President’s Letter

The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation is pleased to report that 2014 represented our 30th year in assisting those less fortunate. The Foundation originated in 1984 from the sale of Ridgeway Hospital, a non-profit hospital that opened in 1962 focusing on the psychiatric treatment of children and youth in Chicago. The proceeds of the sale were used to establish the Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation, named in honor of the Hospital and the Hospital’s founder, Milroy Blowitz, an attorney. Since the beginning, one of the Foundation’s primary funding areas is to support nonprofit agencies that provide medical, psychiatric, and psychological services to economically disadvantaged children and adolescents. Since then, the Foundation has expanded its mission to support nonprofit agencies that provide vital comprehensive health care and social services to the economically disadvantaged of all ages. Over the last 30 years, this financial support has remained constant despite the changing economic environment.

Starting in 1986, the Foundation awarded grants to 13 non-profit organizations totaling $614,648. Since 1996, we have been awarding grants and Program-Related Investments in excess of $1 million annually. In our Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2014, the Foundation awarded 101 grants and Program-Related Investments (PRIs) totaling approximately $1.2 million.

Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation has funded 665 organizations over the past thirty years with approximately $32 million in grants and Program-Related Investments. We are pleased to see how many of these organizations have grown to become established leaders in their field of expertise. We have learned so much from all of these agencies. Organizations such as The Ark, CRIS Radio, The Harbour, HOME, Howard Area Community Center, Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center (Lake County Council Against Sexual Assault), The Night Ministry, REST, Sarah’s Circle, and Spectrios Institute for Low Vision (Deicke Center) have all been part of our beginnings and continue to be important partner organizations.

The Foundation’s support of small and mid-size organizations is also important to its mission. The Foundation understands how for many of these small organizations, the grantwriting process is often time-consuming, especially with a small staff, and therefore we try to be responsive in a timely manner. We were honored to read in Compass to Care’s recent newsletter

Front Cover: The Center for Independence through Conductive Education helps children with physical disabilities, such as Cerebral Palsy or Spina Bifida, gain physical independence by developing their motor functions in a manner that creates positive self-esteem and self-direction.
that Michelle Ernsdorff, Founder and CEO, was thrilled to hear that “the check is in the mail” within a short period of time after submission of the grant application. Ms. Ernsdorff went on to say that after submission of grant applications to many foundations, the “waiting game begins. Some grantors never respond. Not even a ‘thank you, but no thank you.’ The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation has not been one of those grantors. Their Administrator has taken the time to get to know Michelle and Compass to Care’s mission.” We believe that a timely response to all grant applicants is critical to all agencies.

It’s because of organizations like Compass to Care that we remain committed to providing general operating support as well as program support. Last year, the Foundation awarded 21% of its grants (excluding PRIs) for general operating support. 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. Non-profit organizations must receive general operating funds to support their critical programs.

In addition, during the past 30 years the Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation bid farewell to several Trustees, most of whom were instrumental in the establishment of the Foundation as well as the early hospital years: Arthur Collison, Debbie DiLeonardi, Rev. James Jackson, Joanne Lanigan, Patricia MacAlister, Max Pastin, Allin Proudfoot, Dr. Milton Steinberg, and A. C. Wilson. We appreciate the vision, leadership, and dedication of all past and present Trustees, consultants and staff who helped enrich, shape and guide the Foundation.

In 2014, the Foundation also bid farewell to two longtime Trustees and friends. Sam Winston, who has retired, is a long-time advocate for children’s causes, the homeless, and health care access. As one of the original Ridgeway Hospital Board Members who helped establish the Foundation, Mr. Winston’s leadership helped the Foundation become a valued funder and supporter of many non-profit organizations.

Also in 2014, we were deeply saddened at the loss of Trustee, Dr. Marvin Pitluk. Dr. Pitluk, a psychologist, was also a champion of many causes, including children’s welfare, primary health and mental health care. When he was not sharing his knowledge of the mental health needs of the population served by the Foundation’s grantee organizations, he was engaging the Board with his wit and musical abilities. In recognition of his 24 years of service to the Foundation, the Board awarded a grant in his honor to Light Opera Works.

