

The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation





Pictured Above: Family Health Partnership Clinic provides high quality health care, regardless of ability to pay for the uninsured and underinsured in McHenry County.

Front Cover: North Shore Senior Center provides support for older adults and their families so they may continue living in their own homes as they grow older, among familiar surroundings, friends and family.

President's Message



2009 represented another challenging year as the economy affected individuals and families in need of the critical services provided by the many agencies funded by the Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation. We understand that while the need for health and dental care, housing, and social services is growing rapidly, the income from public and private sources has been reduced. Although the Foundation's investments, like many other funders' investments, have been reduced significantly by the economic downturn, we remain committed, to the best of our ability, to maintain our grantmaking focus. We will continue to accept new and renewal grant applications in 2010.

The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation is pleased to acknowledge that we have awarded 109 grants totaling approximately \$1.3 million during our Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2009. Since the inception of the Foundation in 1984, the Foundation has awarded approximately \$25.9 million in grants. As in prior years, an essential part of the Foundation's grantmaking is the Bio-Medical Research Grant Program, in which approximately \$100,000 was awarded in 2009 for two second-year research projects on Alzheimer's disease, and Pediatric Cardiovascular Disease. We believe that these research grants play a vital role in funding innovative projects and helping researchers find a cure for these diseases.

As you will see in this Annual Report, because of the commitment and hard work of the agencies we funded, individuals and families in need of essential necessities such as food, health and dental care, mental health, affordable housing, job training programs and other services are receiving quality assistance. Agencies such as CEDA Northwest Self-Help is providing individuals and families with transitional housing, meals, counseling, financial assistance and education on budgeting to prevent homelessness; H.O.M.E. (Housing Opportunities & Maintenance for the Elderly) helps low-income seniors live independently by providing intergenerational housing, repair and transportation services; and Teen Living Programs is providing homeless youth with primary health care, immunizations and health education.

The Foundation is also excited to announce a special grant awarded in 2009, through its Pro-Active Direct Service Health Care Grantmaking Initiative. The Foundation awarded a two-year grant of approximately \$82,000 per year to the Family Health Partnership Clinic to open a new satellite health care facility in McHenry, Illinois. The Clinic will be staffed by a committed group of volunteer physicians and dedicated staff. The Family Health Partnership Clinic provides first-rate primary health care to the uninsured and underinsured in McHenry County, regardless of ability to pay. The Foundation is proud to assist this agency in providing service for this important area.

The ability to award all of these grants in 2009 could not have been accomplished without the dedication of the entire Board of Trustees and Staff, to whom I am grateful. I would also like to acknowledge and thank long-time Board Trustee, Arthur R. Collison, for his 24 years of service. Mr. Collison was instrumental in the financial growth of the Foundation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel L. Kline".

Daniel L. Kline
President, Board of Trustees

Health Care Services

During fiscal year 2009, The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation received 280 applications and awarded 109 grants.

**Advocate Charitable Foundation/
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center** **\$10,000**
For the Mobile Dental Program, which provides dental care to low-income communities through partnerships with non-profit service providers, such as homeless shelters, health clinics and social service agencies.

Alexian Brothers Bonaventure House **\$10,000**
To support its Transitional Living Program, which provides service-enriched housing for Chicagoland men and women with AIDS.

Angel Flight Central **\$15,000**
To build relationships with healthcare providers, case managers, and referral agencies to provide charitable flights for individuals in need of specialized health care in Northern Illinois.



Christian Community Health Center integrates primary medical treatment with supportive services in order to meet the needs of the community.

The Arthur Home operated by Community Retirement, Inc. **\$9,000**
For the Vision Care Matters Program, which provides vision assistive tools, large print reading materials, audio tapes, cds, technology, vision testing, eye care and eyeglasses for elderly, disabled and economically disadvantaged residents.

Big Shoulders Fund **\$15,000**
For renewal of its Look Hear Health Care Program, which provides essential hearing and vision screenings and immunizations to elementary students in Catholic Schools in low-income areas of Chicago.

