The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation

2011 Annual Report
Imagination Theater provides diverse audiences with original, dynamic, participatory theatrical programming that enhances well-being and creates a more civil, safe society. The Senior Spotlight show uses singing, dancing and interaction to activate the audience’s memories and imaginations and stimulate social interactions.

The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation is pleased that we have been able to continue to sustain our historical level of grantmaking during this past Fiscal Year despite the challenging economic conditions. Since 1996, we have been awarding grants and Program-Related Investments in excess of $1 million annually. As with other foundations, we have also faced a reduction in our investments over the years, but we are committed to continue our support of the nonprofit organizations that provide vital services to those in need. In our Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2011, the Foundation awarded 105 grants and Program-Related Investments (PRIs) totaling approximately $1.4 million. Since the inception of the Foundation in 1984, we have awarded approximately $28.4 million in grants and Program-Related Investments.

The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation remains committed to maintaining its grantmaking focus of providing general operating support as well as programming support. Last year, the Foundation awarded over 20% of its grants (excluding medical research grants and PRIs) for general operating support. In the current economic climate, the Foundation understands the challenges affecting many non-profit organizations and that funding for unrestricted or general operating support is crucial to an organization’s sustainability. The Foundation will continue to accept requests from new applicants as well as our grantee partners.

As evidenced in this Annual Report, through the tireless efforts of the agencies funded, individuals and families in need of essential necessities such as healthcare, food and shelter, affordable housing, job training programs, are receiving quality services. Agencies such as the Suburban Primary Health Care Council links low-income, uninsured people with primary health care services and medication assistance; Faith In Action of Edgar County utilizes volunteers to provide non-medical assistance to individuals with chronic illnesses or impairments; and Lakeview Pantry provides nutritious meals to the homebound or disabled individuals.

A vital part of the Foundation’s grantmaking is our Bio-Medical Research Grant Program. In Fiscal Year 2011, we awarded $160,000 over two years for two innovative research projects: one on Liver Cancer, to investigate “MRI-Guided Nanoablation for Hepatocellular Carcinoma;” and our second research project is in the area of Social Cognition. The project is entitled, “Effects of Lower-Level Sensory Processing on Higher-Level Cognition in Schizophrenia.” The study of social cognition holds the potential for developing treatment interventions that will improve the function and quality of life in persons with schizophrenia and may also be applicable to persons suffering from autism and dementia. We are appreciative of our partnership with prominent intermediary organizations, such as American Cancer Society, Illinois Division, and NARSAD/Brain and Behavior Research Foundation, whose expertise on these research areas is critical in identifying new investigators and helping find a cure for these diseases.

During this past year, the Foundation has bid farewell to two longtime Trustees and friends. Rev. James Jackson, who has retired, is a long-time advocate for children’s causes and the impoverished. His sense of humor and compassion for others will not be forgotten. In recognition of his 24 years of service to the Foundation, the Board proudly awarded a grant in his honor to The Harbour, an emergency shelter and transitional housing for youth.

Also in 2011, we were deeply saddened at the loss of Trustee, Patricia MacAlister. Ms. MacAlister was also a champion of many causes, including children’s welfare, domestic abuse, and homelessness. Her humor and warmth lit up every Board and Committee meeting. She never stopped learning and gave so much of her time to visit many agencies that interested her. Ms. MacAlister spent her last few years as a volunteer at Rainbow Hospice bringing comfort and joy to many seniors. In recognition of her 20 years of service to the Foundation, the Board awarded a grant in her honor to Rainbow Hospice. These two outstanding individuals are also highlighted on the inside back cover of this report.

The Foundation’s grantmaking in 2011 would not be possible without the dedication and efforts of the entire Board of Trustees and Staff, to whom I am grateful.

Daniel L. Kline
President, Board of Trustees
Advocate Charitable Foundation/Advocate Illinois Masonic $10,000
For the Mobile Dental Program, which provides dental services to underserved individuals/families through partnerships with schools and nonprofit agencies. The program will serve 2 senior sites, 5 public schools, 3 health clinics and 3 agencies for the disabled.