The Foundation’s grantmaking would not be possible without the dedication and efforts of the entire Board of Trustees, Consultants and Staff, to whom I am eternally grateful. We look forward to another 30 years in supporting agencies that assist individuals and families in need of vital services.

Daniel L. Kline
President, Board of Trustees

Ridgeway Hospital
During fiscal year 2014, The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation received 236 applications and awarded 101 grants.

Alagille Syndrome Alliance  $10,000
For its 6th International Symposium on Alagille Syndrome in June, 2014. This conference includes children’s programs and educational seminars for parents on scientific and clinic research updates, nutrition, aging, and prenatal diagnosis.

Alexian Brothers Bonaventure House  $15,000
For renewal support of its transitional living programs for formerly homeless people living with HIV/AIDS at the Bonaventure House in Chicago.

American Indian Health Service of Chicago  $5,000
For general operating support to help medically under-served American Indians and Alaskan Natives in low-income communities through primary, behavioral and oral health services.

Angel Flight Central  $10,000
For general support of this organization that serves people in need by arranging charitable flights for access to health care and other humanitarian purposes in the Midwest region.

Angles  $5,000
For renewal support of its Clinic and Counseling Program, Community Education Programs, and Pride Youth Division, all of which promote overall adolescent physical and mental health.

Apna Ghar, Inc. (Our Home)  $10,000
To support the counseling services for abused immigrant women and their children. Comprehensive services include individual counseling, art therapy, group counseling, and children’s counseling for both shelter residents as well as non-residential clients.

The Ark  $20,000
Towards the purchase of medications to stock its Fred Woods Pharmacy and Gertrude & Harry G. Fins Pharmacy Annex, which fills prescriptions for low-income people who are uninsured or have inadequate insurance.

Cancer Wellness Center  $5,000
For renewal general support of programs serving cancer patients, survivors and their families/caregivers. Programs include counseling and support groups, educational and nutrition classes, and wellness activities and services.

Center for Independence through Conductive Education  $10,000
Towards salary support of a full-time occupational therapist to provide medically necessary therapy services to children with physical disabilities who face significant access to physical and occupational therapy. Funds would support 100 children.

The Center of Concern  $15,000
For renewal funding of the Senior Support and Geriatric Counseling Program, which provides referrals and assessments, counseling, visits and telephone reassurance, and support groups on grief/loss, and Alzheimer’s. The majority of clients are age 80 plus.

Canine Therapy Corps  $5,000
For the animal-assisted therapy programs for children with chronic illnesses or conditions, with autism spectrum disorders or other cognitive/developmental delays, and adolescents in substance abuse recovery or healing from emotional trauma.

Chicago Lighthouse  $12,500
For renewal support of CRIS Radio and Beacon programming, which provides access to relevant news.
and information for people with blindness, low vision, and other disabilities.

Chicago Women’s Health Center  $10,000
For general operating support. The Center provides access to gynecological health care, alternative insemination, health education, individual counseling and group therapy, and integrative health services where clients pay what they can afford.

The Children’s Clinic  $17,500
For operating support. Funds will be used towards the costs of providing medical, dental and social services to children from low-income families in west suburban Cook County and Chicago.

Compass to Care Childhood Cancer Foundation  $10,000
For the Access Life Initiative, which aims to alleviate financial burden of cancer-related travel costs for families with a child diagnosed with cancer to and from medical facilities in the Chicago metro area, or outside Illinois for specialty care.

Family Health Partnership Clinic  $15,000
To support expansion of clinical services in McHenry County. The Clinic will be moving to a new, larger facility. Funds will help support nursing services and lab tests that an increased patient load will bring.

Foundation for Women’s Cancer  $2,500
To subsidize costs associated with the planning and implementation of a full-day gynecologic cancer Survivor Course that will be implemented with a medical institution. Courses are intended to educate/empower survivors to access care.

Gads Hill Center  $10,000
For the Healthy Moves Program, which will expand the network of health promoters to educate families on healthy eating, shopping and cooking using evidence-based curriculum aimed at reducing obesity and chronic disease.