Cancer Wellness Center **\$7,000**
To add a second support group for males with cancer. Services include counseling, focused educational programming and social activities.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet **\$15,000**
For renewal support of its Back-to-School Fairs, a multi-county and multi-agency effort to provide free health and human services, as well as school supplies to children from low-income families.

**Central DuPage Health Foundation/
HomeCare Physicians** **\$14,750**
For the HomeCare Physicians program, which provides primary medical healthcare visits to homebound patients. Funding would cover the costs of 250 visits, medical staff salaries, transportation and other related costs.

Centro de Salud Esperanza **\$15,000**
For the Pediatric After-Hours Clinic, which provides evening access to primary health care services for children whose parents work at unskilled jobs and are paid on an hourly basis.

Charlie's Gift **\$10,000**
To support its 2010 summer camp program which will serve 10 families with at least one child diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum and related disorders.

Chicago Botanic Garden **\$7,500**
For renewal support of the Horticultural Therapy Services program, which brings the healing power of plant and flowers to children and adults challenged with a broad range of physical and emotional disabilities.



At the Back to School Fairs held by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, children receive a variety of services including dental and vision exams, physicals and immunizations.

Chicago Family Health Center **\$10,000**

For renewal support of its Reach Out and Read Program, which promotes early literacy by giving new books and advice on the importance of reading aloud to children during well-child visits in the pediatric exam room.

Chicago Lighthouse **\$11,500**

For renewal general operating support of the CRIS Radio Program, an informational radio reading service for blind, visually impaired, print disabled, or senior citizens.

Christian Community Health Center **\$20,000**

For general operating support to address the influx of patients, demand for primary care, dental care, behavioral health, HIV, Primary Care, and other health care services.

Community Clinic of Old Irving Park **\$15,000**

For general operating support of the clinic which provides free quality care to medically uninsured individuals.

Community Health **\$21,500**

For renewal general operating support of this free health clinic, which provides primary and specialty care to the uninsured, underserved population in Chicago.

Concordia Avondale Campus **\$10,000**

For its Senior Health and Wellness Program, which assists low-income seniors who are socially, physically and linguistically isolated and connects them to health care providers.

Counseling Center of Lakeview **\$2,000**

To provide innovative, trauma-sensitive and comprehensive mental health services including psychiatry, to homeless youth, ages 14 through 24 years old.

Deborah's Place **\$2,000**

For its Health Services Program for homeless women. The program includes two on-site clinics and health education and supportive services on diet, nutrition, blood pressure, heart health, menopause, etc.

Gads Hill Center **\$10,000**

For renewal support of its Family Support Services Program, which provides comprehensive strengths and needs assessment plans and follow-up for individual family members and children, many of whom have diagnosed disabilities.

HealthReach, Inc. **\$20,000**

For the Patient Safety and Quality of Care improvements in its free clinic and pharmacy operations. As a result of significant patient growth, internal operational and equipment changes are needed to support the growth.

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation **\$5,000**

For renewal support of its Transportation Program, which provides people with disabilities with transportation to its therapeutic programs year-round.

Midwest Palliative and Hospice Care **\$5,000**

For its Music-thanatology Program, which prescribes music at the hospice patient's bedside using harp and voice to create music to ease symptoms such as physical pain and emotional or spiritual suffering.

Open Door Clinic **\$10,000**

To purchase medical equipment for two clinics, such as wall unit otoscopes, defibrillators with electrodes, batteries and oxygen tanks.

P.A.C.T.T. Learning Center **\$10,000**

To support its Vocational Services, an innovative job training and placement program which enables young adults with severe autism to work at jobs.

Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield **\$15,000**

For general operating support, which includes providing medical, education, and counseling services to low and very low-income pregnant teens, women, and their families.

Health Care Services, continued...

Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago **\$10,000**

For its Pediatric Immunization Against the Flu program, which will immunize children, age 6 months - 18, and educate parents and caregivers on the risks of influenza on children's health, especially children with asthma.

Rush University Medical Center **\$15,000**

In support of two volunteer-led health fairs in 2009. The health fairs will bring much needed preventive health care, screening and health education to low-income, uninsured populations.

