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A student participates in an after-school Spanish class at Burnham/Anthony Mathematics and Science Academy, a community school that offers a variety of academic and recreational activities six days a week.

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## Message from the President and the Executive Director

During the past year, the board and staff of the Polk Bros. Foundation set our sights on investigating ways to assess and refine our grantmaking. A recent transition on our board is perhaps the most visible evidence of changes we face. We would like to recognize J. Ira Harris, a long-time director who recently retired after serving for 18 years on the board. The Foundation, and in turn our grantees, benefited greatly from Ira's vision, leadership and counsel. His valuable insight and financial acumen helped guide us through periods of significant growth and expansion. We thank him for his dedication and commitment to the Foundation's mission.

As we look ahead, we are delighted to welcome Desiree Rogers to our board. As senior vice president of Peoples Energy Corporation and president of its two utility subsidiaries, Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas, Desiree brings not only a record of business experience and community involvement, but also a fresh perspective. Her insight will be especially valuable as we examine our grantmaking and determine the direction it will take.

In 2006 we retained the Center for

Effective Philanthropy to assess the Foundation's position as we consider our future operations and grantmaking strategies. Much of what we learned from the resulting Comparative Board Report was not a surprise. Our board members are proud of the accomplishments of the Foundation and value working with each other and the Foundation's capable, experienced staff. They have overseen substantial growth in the Foundation's assets, which ended FY06 at a record high of more than \$400 million, and look forward to charting a course for the increased grantmaking that will result from our asset growth.

The Grantee Perception Report developed by the Center for Effective Philanthropy revealed that our grantees value the longstanding support many of them have received. It also indicated that grantees would appreciate more time with Foundation staff and the potential for a faster turn-around of proposals.

These reports spurred us to dig deeper in examining our effectiveness and the impact we can make in Chicago. As a result, we recently

embarked on a strategic planning process that will continue throughout 2007. By working together and with outside consultants, we are striving to refine our goals and better focus our funding to meet those goals. While we do not anticipate dramatic changes in the areas we fund, we do seek to identify effective strategies to which we will give priority. We look forward to detailing the fruits of this labor in future annual reports.



Sandra P. Guthman  
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*The Foundation's  
support for organizations  
providing critical social services  
spans several areas including workforce  
and community development,  
housing and legal  
services.*

**Social Service**  
Grants

The Polk Bros. Foundation provided \$7.4 million in grants in 2006 to 194 grantees helping their clients fight the effects of poverty, injustice and hunger. Grants to the Enterprising Kitchen, CARA Program and Inspiration Corporation supported programs that help hard-to-employ and homeless adults find and retain jobs. The Chicago Community Loan Fund received a grant to provide financing and technical assistance for the creation and preservation of affordable housing and economic development initiatives in low-income areas. Grants to Family Focus and the Juvenile Protective Association funded family support and parenting education for high-risk families and increased community awareness on child development issues.

### *Abraham Lincoln Centre*

\$25,000 to provide year-round homework help, recreation and arts activities for children and youth living on the city's near south side.

### *Access Living*

\$60,000 to support independent living skills training and peer counseling for people with disabilities. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Access Living*

\$100,000 for construction of Access Living's new building on Chicago Avenue. Second payment of a \$400,000 grant.

### *AIDS Foundation of Chicago*

\$50,000 for planning, coordination and evaluation services provided through AFC's South Side Housing Initiatives.

### *AIDS Legal Council of Chicago*

\$30,000 to provide legal services to low-income HIV/AIDS patients at the CORE Center of Stroger Hospital. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *AIDSCare*

\$20,000 for job-readiness training and employment services for tenants of the independent housing program.

### *Albany Park Community Center*

\$15,000 for the Adult Literacy Tutoring Program.

### *American Youth Hostels-Chicago*

\$25,000 for the Cultural Kitchen at the J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Hostel, where Chicago public school children explore the cultures of other countries.

### *Apna Ghar*

\$25,000 for counseling services for domestic violence victims of South Asian and Middle Eastern descent.

### *Asian Human Services*

\$25,000 for the Literacy Education for Adults and Families after-school program.