Have Dreams (Helping Autistic Voices Emerge)  $10,000
For the SCILS (Social, Communication and Independent Living Skills) Program, which serves children, teens and young adults with autism through year-round customized learning.

Horizon Hospice  $15,000
To continue providing palliative and hospice care to all pediatric and adult patients who need it, including those who are indigent or lack private insurance, Medicare or Medicaid.

Family Health Partnership Clinic provides residents of the McHenry County full access to high quality health care, regardless of the ability to pay. The Clinic operates on a sliding fee scale, although no patient is turned away due to inability to pay.

India American Medical Association Charitable Foundation Free Health Clinic  $15,000
Towards salary support of a full-time Clinic Coordinator at this free health care clinic in the West Ridge neighborhood. The Clinic Coordinator would assist with Clinic operations and administrative functions.

The Kids Equipment Network  $10,000
Towards the purchase of new wheelchair seating systems components, which will replace used and donated seating supports; and towards the purchase of adapted car seats for children with special needs.

Korean American Community Services  $3,000
For Immigrant Family Wellness Program, which offers counseling and supportive services to meet the mental health needs of Korean and Latino immigrant clients living in the Albany Park neighborhood, and greater Chicago area.

Leukemia Research Foundation  $12,500
For renewal support of the Patient Financial Assistance Program, which provides assistance to local patients and their families facing significant out-of-pocket medical expenses associated with blood cancer.

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation  $5,000
For the Financial Aid Service Project, which provides scholarships for low-income disabled children and youth to participate in therapeutic recreation programs.
Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force $10,000
For the Screen to Live Program, which educates uninsured, underinsured or publically insured women in Chicago’s Englewood and West Englewood neighborhoods on the importance of regular mammogram screenings, links them to quality screening services, etc.

Midwest Palliative & Hospice Care Center $15,000
For the Music Care Service programs, Music Therapy and Music-Thanatology for hospice patients and their families. Music Therapists provide end-of-life patients and their family members with music to help alleviate pain and symptoms.

Mobile C.A.R.E. Foundation $10,000
For the Comprehensive Asthma Management Program (CAMP) which provides free screenings, diagnosis, education, treatment, on-going free medical care, follow-up and referrals to low-income children at Chicago area schools and head start programs.

Organizing Neighborhoods for Equality: Northside $12,500
For the Mental Health Justice Project, which will provide training to police officers on identifying and dealing with individuals with mental illness in a more effective manner.

PADS Lake County $10,000
For expansion and enhancement of the Homeless Healthcare Access Program, a partnership with the Lake County Coalition for the homeless. The Program aims to ensure that persons experiencing homelessness are aware of their healthcare options.

Rush-Copley Foundation $10,000
For support of the Moving on to Health diabetes education program for uninsured and Medicaid patients in the Aurora area. The program aims to equip patients to successfully manage their diabetes.

St. Coletta’s of Illinois $15,000
To enhance the nursing program, which serves individuals with developmental disabilities. Funds will be used towards the purchase of medical and computer equipment to replace dated equipment.

St. Joseph’s Home for the Elderly/Little Sisters of the Poor $15,000
For renewal support of the Restorative Rehabilitation Program, designed to enable a resident, within the constraints of chronic diseases and other conditions associated with aging, achieve their highest physical, emotional and functional level possible.

Suburban Primary Health Care Council $15,000
For renewal funding of the Access to Care Program, which links low-income, uninsured and underinsured people to primary care practice for unlimited office visits, diagnostic laboratory and radiology tests, and prescription medication.

Teen Living Programs $15,000
For renewal support of the Whole Health Program, which addresses primary and mental health care, health education, and nutrition of homeless youth. The Program has expanded to include greater focus on Outreach, Prevention, and Aftercare.

Test Positive Aware Network $10,000
To support the Psychosocial Support Services, which includes peer-led support groups and therapy groups facilitated by licensed therapists. TPAN uses a holistic approach to address an HIV medical diagnosis as well as co-occurring issues.

TriCity Family Services $2,500
To support the outpatient treatment for children and teens with mental illness and disorders in Kane County. The agency uses a family-based approach to psychotherapy counseling, and provides supportive services.