Snow City Arts Foundation **\$10,000**

For general operating support, which includes artistic and administrative salaries, supplies, program development in its creative writing and literature, music, and visual arts workshops for over 2,000 hospitalized children at three hospitals.

Southwest Community Services **\$10,000**

To assist children with neuromuscular disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, through its Intensive Therapy program. The therapy uses a suit which allows for alignment for repetitive exercise.

Special Ed Advocacy Center **\$3,000**

To provide free legal services to low-income parents of children with disabilities seeking to obtain appropriate educational services for their children.

St. Coletta's of Illinois **\$15,000**

Towards the salary of a part-time medical transport driver for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

**St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly/
Little Sisters of the Poor** **\$17,500**

To support the rehabilitation care at St. Joseph's Home, which emphasizes the restoration of body functions. Individually designed restorative rehabilitation services are provided for the nursing home's 100 residents.

St. Rose Center **\$15,000**

For renewal support of a part-time job coach who will provide training and supervision to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Teen Living Programs **\$20,000**

For the Whole Health program, which provides youth who are homeless with primary health care, health education, and immunizations.

Well Child Center **\$10,000**

For expansion of its Pediatric Dental Program, which provides comprehensive dental services for children, regardless of parental ability to pay. Services include both preventive and restorative procedures.

Wellness House **\$7,500**

For its Exercise Program during the 2009 calendar year, which is designed to serve the unique needs of people coping with cancer.

White Crane Wellness Center **\$15,000**

To continue and expand its successful, innovative mental health model for at-risk older adults in community-based settings. The Center plans to add an additional senior center to its outreach.

Total: 38 grants **\$443,250**

Medical Research

Alzheimer's Association **\$47,500**

For a research project by Dr. Zaibo Li at the University of Rochester, NY entitled, "Beta-Amyloid Elicits Neurotoxicity."

The Children's Heart Foundation **\$50,000**

For a pediatric congenital heart defect research project entitled, "Genetics of Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome" by Dr. Vidu Garg at Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Total: 2 grants **\$97,500**

Health Care Grant Initiative

Family Health Partnership Clinic **\$82,040**

To open a satellite clinic in the town of McHenry. The clinic will lease an office space in the Centegra Northern Illinois Medical Center and will be staffed by a nurse practitioner and volunteer physicians.

Total: 1 grant **\$82,040**

Social Services

A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis Center **\$10,000**

For general operating support of its programs for victims of domestic violence. Programs and services include counseling, housing, court advocacy and community education.

ASAP Homeless Services **\$15,000**

To assist with rent deposit and utility assistance to families moving out of its emergency shelter into permanent, low-income housing. The grant would assist up to 50 families to break the cycle of homelessness and achieve self-sufficiency.

Better Boys Foundation **\$5,000**

For Project LEAD, which serves children, age 5-12 years old, year-round by addressing their academic, social and emotional development; and for its After-School Program, which serves youth age 13-18, year-round through specialized workshops.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago **\$5,000**

For general operating support of its mentoring program, which includes community-based mentoring and site-based mentoring programs. The agency expects to serve 1,500 children.

The Branch Family Institute **\$10,000**

To provide counseling for children who witness domestic violence. The program includes Supervised Visits and Safe Exchange, which promotes healthy relationships between children and their parents.

BUILD, Inc. **\$10,000**

For its youth development program, which includes comprehensive gang prevention and intervention components, and college and career-prep support.

Cabrini-Green Tutoring Program **\$10,000**

For general operating support. The organization aims to help economically disadvantaged students succeed in elementary school and beyond, through pairing students with adult tutors and other resources.

CASA Cook County **\$10,000**

For the Child Advocacy Volunteer Program, which recruits, trains and supervises volunteers, who serve as the eyes and ears of the court, gathering critical information about abused and neglected children involved in the child welfare system.



Science and Arts Academy provides a stimulating environment in which intellectually or creatively gifted children can realize and learn to celebrate their full academic and artistic potential.

CASA Kane County **\$13,000**

To sponsor five new volunteer advocates in 2009 as well as help provide continuing education in services for all active volunteers. It currently costs approximately \$2,500 to recruit, train and case manage one CASA volunteer for one year.