### *Association House of Chicago*

\$50,000 for the Immigrant Services Program, which includes ESL, citizenship and job-readiness classes. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Baton Rouge Area Foundation*

\$20,000 for emergency services and long-term support for survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

### *Between Friends*

\$30,000 for the REACH program, which teaches middle and high school students about domestic violence and healthy relationships.

### *Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation*

\$35,000 to build and preserve affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families in the Humboldt Park and Logan Square communities. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Blue Gargoyle Community Services*

\$25,000 to provide student therapy groups, teacher training and parent workshops at six Chicago public schools on the near south side.

### *Breakthrough Urban Ministries*

\$20,000 for the Breakthrough Employment Services and Training Program.

### *Broader Urban Involvement and Leadership Development*

\$50,000 to hire an additional case manager for Project BUILD, which reduces recidivism at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center by providing violence prevention classes and follow-up case management services.

### *Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic*

\$30,000 for the salary of a family law attorney.

### *CARA Program*

\$55,000 for the salaries of staff who help homeless adults secure and retain employment. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Carole Robertson Center for Learning*

\$30,000 for the Youth Alternatives Program, which engages youth in leadership development, community service and recreational activities. First payment of a two-year grant.

## Social Service Grants

### *Casa Central*

\$45,000 in salary support for case management staff at La Posada, a transitional housing program.

### *Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago*

\$40,000 for the New Hope Apartments program, which provides counseling and financial assistance to help homeless families find and retain jobs and housing. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Center for Economic Progress*

\$35,000 for the Tax Counseling Project, which provides free filing assistance to low-wage taxpayers. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Center on Halsted*

\$30,000 for the Horizons Youth Program, which provides leadership development, case management and therapeutic support for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Center on Halsted*

\$125,000 for the construction of a multi-service center to support Chicago's LGBT population. Final payment of a \$300,000 grant.

### *Centro Romero*

\$20,000 for the Women's Project, providing intervention and prevention services to families affected by domestic violence.

### *Chicago Children's Advocacy Center*

\$30,000 for the salaries of advocates who provide support for children and their families during investigations of child sexual abuse. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chicago Coalition for the Homeless*

\$30,000 to advocate on behalf of homeless youth for increased government funding for education, transitional housing and health care. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chicago Community Loan Fund*

\$95,000 in operating and capital support for a lending program for affordable housing and economic development initiatives in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chicago Continuum of Care*

\$30,000 for the salaries of staff who coordinate and evaluate the progress of Chicago's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

### *Chicago Foundation for Women*

\$60,000 for the Polk Bros. Fund for Emerging Organizations and grantee support programs.

### *Chicago House and Social Service Agency*

\$30,000 for the salary of the support services manager who recruits, trains and supervises volunteers who staff programs for residential clients. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chicago Jobs Council*

\$35,000 in salary support for staff who coordinate working groups that focus on welfare-to-work and workforce development issues.

### *Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights*

\$50,000 for the Community Economic Development Law Project, to help low-income people create small businesses and nonprofits develop affordable housing. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers*

\$15,000 to support legal counseling and representation for incarcerated mothers.

### *Chicago Legal Clinic*

\$35,000 for the Domestic Violence Program in South Chicago, Pilsen, Austin and downtown. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chicago Lighthouse*

\$45,000 for the Birth-to-Three Family Intervention Program, which provides support and social services for blind or visually impaired children and their families.

### *Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network*

\$20,000 for the Centralized Training Institute for advocates and allied professionals.

### *Chicago Project for Violence Prevention*

\$50,000 for CeaseFire to place four violence interrupters in the Englewood community to mediate conflict and reduce violence.

### *Chicago Rehab Network*

\$75,000 in support of staff who advocate for the production and preservation of affordable housing.

### *Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation*

\$30,000 for the salary of an attorney who serves as a Guardian Ad Litem in contested guardianship cases and recruits, trains and supervises volunteer attorneys. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chicago Women in Trades*

\$35,000 for the Technical Opportunities Program, which prepares women to enter non-traditional occupations. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chicago Youth Centers*

\$150,000 for the Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Project to improve and implement programs offered at CYC sites.