Tri City Health Partnership $17,500
For renewal operating support of this free health care clinic, which provides treatment for acute and chronic conditions and to expand its dental health education and treatment program.

Tuesday’s Child $4,000
For Familias Felices, for Spanish-speaking families of children 18-months - 6 years, which provides one-on-one sessions, counseling and classroom intervention on developmental disabilities, autism, bi-polar, proper nutrition, etc.

UCP Seguin Services $2,500
For the Building Bridges to the Future Transition Program, which provides parents of children with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities with individual consultation on successfully transitioning the child into adulthood.

White Crane Wellness Center $10,000
To expand and continue the mental health model for at-risk older adults in community-based settings. Services include psyche-educational groups which aim to improve coping skills and prevent a decline in functioning that might lead to depression.

Youth Outlook $10,000
To support the HIV prevention education programs among gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth, ages 12-20, at weekly drop-in center meetings at the agency’s locations in Naperville, Aurora and DeKalb.

Total: 42 grants $442,000
A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis Center $15,000
For renewal support of its comprehensive programs and services for domestic violence victims and their children. Programs include counseling, housing, court advocacy, and community education and prevention.

All Our Children’s Advocacy Center $15,000
To help fund the Forensic Interview position at the Center, which responds to the needs of children who have disclosed and reported sexual abuse in Southwest Cook County. The position conducts interviews in a safe environment.

Beacon Therapeutic Diagnostic and Treatment Center $10,000
For the Family Assertive Community Treatment program, which provides intensive case management, counseling, specialized services and housing for young homeless families.

Between Friends $5,000
For general operating support, which provides prevention, intervention and education on domestic violence. Services include teen dating violence prevention education in schools, community education, crisis phone line, counseling and support.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago $5,000
To support Phase II of its Enhanced Community Based Mentoring Program, which includes nine new program activities that will address attitudes and competencies, educational achievement, and risky behavior.

The CARA Program $10,000
For the Traditional Job Training, Placement and Retention Program, which provides adults affected by homelessness and poverty with the hard skills needed to secure and sustain quality, permanent employment.

CASA Kane County $10,000
For renewal support to cover the cost to recruit, train and supervise new and active volunteers to serve the growing number of abused and neglected children who are entering the Kane County Juvenile Court system.

CASA Lake County $10,000
For continued support of its advocacy services on behalf of abused and neglected children in the Lake County Juvenile Court System. Funds would cover six volunteer training sessions each year and to expand its capacity by funding travel reimbursement.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet $15,000
For renewal support of the Back to School Fair events held in August, 2014 in Will and DuPage Counties, which serve about 10,000 children and adults. The fairs are a multi agency effort to provide free health and human services, and school supplies.

Center for Changing Lives $15,000
To support the spectrum of financial and income services, through one-on-one employment and financial coaching on-site at six partner agency homeless shelters. The individualized coaching aims to augment the case management services provided at shelters.

Chicago Children’s Advocacy Center $15,000
For its Mental Health Program serving victims of child sexual abuse. The program provides individual and group psychotherapy, art therapy, and Integrative Treatment of Complex Trauma Therapy Model, an evidence-based approach for multiple traumas.

Turning Point provides a safe and secure environment for women and children in domestic violence crisis. In Fiscal Year 2014, Turning Point’s shelter saw a 22% increase in total child clients.
Chicago Fund on Aging and Disability $10,000
For the Home Delivered Meals for Individuals with Disabilities program, a new hunger relief initiative in partnership with the Chicago Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities.

Children’s Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County $10,000
For the Safe From the Start Program for children, birth through age 5, who were exposed to violence, and their families. Funds would support a full-time bilingual counselor position who would provide trauma-focused counseling in home, school or office.

Christian Outreach of Lutherans $15,000
For general operating support of the two Food Pantries and Family Housing Program. The Food Pantries provide meals, specialty diet foods for diabetics, cardiac patients, and those with food allergies. The Family Housing Program offers transitional housing.