CEDA Northwest Self-Help **\$10,000**

For its Emergency Housing Assistance Program, which aims to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and without shelter, by providing housing, counseling, financial assistance, budget and financial counseling, housing, etc.

Chicago Anti-Hunger Federation **\$10,000**

For continued support of Oliver's Kitchen training initiative, which will increase the employability of the homeless through employment training in the food industry.

The Chicago Chamber Musicians **\$2,660**

For sponsorship of the Move to the Music program, part of the First Monday concert series performed at the Chicago Cultural Center and broadcast live on WFMT radio. The program provides free roundtrip transportation for Chicago Public School students.

Social Services, continued...



New Moms seeks to enable, empower, and equip at-risk adolescent parents and their children through services and mentoring.

Chicago Children's Advocacy Center **\$10,000**

For renewal support its Mental Health Clinic for children who have been sexually abused, and their families. The Clinic includes individual and group therapy, art therapy, psychiatry, adolescent counseling program, and crisis intervention.

Chicago Children's Theater **\$6,000**

For the Winter 2010 production of Red Kite Round Up, a theater program created exclusively for children with autism, their families, and caregivers. Red Kite will use camping as its theme and use interactive experiences.

Chicago Lawndale Amachi Mentoring Program **\$10,000**

For general support of this mentoring program for children whose parents are incarcerated. Funding is needed to cover expenses including insurance, background checks of prospective mentors and reimbursement expenses of mentors.

Chicago Youth Programs **\$5,000**

To sustain SCORE and Teen Tutoring Programs across its three service communities Cabrini Green, Washington Park, and Uptown/Rogers Park. SCORE and Teen Tutoring provides focused academic assistance for high-risk, disadvantaged youth, grades 1-9.

Connections for Abused Women and Their Children **\$12,500**

For renewal support of its Hospital Crisis Intervention Project, housed at Stroger (Cook County) Hospital, which provides direct services to battered women, educates healthcare providers on identifying and responding to victims of abuse, and advocates for hospital-wide systemic change.

Connections for the Homeless **\$10,000**

For renewal support of Hilda's Place, a transitional shelter for homeless women and men. The shelter provides residential housing and comprehensive services for up to 6 months, with the goal of fostering independence and active community involvement.

The Cradle **\$11,500**

For renewal support of its Nursery and Special Needs Program, a 24-hour on-site nursery and medical care for infants awaiting adoption.

DuPage Senior Citizens Council **\$12,000**

For its Senior Nutrition Program - Home Delivered Meals, which provides homebound seniors with balanced, nutritious meals that meet their dietary needs. The Program also conducts well-being checks and health education.

Emergency Fund **\$10,000**

For renewal support of its Financial Assistance Program, which disburses funds toward rent and utilities for low-income families at-risk of being homeless. The Fund partners with social service agencies to ensure that families' varied needs are met.

The Enterprising Kitchen **\$15,000**

For its Transitioning Women from Poverty to Self-Sufficiency Program, which provides a comprehensive job training program for women who may be out of reach of traditional job training programs.

Faith in Action of Edgar County **\$5,600**

Towards operating expenses, which includes hiring a part-time office assistant to assist with daily operations at this rural volunteer-based agency, which offers non-medical assistance to individuals with chronic illnesses or physical impairments.

The Foundation Center **\$3,500**

For continued general operating support of its services to grantmakers and grantseekers.

Goldie's Place **\$10,000**
To support the Employment Assistance Program, which assists the homeless to find employment through personal coaching, instruction, referrals to formal training and job development.

Guardian Angel Community Services **\$7,000**
For renewal support of its Sexual Assault Services Center, which provides comprehensive services such as counseling, medical and legal advocacy to children, youth and adult victims of sexual assault.

H.O.M.E. (Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly) **\$17,000**
For general operating support of its programs for low-income older adults, which includes Upkeep and Repair Services, Intergenerational Housing, and Shopping Transportation Services, to help them live independently as long as possible.

The Harbour **\$12,500**
For renewal support of the Safe Harbour Emergency Shelter which provides safe housing and comprehensive services for homeless, runaway, and neglected girls, age 12-18.