Agape Care Team Health Services $15,000
To provide operating support at this free health clinic serving the uninsured and underinsured in the northwest county of Illinois. Funds will be used towards medication and medical supplies, and salary support for a Part-Time Nurse.

Alagille Syndrome Alliance $13,450
For its 5th International Symposium on Alagille Syndrome. The conference includes children’s programs and educational seminars for parents on scientific and clinic research updates, nutrition, aging, transitioning, and prenatal diagnosis.

Arden Shore Child & Family Health Services $1,000
For its Family Centered Counseling Program, which provides intervention and prevention services to children, youth and adults focused on resolving serious behavioral and mental health issues.

The Ark $18,000
Towards the purchase of medications to stock its Fred Woods Pharmacy and Gertrude and Harry G. Fins Pharmacy Annex, which fills 17,000 prescriptions each year for its clients.

Big Shoulders Fund $15,000
For its Look Hear Health Care Program, which provides essential hearing and vision screening and immunization compliance programs at schools that are the poorest in resources in the Archdiocesan system.

Cancer Center for Healthy Living $3,500
For its comprehensive nutrition therapy and education program, which provides medical nutrition therapy services to individuals suffering nutrition-impact symptoms related to cancer treatment.

Cancer Wellness Center $7,000
To provide targeted programming for men living with cancer. Program includes individual counseling, professionally facilitated support group, and annual health day, which provides education on health, nutrition and exercise.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet $10,000
To cover expenses associated with the 2011 Back to School Fairs to be held in August, 2011 in Will and DuPage counties. The fairs are a multi-county and multi-agency effort to provide free health and human services, as well as school supplies to children.

Canine Therapy Corps $10,000
For general operating support of its animal-assisted therapy programs in physical and psychosocial rehabilitation for children with development disabilities, cancer patients, teens in substance abuse recovery programs, victims of family abuse, etc.

Chicago Family Health Center $12,000
For renewal support of its Reach Out and Read program, which promotes early literacy by giving new books and advice on reading to children, ages 6 months to 5 years, during early well-child visits.

Chicago Women’s Health Center $15,000
To support the final phase of The Race for Space, its first-ever capital campaign. A larger facility will help the Center serve more clients, many of whom are on a waiting list. All donations will be matched to help close the Campaign by June 2011.

The Children’s Clinic $15,000
For general operating support to provide medical, dental and social services to children from low-income families. Services include well-child care and acute care for sick children, school physicals and immunizations.

Christian Community Health Center $15,000
For renewal operating support of its medical centers which provide a myriad of clinical services such as family practice, pediatrics, obstetrics/ gynecology, dentistry, mental health and substance abuse services.

Community Clinic of DuPage County $18,000
Towards the costs of laboratory testing, medical supplies, and prescription medication at this health clinic for the uninsured.

Community Health $15,000
For renewal operating support of this free health clinic, which provides primary, dental and specialty care, and access to medication for uninsured and underinsured individuals and families in Chicago.

Community Health Care Clinic $15,000
To help offset operating costs related to a 44% increase in services at this free medical clinic, which provides health care and medications for uninsured individuals, particularly with chronic health problems in McLean County.

The Cradle $10,000
For renewal support of its Nursery and Special Needs Program, a 24-hour on-site nursery and medical care for infants awaiting adoption.

CRIS Radio/A program of Chicago Lighthouse $15,000
For renewal support of CRIS-Radio and its program, “The Beacon,” which provides access to relevant news and information for people with blindness and other disabilities.

Dental Lifeline $25,000
For renewal support of its Dental House Calls Program, which provides dental treatment to disabled individuals who are homebound, reside in nursing homes or residential centers, and are unable to travel to dental offices.

Face the Future Foundation (UIC Craniofacial Center) $14,000
For the acquisition of a camera pod for the 3dMD Face stereo-photographic System and computer to run the system. The equipment introduces non-contact treatment interventions for facial prosthetic treatment for cancer patients.