Connections for the Homeless $10,000
For the Health & Wellness Services program, which will provide Primary and Coordinated Care, Health Stabilization Clinic, Client Education on Primary Care Services, Enrollment in Public Healthcare Benefits and Wellness Services for homeless clients.

Connections for Abused Women and their Children $12,500
For renewal support of the Hospital Crisis Intervention Project at Stroger Hospital, which provides direct services to battered women, educates healthcare providers on identifying and responding to victims of abuse.

The Cradle $12,500
For renewal support of the Nursery and Special Needs Infant Care Program. Funds would help offset the cost of 50 days of nursery care for a baby with special needs, or cover Nursery operations for one week.

East Side Heart & Home $3,000
For the Senior Program, which provides monthly meals, and social, educational and informational opportunities for seniors, ages 60-102, who live alone and are isolated in East St. Louis.

Emergency Fund $15,000
For renewal support of the Flexible Financial Fund, which provides emergency aid to the impoverished through Crisis Solutions Grants for short-term needs and Self-Sufficiency Grants for basic needs while completing job training.

Fox Valley Older Adult Services $10,000
Capital request towards the costs of a roof replacement for the senior services center which serves seniors in five counties.

Inspiration Corporation’s Foodservice Training program provides skill-specific job training and employment placement in an atmosphere of dignity and respect to people facing barriers to self-sufficiency. The 13-week training program prepares participants for careers in the hospitality industry through hands-on and classroom training.
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
To support child services to comfort, care and rally around children and adolescents who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault by providing emergency shelter, counseling, legal and medical advocacy, and a 24-hour emergency hotline.

H.O.M.E. $15,000
For renewal general operating support of its programs for seniors, which includes Home Upkeep and Repair; Inter-generational Housing which provides supportive services at shared living facilities; and Shopping Bus Program.

The Harbour $10,000
For renewal support of the Transitional Living Program, which provides stable and safe housing and comprehensive services for girls, ages 16-21, who are homeless and cannot return home.

Home of the Sparrow $15,000
For the McHenry Shelter Expansion and Homeless Outreach and Prevention Program, which will increase the ability to house more families, and reduce the number of families entering homelessness by providing effective interventions and shelter diversions.

Hope’s Front Door $15,000
For the Immediate Assistance Program (IAP) and Special Assistance Program (SAP). IAP provides food and transportation assistance, including gas vouchers to look for employment, maintain jobs or get to doctors’ appointments. SAP addresses medical and dental needs.

House of the Good Shepherd $10,000
For renewal support of the Children’s Program, which provides age-appropriate individual and group counseling for children who have witnessed family violence.

Housing Options for the Mentally Ill in Evanston $15,000
For general operating support, which includes the Supportive Housing Program, I-WORK program, Community Care program and other services for adults recovering from mental illnesses. Funds will also be used towards the cost of a psychiatrist.

Howard Area Community Center $10,000
For renewal support of the Health and Human Services Program, which provides counseling and case management, services to domestic violence victims, HIV prevention and testing, dental services, community health education, and emergency assistance.

Humanitarian Service Project $10,000
For renewal support of the Senior Citizen Project, which provides meals and a well-being check to impoverished seniors living in DuPage and Kane Counties. Funds will also be used for the Feed the Kids program, which provides meals to families in the summer.

Inspiration Corporation $12,000
For the Foodservice Training and Employment Services Program, which provides hard and soft skills job training, case management, transitional jobs, placement and retention services in the hospitality industry.

Institute of Women Today $15,000
For general operating support to offset costs towards services for homeless women and their children, through Maria Shelter, a 50-bed interim shelter; and for families headed by fathers and intact families through Believe, a 50-bed interim shelter.

Interfaith House $10,000
For renewal general operating support of its services for the homeless, which includes medical assessment, case management, transitional and permanent housing, and job placements.
Jane Addams Resource Corporation  $7,500
For the Welding Fast Track Program, which addresses the skills gap in manufacturing by offering technical skills training and supportive services to unemployed and disadvantaged job seekers. The Program includes Work Readiness Training.

Lake County Haven  $10,000
For renewal support of its Transitional Shelter and Housing Programs, which provides homeless women and their children with safety, support, and life-skills training in order to live independently.