Howard Area Community Center **\$17,000**
For renewal support of its Social Service Program, which includes emergency food and supplemental nutrition distribution, case management to stabilize income, health and housing, domestic violence support groups and counseling, dental clinic, legal clinic, etc.

Interfaith House **\$15,000**
For general operating support of this comprehensive homeless service provider. Services include an on-site health clinic which provides primary care and assistance with obtaining safe, stable and affordable housing.

Jobs for Youth **\$10,000**
To continue to expand its occupational skills training programs, Computer Skills for Office Assistants and Customer Service Skills training.

Journeys from PADS to HOPE **\$10,000**
For general operating support of its Emergency Shelter Program and HOPE Day Center Program. The agency is seeing a 14% increase in clients seeking assistance. Funds would be used towards the Program Director's salary, food and supplies, etc.

Kiwanis Horses for the Handicapped of Pinellas County **\$20,000**
To build a gazebo and horse watering station, and towards its youth program.

Lake County Haven **\$10,000**
For general support of its programs and services for homeless women and their children. Services include case management, counseling, life skills, transitional housing, job placement assistance, and a "graduate program" for after they leave the shelter.

Lakeview Pantry **\$12,500**
For renewal support of its Volunteer Program, which aims to meet the growing need for food donations and delivery to home-bound clients. The program also recruits, trains and retains an active volunteer-base.



BUILD engages at-risk youth in the schools and on the streets so they can realize their educational and career potential and contribute to the stability, safety and well being of our communities. Here young women participate in a model small business project in which they produce and sell beaded jewelry.

Social Services, continued...

Life Span **\$5,000**

For its Children's Counseling Program, specifically for salary support of the boys' counselor, who provides individual counseling and group services for boys who have witnessed domestic violence at home, and helps them to deal with anger, violent behavior, discipline at home or school.

Light Opera Works **\$4,500**

For its 2009 community engagement programs, which include a children's theater camp, audience education and ticket support for low-income patrons and programs for seniors.

A Little Bit of Heaven **\$10,000**

Towards salary support for two new Case Manager positions in its outreach program, serving the homeless. The program assists clients in securing housing, obtaining GED referrals for job skills training, etc.

Loaves and Fishes Community Pantry **\$6,500**

For its Breakfast Initiative Program, which will serve about 830 children of very low-income households monthly. Currently there is no breakfast program at Naperville public schools for low-income households.

Lumity **\$5,000**

To support its capacity building services for nonprofits throughout and beyond the Chicago area.

Merit School of Music **\$7,500**

For continued support of its Regenstein Scholarship program which provides full scholarships for all of Merit's music programs, along with free instrument rental, and public transportation cards for travel.

Morning Star Mission Ministries **\$25,000**

To provide homeless families with shelter, food, clothing and comprehensive social services necessary to become self-sufficient and self-supportive over time.

New Moms **\$10,000**

To support its Rising Star Education and Career Readiness program for teen mothers. The certificate program includes a variety of life skills training, nutrition, budgeting and financial literacy, and workplace skills.

The Night Ministry **\$12,000**

For its Continuing Care Services program, which provides on-going support for youth after exiting the shelter program. Funds would be used towards salary support of the program coordinator.



A child receives a meal at MorningStar Mission Ministries' East Side Café, which serves three meals a day to the homeless and near homeless.

North Shore Senior Center **\$12,000**

For its elder abuse intervention and advocacy program, which aims to restore their safety and dignity, community education, and services to abusers to prevent continued wrongdoing.

North Side Housing and Supportive Services **\$2,000**

For its Mental Health Program for homeless and formerly homeless men, diagnosed with a mental illness or dually diagnosed with a mental illness and substance abuse, age 18 and older, and live in the agency's permanent supportive housing program.

Porchlight Counseling Services **\$4,500**

For counseling services for college sexual assault survivors. Funds would be used to pay therapists to provide counseling services.

Rape Victim Advocates **\$10,000**

For renewal support of its Adolescent Program, which provides specialized counseling services to adolescent sexual assault survivors. The Program includes medical and legal advocacy, and education and outreach.