Glen Eylln Youth and Family Counseling Service $8,000
To support its Community Counseling Program (CCP), which provides professional counseling services to at-risk individuals, youth and their families with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. The program also provides crisis intervention and referral and linkage support to critical community based resources.

Hope for Tomorrow $1,000
To expand its residential substance abuse services to meet the needs of U.S. Veterans with homelessness and chronic substance abuse disorders.

Horizon Hospice $15,000
To continue to provide palliative care and hospice services to pediatric and adult patients who are indigent or lack insurance, Medicare or Medicaid.

Horses and the Handicapped $14,000
To provide scholarships for disabled students to receive therapeutic horseback riding, hippo therapy, Interactive Vaulting or Stable Management.

Howard Brown Health Center $10,000
For renewal support of the Broadway Youth Center, which provides comprehensive medical care, behavioral health services, youth development programming, and social support. The Youth Center is a 16 agency collaboration.

Leukemia Research Foundation $17,500
For renewal support of its Patient Financial Assistance Program, which provides local patients and families, facing significant medical expenses associated with blood cancer survival, with financial assistance.
Health Care Services, continued...

LINKS North Shore Youth Health Service $10,000
For renewal support of its Clinic and Counseling Program, Community
Education Programs, and Pride Youth Division all of which promote
adolescent physical and mental health.

Rainbow Hospice 25,000
To support its Endowment Program, which was established to create a base
of support for services that are not covered by medical reimbursements.
The grant is in memory of Patricia MacAlister.

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling $17,500
For renewal support of its counseling programs for survivors of sexual assault
and abuse, ages 3 to adult. The agency has already seen a 14% increase in demand
for services in its current fiscal year.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland
and NW Indiana $10,000
Towards its Capital Campaign to build a new Ronald McDonald House near the
new Children’s Memorial Hospital. Funds will be used to build a portion of two
unique transplant floors that will house children who have recently undergone
transplant surgeries and their families.

Rush-Copley Foundation $10,000
For renewal support of its Moving on to Health program, which is a comprehen-
sive and personalized health education program for diabetic patients to learn how
to manage and control the symptoms of their chronic health condition.

Special Ed Advocacy Center $3,000
To provide free legal services to low-income parents of children with
disabilities seeking to obtain appropriate educational and early intervention
services for their children; and educating parents, school personnel and others
of rights/responsibilities.

Spectris Institute for Low Vision $15,000
For renewal support of its Children’s Program, “Seeing is Believing” during the
2010-2011 school year. The grant would be used to provide professional low-vision services and to purchase
optical devices which will maximize the students’ useable vision.

St. Joseph’s Home for the Elderly/ Little Sisters of the Poor $10,000
To support the salaries of two Restorative Rehabilitation Aides for its Physical Therapy Program, designed
to enable a resident to achieve their highest physical, emotional and
functional level possible.

Suburban Primary Health Care Council $14,808
For renewal support of its Access to Care Program, which links low-income, uninsured people to a primary care
provider for unlimited office visits for a co-payment of $5 per visit, and obtain
prescription medication for co-payments of $15-40.

Health Care Grant Initiative

Family Health Partnership Clinic $82,040
For second year funding of its satellite healthcare clinic in the town
of McHenry. The clinic is staffed with a nurse practitioner and volunteer
physicians to provide quality care to the uninsured.

Total: 1 grant $82,040

Social Services

A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis Center $10,000
For renewal operating support of its programs for victims of domestic
violence and their children. Programs include counseling, housing, court
advocacy, and community education and prevention.

Art Encounter $10,000
For its “Hats Off To Art: Creative Community Building with Older Adults”
program for seniors in retirement homes, and “Picturing Thoughts,” a creative art book pilot project.

Better Boys Foundation $5,000
For its YouthLAB@1512 program for high school age youth, which focuses on
pre-vocational training and academic support year-round. Youth are enrolled in
skills-based apprenticeships, while receiving intensive academic support.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metro Chicago $5,000
For renewal support of its Community-Based Mentoring Program, Site-Based
Mentoring, and Mentoring of Children of Prisoners, which provides at-risk youth
with one-on-one mentoring, academic tutoring, social and recreational activities.