Lakeview Pantry  $12,500
For renewal support of the Client Services (“Bootstraps”) Program, which provides consultation and self-help initiatives that address the issues that lead to food insecurity, such as unemployment and housing instability.

Life Span  $10,000
For the Children and Teen Counseling Program, which offers intervention services to children and teens experiencing domestic violence at home or dating violence in their own relationships.

Light Opera Works  $25,000
For Outreach and Education programming, which includes costs for students to participate in summer/winter musical theater workshops, support for disabled patrons and tickets for social service/community organizations. This grant is in memory of Marvin Pitluk.

Lincoln Park Community Shelter  $10,000
For the Interim Housing Community and On Track Program, which provides homeless men and women with housing and supportive services. Services include linkages to counseling, job training programs, housing placement, Mental and Physical Health.

Matthew House  $10,000
For continued funding for one data entry clerk, who provides data entry services to case managers for the national Homeless Management Information System.

Merit School of Music  $5,000
For the Regenstein Scholarship Program, which provides full scholarships for all of Merit’s Music programs, free instrument rental, and public transportation cards for travel to and from the school year-round.

New Foundation Center  $10,000
For the Supportive Housing Program, which provides housing, lease subsidy, and support services to individuals who are homeless or living in a nursing home and have a serious mental illness in Lake and Cook Counties.

Senior Care Volunteer Network helps seniors maintain their independence, dignity and quality of life by providing services such as transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping or minor home repairs at no cost.

North Side Housing & Supportive Services  $3,000
For the Integrative Health Care Program, which provides crucial mental health services for clients who are formerly homeless, or at risk of homelessness. Funds will be used towards salary support for two mental health professionals.

The Peace Corner  $7,500
For the Peace Corner University, an after school tutoring, and summer program which provides a safe place for youth, ages 11-16, in the Austin neighborhood, while providing fun, educational/academic workshops that help develop critical thinking.

People’s Resource Center  $10,000
For the Food Pantry Program, which provides free, nutritious food to low-income families in DuPage County through two sites. Funds would be used to purchase food, food gift certificates, and partial salaries for program staff.

Rebuilding Together-North Suburban Chicago  $9,000
For renewal support to restore and repair homes, in need of major structural repairs or roof replacement, of disabled or low-income families. Funds will be used towards the repair of 40-60 homes, on or around the National Rebuilding Day in April.
Sarah’s Circle $15,000
For operating support of this organization for women who are at-risk of being homeless. Programs and services include a Daytime Support Center, permanent supportive housing, case management, clinical services, and referral services.

Senior Care Volunteer Network $4,000
To provide mileage reimbursement for volunteers in Kane County, who provide seniors with transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, etc. using their personal vehicles. Volunteers also assist with minor home repairs.

Senior Home Sharing $10,000
Towards the salary of the Director of Resident Services position, who provides case management and coordinates supportive services to residents, many of whom suffer from chronic health and mental health conditions that require more intensive care.

Storycatchers Theatre $7,500
For the Fabulous Females Program, which serves adolescent girls incarcerated at the Illinois Youth Center. The Program uses performing arts to provide court-involved girls with tools to explore their issues and express themselves.

Support Advocates for Women $15,000
For general operating support of this agency that provides women released from prison with shelter, and programs to help them remain free of re-incarceration. Funds will be used towards rental expenses on the Hamlin facility, stipends and transportation.

Turning Point $10,000
Towards salary support of the Children’s Mental Health Therapist, who provides counseling and therapy to children at the shelter who are victims of domestic violence or are witnesses to the violence. The therapist also deals with dating violence.

Education

Josephinum Academy $5,000
For renewal support of the Reading Program, which helps at-risk teens increase their reading grade skills in order to improve their grade levels and fulfill their academic potential and obtain a high school diploma.

Total: 1 grant $5,000

Tutoring Chicago $10,000
For operating support of its one-on-one tutoring services for economically disadvantaged children in grades 1-6 during the 2013-2014 School Year.

West Suburban P.A.D.S. $15,000
For renewal support of the Supportive Service Program, an integrated solution to homelessness, which provides basic needs care, case management, health services, job assistance, emergency shelter, and housing assistance.