Redmoon Theater **\$5,000**

For the Drama Girls Program, which pairs middle school girls from Chase Elementary School in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood with female artist mentors in an intensive exploration of creativity and leadership.

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling **\$10,000**

For support of its counseling programs for survivors of sexual assault and abuse, ages 3 to adult.

Sarah’s Circle **\$8,000**

For its Case Management Program. The grant would allow the organization to continue to provide and expand its services to further help a growing number of women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Sarah’s Inn **\$2,000**

For general operating support of this domestic violence shelter, which provides comprehensive services for women and their children. The shelter also provides teen dating violence prevention education at schools.

Senior Home Sharing **\$12,000**

Towards salary support of its Resident Services position, to increase this position from part-time to full-time in order to address the growing needs of its residents and their family caregivers.

Seniors Assistance Center **\$15,000**

For its Home Delivered Meals program, which delivers hot nutritious meals to frail and homebound seniors and disabled in the northwest neighborhoods of Chicago. Meals can be prepared for special diets including mechanically soft foods.

The Volunteer Center of Northwest Suburban Chicago **\$5,500**

For the Paint-A-Thon program, which provides painting and basic home care services to low-income, physically-limited elderly persons and disabled individuals to enable them to retain their independence and remain in their homes.

West Suburban P.A.D.S. **\$10,000**

For the Family Transitional Housing Program, a 6-24 month housing program for working homeless individuals and their families. The program also provides comprehensive supportive services and case management.

WINGS Program **\$15,000**

For renewal support of the Safe House emergency shelter, which provides comprehensive programs and services for abused women and their children. Funds are specifically needed for salary support.

Woodridge Community Pantry **\$15,000**

For general operating support, particularly for the purchase of food. There has been an increase in clients, especially seniors. At the same time, the cost of food continues to rise and contributions decrease.

You Can Make It, Inc. **\$10,000**

Towards program support for this homeless shelter for women and their children. Programming includes healthcare, dental care, addiction treatment, HIV testing and counseling.

Youth Job Center of Evanston **\$5,000**

To fund its Strategic Corporate Alliances Program, which teaches individuals how to manage in professional, corporate settings. The program provides clients with an intense series of job-readiness seminars intended to prepare graduates for full-time work.

Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center (formerly LaCASA) **\$15,000**

For renewal support of its Children’s Program, which provides treatment and services to children, who are victims of rape and incest, and their families.

Total: 61 grants **\$604,260**

Education

Queen of Peace High School **\$10,000**

For its Student Scholarship Program, which serves current students who are in good academic standing and whose families are experiencing severe financial need.

Science and Arts Academy **\$11,500**

For renewal support of its Scholarship Assistance Program which allows children from economically disadvantaged families to attend the school.

The Suzuki-Orff School for Young Musicians **\$10,000**

For renewal of the Clap, Sing and READ! Literacy through music program for children in grades K-2 in Chicago Public Schools.

Vincent Gray Alternative High School **\$10,000**

For renewal support of its Reading Program, which helps at-risk students, who have dropped out of high school or have been dropped, increase their reading grade levels.

Total 4 grants **\$41,500**

Guidelines for Grant Applications

- A. Program and capital grants will be made to organizations in support of but not limited to the following purposes: medical, psychiatric, psychological and/or residential care, and research programs in medicine, psychology, social science and education.
- B. Although the Foundation does support operating budgets, applicants should be aware the Foundation should not be considered a continuing source of annual funding. Applicants should indicate probable sources of funding, if any, for ensuing years of the project for which they are seeking help.
- C. Grants will not be given to government agencies, nor generally to organizations that subsist mainly on third party funding and have demonstrated no ability or expended little effort to attract private funding.
- D. Applicants must be classified as 501(c)(3) by the Internal Revenue Service.
- E. Grants will not be made for religious or political purposes, nor generally for the production or writing of audio-visual materials.
- F. Although grants may be made to organizations outside the state of Illinois, preference will generally be given to applicants from Illinois.
- G. We prefer prospective grantees whose programs or services benefit persons who have not yet reached their majority and/or are for the care of individuals or elderly persons who lack sufficient resources to provide for themselves.
- H. Fundraising and administrative costs of successful applicants will be within limits generally considered as reasonable.
- I. A grant will be made only to the organization providing the service to the end user or that is conducting the program for which funding is sought.
- J. Applicants may request commitments which extend beyond one year.
- K. An applicant must be an equal opportunity employer as well as provide equal access to programs or services.