Cabrini-Green Tutoring Program $10,000
For operational support. The grant would enable this after-school tutoring program to purchase
assessment tools, increase the size of the organization and enhance their pilot program, Literacy Intensive Tutoring.

CASA Cook County $10,000
For renewal support of 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.

CASA Kane County $15,000
To sponsor six new volunteer advocates as well as provide continuing education in-services for all active volunteers. It costs $2,500 to recruit, train and case
manage one CASA Volunteer per year.

CASA Lake County $10,000
For renewal support to expand its advocacy services for an additional
80-125 abused and neglected children in the Lake County Juvenile Court System.

CASA of DuPage $10,000
For renewal support of its Court-Ordered Advocacy Program for abused and neglected children. The Program includes recruitment, training and support to 40 new volunteer advocates and supervising its existing 159 core volunteer advocates.

CEDA Northwest Self-Help Center $15,000
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, transitional housing, case management and food.

Center for Law & Social Work $1,000
For its Family Matters Program, which addresses the need for adopted children
and those under guardianship of a relative to have a back-up plan in case
the adoptive parent or guardian dies or is no longer able to care for the children.

The Chicago Chamber Musicians $2,660
For its Move to Music Program, which provides free transportation for CPS
students to attend its First Monday concert series, a free live classical concert.

Chicago Children’s Theater $7,500
For the 2011 production of Red Kite Round Up, an interactive and multi-
sensory theatrical performance installation for children affected by Autism, and their families. The 4-week production will use camping as its theme
to engage children.

Medical Research

American Cancer Society, Illinois Division $50,000
For a Liver Cancer research project by Dr. Robert L. Lewandowski at
Northwestern University entitled “MRI-Guided Nanoablation for Hepatocellular Carcinoma”.

American Liver Foundation $50,000
For research in the area of Pediatric Liver Disease with a special interest in
Alagille Syndrome.

The Brain and Behavior Research Foundation aka NARSAD $30,000
The grant is for research on Social Cognition and the project is “Effects of Lower-Level Sensory Processing on Higher-Level Cognition in Schizophrenia” by Jason Tregellas, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, at University of Colorado Denver.

Total: 3 grants $130,000

Chicago Chamber Musicians provides a wide range of outreach programs which bring live music to schools, senior residences, hospitals and community centers throughout the Chicago area. Here participants of the School Residency Program perform at their year-end recital.
Chicago Lawndale Amachi Mentoring Program aka Chicago LAMP $10,000
For operating support and to start a girls mentoring club, for 15 girls, age 13 to 18 years old, to provide them with positive female role models, learn life skills, improve school achievement, and develop leadership skills.

Community Counseling Centers of Chicago $1,000
For the Parenting Education Program, aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect, which includes group sessions, home visits and comprehensive referral services. The Program is conducted in partnership with Family Focus.

Connections for Abused Women and their Children $12,500
For renewal support of its Hospital Crisis Intervention Project, housed at Stroger Hospital, which provides direct response to victims of abuse, and respondents to victims of abuse, and advocates for hospital-wide systemic change.

DuPage Senior Citizens Council $15,000
For its Senior Nutrition program, Home Delivered Meals, which utilizes volunteers to deliver meals and conduct a well-being check to homebound seniors. Specialized meals are provided for those with dietary restrictions.

Elizabeth Ann Seton Program $9,000
For its Teen Mom Program, which provides parenting education and life skills, and matches them with volunteer mentors. The young mothers are encouraged to complete their high school education or obtain a GED. The program works with four high schools.

Emergency Fund $13,500
For its Flexible Financial Fund, which provides emergency aid to the impoverished through Crisis Solutions Grants, which address the short-term needs of low-income families and Self-Sufficiency Grants, which assists families with basic needs.

Faith in Action of Edgar County $5,600
Towards operating expenses, which includes salary support of a part-time office assistant to assist with daily operations at this rural volunteer-based agency that offers non-medical based assistance to individuals with chronic illnesses or impairments.