WINGS Program $10,000
For renewal support of the Safe House emergency domestic violence shelter, which provides housing and supportive services for women and children. Services include crisis counseling, medical and legal advocacy, job counseling and placement, case management.

West Suburban Community Pantry $15,000
For the purchase and distribution of food at this emergency food pantry serving DuPage County. Services include a school breakfast program, delivery to homebound clients, and nutrition planning classes.

You Can Make It, Inc. $10,000
For support of the Interim House Shelter for homeless women and children. Supportive services include case management, workshops, referrals and follow-up services that address the causes of homelessness and assist them in finding permanent housing.

Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center $15,000
For renewal support of the Children’s Program, which provides crisis intervention and psychological therapy, and medical and legal advocacy for children and teen victims of sexual abuse and assault, and prevention education at schools.

Total: 58 grants $641,000
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. In order to continue supporting our grantee partners as well as provide support to new applicants, please note that the Foundation’s grants typically range between $5,000 to $15,000. However, the Foundation will entertain grant requests between $3,000 to $25,000. For grant requests in excess of $25,000, please call the Foundation’s office.

C. 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.

D. 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.

E. Applicants must be classified as 501(c) (3) by the Internal Revenue Service. The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation will not fund 509(a) (3) Type III Non-functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations.

F. Grants will not be made for religious or political purposes, nor generally for the production or writing of audio-visual materials.

G. Although grants may be made to organizations outside the state of Illinois, preference will generally be given to applicants from Illinois.

H. 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.

I. Fundraising and administrative costs of successful applicants will be within limits generally considered as reasonable.

J. 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.

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. Please make sure that the contact person is clearly stated in the application along with a phone number and email address for any inquiries.

2. 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.

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.

   If you are planning to submit a renewal grant request, please note that the Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation 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.

5. If applying for a program outside the state of Illinois, please contact the Foundation prior to submitting an application.

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

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Financial Statement

The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation

Statements of Financial Position

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<td>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</td>
<td>54,907</td>
<td>39,496</td>
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<td>Federal excise taxes on deposit</td>
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<td>Office Equipment, Net of Accumulated Depreciation of $56,420 and $54,992</td>
<td>1,601</td>
<td>3,209</td>
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<td><strong>Total Unrestricted Assets</strong></td>
<td>$ 23,975,219</td>
<td>$ 23,437,664</td>
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<td><strong>Liabilities and Net Assets</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities</td>
<td>$ 108,878</td>
<td>$ 103,976</td>
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<td>Grant obligations payable</td>
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<td><strong>Net Assets, Unrestricted</strong></td>
<td>23,866,341</td>
<td>23,333,688</td>
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<td><strong>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</strong></td>
<td>$ 23,975,219</td>
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The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation

Statements of Activities

For the Years Ended September 30

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<th>2014</th>
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<td><strong>Revenue</strong></td>
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<td>Realized Investment Gains, Interest &amp; Dividends</td>
<td>$ 1,997,646</td>
<td>$ 1,604,526</td>
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<td>Change in unrealized gains on investments held</td>
<td>116,113</td>
<td>1,103,529</td>
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<td><strong>Expenses</strong></td>
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<td>Grants (exclusive of $100,000 PRIs in 2014 and 2013)</td>
<td>$ 1,095,469</td>
<td>$ 1,087,679</td>
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<td>Grant management</td>
<td>309,343</td>
<td>344,713</td>
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<td>Administrative</td>
<td>85,565</td>
<td>94,779</td>
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<td>Investment Management Fee</td>
<td>51,307</td>
<td>44,776</td>
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<td>Provision for Federal Excise Taxes</td>
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<td>Current</td>
<td>37,100</td>
<td>29,165</td>
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<td>Deferred</td>
<td>2,322</td>
<td>54,921</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
<td>$ 1,581,106</td>
<td>$ 1,656,033</td>
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<td><strong>Change in Net Assets</strong></td>
<td>$ 532,653</td>
<td>$ 1,052,022</td>
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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, 2014 it has provided $32 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.

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