Application Procedures

1. A completed Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation grant application form must accompany all grant requests.
2. As a result of the federal legislation, the Pension Protection Act of 2006, which was signed into law on August 17, 2006, private foundations now face possible significant tax issues if they make grants to “Type III” Supporting Organizations, public charities described in Section 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, pending further clarification from the IRS, the Blowitz-Ridgeway-Foundation must practice due diligence in this matter. For these reasons, we now require that all grant applicants provide a copy of the Schedule A Form from their Form-990, with any new grant request. See our website www.blowitzridgeway.org for more information.
3. Grant applications will be reviewed for completeness by staff and will not be forwarded to the Grant Review Committee until complete. Applications are accepted throughout the year and are reviewed in the order they are received. Thus, it generally takes about 2-4 months from the receipt of the full application to when you should receive a response from the Foundation.

After reviewing an application, the Committee may: decline, recommend for approval by the board, request additional information, schedule a site visit, or invite the applicant in for interview by the board.

Please note the following changes to the Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation grant application procedures. If you are planning to submit a renewal grant request, please note that the Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation now requires renewal applicants to submit its final report before the new grant request can be reviewed.

4. Applicants, if declined, may not reapply for at least one year from the date of the application unless the nature or circumstances surrounding the request have changed significantly. The subsequent application should describe these changes in full.

Requests for application forms or further information should be addressed to:

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Financial Statements

The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation
 Statements of Financial Position
 September 30

	2009	2008
Assets		
Investments		
Common stocks	7,715,566	\$ 7,958,540
Mutual funds	10,664,716	11,167,778
Corporate and foreign bonds	1,622,215	1,803,313
U.S. government obligations	1,538,455	1,766,754
Program related investments	380,000	475,000
Accrued interest and dividends	30,218	41,743
Total Investments	21,951,170	23,213,128
Cash & Cash Equivalents	94,899	54,906
Federal excise taxes on deposit	27,438	31,946
Office Equipment, Net of Accumulated Depreciation of \$53,724 and \$51,422	5,088	3,780
Total Unrestricted Assets	\$ 22,078,595	\$ 23,303,760
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities	\$ 31,704	\$ 7,445
Grant obligations payable	25,000	122,500
Net Assets, Unrestricted	22,021,891	23,173,815
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 22,078,595	\$ 23,303,760

The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation Statements of Activities For the Years Ended September 30

Revenue		
Realized Investment (Losses) Gains, Interest & Dividends	\$ (824,722)	\$1,708,407
Change in unrealized gains on investments held	1,358,296	(5,933,875)
Expenses		
Grants (exclusive of \$200,000 PRIs in 2008)	\$ 1,148,827	\$ 1,506,978
Grant management	365,502	336,676
Administrative	95,407	81,886
Investment Management Fee	58,031	76,034
Provision for Federal Excise Taxes		
Current	4,508	15,094
Deferred	13,583	(118,620)
Total Expenses	\$ 1,685,858	\$ 1,898,048
Change in Net Assets	\$(1,152,284)	\$(6,123,516)

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The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation was founded in 1984 with the proceeds of the sale of Chicago's Ridgeway Hospital, a nonprofit psychiatric facility focusing on low-income adolescents. One of its primary funding areas is the support of nonprofit agencies which provide medical and psychological services to economically disadvantaged children and adolescents, thereby continuing the original mission of the hospital. As of September 30, 2009 it has provided approximately \$25.9 million in grants and program-related investments to a variety of health care and social service agencies, as well as scholarship funds and medical research awards.



Big Shoulders Fund provides support to schools in the neediest areas of Chicago. Here a student from St. Gall, located in Gage Park, has his vision screened to see if further testing is indicated. Thousands of students receive glasses or are referred for further hearing testing each year through this program.



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