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana $5,000
For the Healthy Living Programs, which targets low-income, pre-adolescent girls at-risk for childhood obesity, low self-esteem, eating disorders, and other unsafe behaviors such as smoking and drinking.

Greater Chicago Food Depository $10,000
For renewal support of the Older Adult Program, which provides fresh produce and boxed meals to low-income, older residents living at five CHA/HUD buildings.

Guardian Angel Community Services $5,000
For renewal support of its Children’s Programming, which includes a hotline and in-person counseling, institutional and community advocacy, violence prevention education, and training.

Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly $15,000
For general operating support of its programs which aim to improve the quality of life for Chicago’s low-income elderly and help them remain independent and part of their community.

Habitat for Humanity Chicago South Suburbs $7,500
Towards the renovation of kitchens in two locations for a rehab project in Park Forest, which includes installing new flooring, cabinets, countertops, sinks, fixtures and lighting.

The Harbour $35,000
For renewal support of its Emergency Shelter which provides safe housing and comprehensive services for homeless, runaway and neglected girls, age 12-18.

HCS Family Services $15,000
For operating support of this multi-service agency which provides emergency assistance such as rental and utility assistance, food pantry services, and case management services to develop individualized goal plans towards self-sufficiency.

Hoopston Multi-Agency Service Center $14,966
To fund tutors, meals and snacks for its Teen REACH after school program for students 8-17 years of age. The program had been funded previously by the State but funding has been cut.

Houses of the Good Shepherd $5,000
For renewal support of its Children’s Program, which provides age-appropriate individual and group counseling for children who have witnessed family violence.

Jobs for Youth/Chicago $10,000
To support its expanded occupational skills training programs, Electronic Health Records Practice Management Systems, Computer Skills for Office Assistants and Customer Service Skills Training.

Journeys from PADS $10,000
Towards the expansion efforts of its Vocational Training Program. Funding is needed to support clinical salaries and training, towards the purchase of new equipment, marketing efforts, and program supplies and expenses.

Kiwanis Horses for the Handicapped of Pinellas County $22,000
For capital support: a sprinkler system for the entire site, 5 acres; and for the purchase of healthy products for its Nutrition Program; and (2) towards the renovation of kitchens in two locations for a rehab project in Park Forest, which includes installing new flooring, cabinets, countertops, sinks, fixtures and lighting.

Lakeview Pantry $16,000
To expand its Home Delivery Program, which utilizes volunteers to provide meals to homebound or disabled clients, most of whom are seniors. Specialized meals are available for those with dietary restrictions.

Light Opera Works $3,500
For continued support of its Outreach and Education Programs for youth and seniors, which includes theater workshops, and performances for seniors at nursing homes.

Loaves and Fishes Community Pantry $10,000
For support in two areas: (1) towards the purchase of healthy products for its Nutrition Program; and (2) towards the salary of the newly created Program Director position that administers the Nutrition and Pathways to Empowerment Program.

Meals at Home $10,000
For general operating support of its food delivery program for seniors and adults with disabilities. The agency partners with participating hospitals and cafes to provide meals six days a week including holidays.
DuPage Senior Citizens Council provides Home Delivered Meals and well being checks to homebound seniors.

People’s Resource Center $10,000
For its Food Pantry Program which provides free food for low-income residents at two sites in DuPage County. The Program also provides used clothing, emergency assistance, and access to food stamps and links clients to the agency’s other services.

Rape Victim Advocates $10,000
To support its Adolescent Program, which works with youth to mitigate the effects of sexual assault and abuse, and to prevent future sexual violence. The program links sexual abuse survivors with quality medical, legal and mental health counseling services.

Sarah’s Circle $5,000
For renewal support of its Case Management Program in FY2012, which works individually with women to help them achieve goals and ultimately gain greater self-sufficiency.

Senior Home Sharing $12,000
To fund a full-time Director of Resident Services, who will provide case management and coordination services to residents, many of whom suffer from chronic and mental health conditions. The agency operates four group homes.

Test Positive Aware Network $5,000
For its Psychosocial Support Services, which includes life enhancing peer led support groups that help clients make informed decisions, cope better with illness, improve the quality of their lives, and prevent further transmission of HIV.

