diocese Investment Trust and outreach at Grace Church in Providence.

Both note with pride that their four adult children have embraced the family legacy of giving back and getting involved.

Arnold V. and Jane K. Clair Fund (1991)

B. Jae Clanton Scholarship Fund of the Urban League of RI (1990)

Gilbert J. Clappin, Jr. Memorial Fund (2005)

George P. Clark and Vera J. Clark Fund (1999)

Clark Memorial Library Endowment Fund (1999)

Clark-Lyon Fund (1990)

Classical High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund (1991)

Edward F. Clement Memorial Fund (1999)

Barbara and Cary Coen Family Fund (2004)

Daniel Brian Cohen Scholarship Fund (2007)

Arnold B. and Madelyn Collins Fund (2000)

Charles A. Collis Fund (1991)

Community MusicWorks Fund (2008)

Community Preparatory School Endowment Fund (1988)

Community Preparatory School Flexible Endowment Fund (2009)

Nina H. Congdon Fund (1976)

Congdon Fund for the Benefit of Grace Church in Providence (2003)

Congdon Fund in Honor of The Congdon & Carpenter Company (1790-1987) (1969)

Ann F. and Robert B. Conner Fund (1995)

Conrad-Nestor Scholarship Fund (2008)

Conservation Stewardship Collaborative Fund (2007)

Constant Memorial Fund (1999)

★ Charles Nourse Cook and Mary C. Cook Fund (1938)



**VIOLA M. DASCOLI FUND**

Viola M. Dascoli died on January 5, 2010. She established this fund at the Foundation “for the support of charitable programs and services that service disadvantaged children in Rhode

Island, particularly those programs designed to help children overcome life obstacles and achieve their full potential.” The cause was near to Viola’s heart; her brother, Albert, was born with Down Syndrome.

In an interview conducted in 2004, Viola noted that at the age of 12 her life’s work was decided. She went to a hair salon for the first time and was captivated. “From that day on, I had to be a hairdresser.”

Miss Dascoli’s father, Domenick, was a machinist. She noted, “He was a wonderful worker and I took right after him. I’ve worked since I was a child, starting with babysitting.” She also shared her father’s love of gardening, as evidenced by the gardens that brightened her back yard. Her mother, Edwilda (Bidon), was a stay-at-home mother for Viola and her eight siblings.

Upon graduating from high school in 1943, Viola enrolled in the Rhode Island Academy of Hairdressing in Providence, which she attended at night, while working during the day. “School was only \$10 per month, but we didn’t have it,” she recalled. When she received a \$212 Christmas bonus from her day job at Improved Seamless Wire, she remembered pleading with her mother, “You’ve got to let me go days, too, so I can finish.” Viola completed the 1,500 hours required to graduate in July 1946.

After years of working in downtown salons Viola started her own business, “Vi’s,” and when her mother died in 1965, had the garage at the family’s Warwick Avenue home torn down to build a salon in a location that would allow her to care for Albert, who died in 1973. At the time of her interview Viola’s business was thriving. “I’ve had some customers with me for 39 years,” she shared proudly. “They don’t want me to retire.”

Miss Dascoli was not the first member of her family to establish a fund at the Foundation. Her father’s half brother was Antonio Cirino who, in 1987, established a fund to provide fellowships to graduate students seeking to become art teachers.

- Christiane Corbat Art and Healing Fund (2006)
- John & Jane Corbishley Fund (2009)
- 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 New England Fund (2009)

- Horace and Reverend E. Naomi Craig Scholarship Fund (2000)
- Mary Lou Crandall Fund (2006)
- Mark & Sandra Crevier Fund (2007)
- A. T. Cross Scholarship Fund (1987)
- Mary C. Crowell Fund (1976)
- Paul Cuffee School/Rosalind C. Wiggins Fund (2008)
- Helena Cullen Fund (2006)
- Cumberland Land Trust Greenways Endowment Fund (2008)
- Lillian Cumming Streetscape Fund (1988)
- Curtin Family Fund (2003)

- ★ **Robert W. and Mary W.C. (Polly) Daly Fund (2010)**
- Anne and Peter Damon Fund for Newport County (2006)
- ★ 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)
- Walter L. and Edna N. Davol Fund (1988)
- Edna N. Davol Fund (1989)
- DeAngelis Family Fund (1978)

















































