Social Services, continued...

New Foundation Center $10,000
For its Permanent Supportive Housing Program, which provides housing, lease subsidy and comprehensive support services for homeless men and women, all of whom have serious mental illness.

North Shore Senior Center $10,000
For its elder abuse intervention and advocacy services, which includes services to both abused elders to restore their safety and dignity, as well as perpetrators to prevent continued abuse. Services also include training on recognizing and reporting signs of abuse for police, social workers, healthcare professionals.

Northern Illinois Food Bank $15,000
For renewal support of its food acquisition and distribution programs, which distributes approximately 3 million pounds of donated, government and purchased food through local food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, youth activity centers, schools, etc.

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Respond Now $15,000
For general operating support of this multi-service agency in the south suburbs. Services include emergency services, homelessness prevention, prescription medical program, food pantry, resource and referral services.

Rockford Rescue Mission $1,000
For its Food Services Program, which provides hot, nutritious meals to hungry men, women and children year-round who are homeless and also seeking other services such as case management, emergency shelter, clothing, and health services.

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Rebuilding Together - North Suburban Chicago $6,000
To restore and repair homes of the disabled, elderly, or low-income families, in need of major structural or roof replacement. Many of the repair projects will be done on or around the National Rebuilding Day in April.

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Storycatchers Theatre $5,000
For the Fabulous Females program, a joint effort using performing arts as a positive youth development tool for girls incarcerated at the Illinois Youth Center-Warrenville. The program will include choral workshops.

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T-shirts decorated by domestic violence victims hang as part of Turning Point’s annual Clothesline Project. The program increases awareness of the impact of violence against women, celebrates a woman’s strength to survive, and provides an avenue for her to courageously break the silence.

Thresholds $5,000
For its REACH Transitional Living Program, which prepares youth in the child welfare with severe mental illness as they transition into adulthood, independent living, and successful integration into the community.

Time of Your Life Players $2,000
For general operating support of its Theatrical Production, which would cover theater rental, marketing, production values, honoraria and stipends for the musical director.

Turning Point $1,000
For operating support of this domestic violence shelter, which provides abused women and their children with emergency shelter, counseling, legal assistance, employment counseling, goal-setting, safety planning, children’s counseling, etc.

The Volunteer Center of Northwest Suburban Chicago $7,515
For support of its Paint-A-Thon program, which recruits volunteers to assist with painting the exterior of homes owned and occupied by low-income elderly, in order for them to retain their independence and remain in their homes longer.

WINGS Program $15,000
For operating support of the Safe House emergency domestic violence shelter, which provides shelter 24-hours/7-days a week and comprehensive services for abused women and their children.

West Suburban Community Pantry $15,000
Towards the purchase of food at this emergency food pantry. The program expanded its school breakfast program into Lisle, and includes baby food and diapers. Meals accommodate nutritional needs.

Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center $17,500
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: 58 grants $583,873

Education

Josephinum Academy $15,000
For continued support of its Cost of Education Program, a scholarship program for high school students from low income communities who otherwise could not afford a private, college preparatory education.

Queen of Peace High School $10,000
For its Student Scholarship Program, to provide financial assistance for students who are in good academic standing and whose families are experiencing severe financial hardship, at this all girls college preparatory school.

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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. Applicant organizations are required to provide latest full-year audited financial statements. However, organizations with revenues of less than $300,000 may submit their 990 or 990 E-Z federal tax form and unaudited financial statements. We do not accept the 990-N.

4. 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.

5. 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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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, 2011 it has provided $28.4 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.

In memory of Patricia MacAlister.
1930 – 2011
For her 20 years of service to the Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation.

The Board of Trustees is grateful to Rev. James Jackson for his 24 years of service to the Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation.
Rev. Jackson is enjoying his retirement.
Leukemia Research Foundation’s Annual Kids’ Party provides a day of respite for pediatric blood cancer patients – a day to forget about chemotherapy and other treatments and concentrate on having fun with the family – in the company of other kids who have experienced blood cancer treatment.