### *Chicago Youth Centers*

\$50,000 in honor of Sidney Epstein on CYC's 50th anniversary.

### *Chicago Youth Programs*

\$30,000 for the Teen Career and Children Teaching Children programs in Cabrini-Green, Washington Park and Uptown.

### *Chicago Youth Programs*

\$50,000 for the capital campaign to build a youth center in the Washington Park community. Final payment of a \$100,000 grant.

### *ChildServ*

\$25,000 to support counseling and respite services for grandparents who are their grandchildren's primary caregivers. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chinese American Service League*

\$40,000 for the Youth Outreach Program, which helps teens succeed in school and avoid cultural isolation. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chinese Mutual Aid Association*

\$25,000 for the Families Learning Together program. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Christopher House*

\$40,000 for the Teen Parent and Infant Development Services Program.

### *City Year Chicago*

\$50,000 in support of leadership development and educational programs for participants. Second payment of a two-year grant.

## Social Service Grants

### *Coalition for Education on Sexual Orientation*

\$15,000 to train Chicago public school faculty and staff to make schools safe and supportive environments for LGBT students.

### *Coalition of African, Asian, Arab, European and Latino Immigrants of Illinois*

\$55,000 for the salary of the technology coordinator, staff professional development and materials related to the New Americans Project.

### *Community Investment Corporation*

\$125,000 to help preserve 1,700 units of affordable housing and develop a receivership training program.

### *Community Media Workshop*

\$25,000 to train staff of nonprofit organizations to increase their media coverage.

### *Community TV Network*

\$25,000 for the Hard Cover after-school program in which teens write, direct and produce television programs examining issues in their communities. Second payment of a \$45,000 grant.

### *Coordinated Advice and Referral Program for Legal Services*

\$50,000 for the Domestic Relations Self-Help Desk at the Daley Center, where staff assist low-income litigants with family law matters, and for software upgrades. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Corporation for Supportive Housing*

\$50,000 for policy work related to the State's supportive housing initiative. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Council for Adult and Experiential Learning*

\$20,000 for a program offering low-wage workers employer-matched savings accounts to finance education and training.

### *Court Appointed Special Advocates of Cook County*

\$30,000 in salary support for an advocate supervisor who manages cases and trains volunteers. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Crossroads Fund*

\$15,000 for the Technical Assistance and Capacity-Building Project.

### *Deborah's Place*

\$60,000 in support of Teresa's Interim Housing Program.

### *DePaul University Law School*

\$35,000 for the Legal Resource Project for Immigration Service Providers. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *DevCorp North*

\$15,000 for a ten-week bilingual computer training program in the Rogers Park community.

### *Developing Communities Project*

\$20,000 for the Young Women's Leadership Development Program in the Roseland community.

### *Domestic Violence Legal Clinic*

\$25,000 for the salary of an attorney who helps victims of domestic violence obtain orders of protection and initiate divorce proceedings.

### *Donors Forum of Chicago*

\$20,000 for Preserving the Public Trust, to help Illinois nonprofit organizations strengthen their governance and management practices. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *The Emergency Fund*

\$50,000 for small grants to help families in crisis become or remain self-sufficient.

### *The Enterprising Kitchen*

\$20,000 for the salary of the coordinator of the Job Skills in the Changing Economy program. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Environmental Law and Policy Center*

\$40,000 for work to reduce threats to the health of residents of the Pilsen and Little Village communities posed by two coal plants.

### *Equip for Equality*

\$40,000 for the Training Institute on Disability Rights, which provides advocacy training for people with disabilities and their families.

### *Esperanza Community Services*

\$40,000 for the salary of the Early Intervention Center program coordinator. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Ethiopian Community Association of Chicago*

\$20,000 for the Family Life Education Program, which seeks to alleviate intergenerational conflict. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Executive Service Corps of Chicago*

\$25,000 in salary support for a governance practice manager to develop and improve training for volunteer consultants working with nonprofit organizations.

### *Ezra Multi-Service Center*

\$70,000 to expand health and advocacy services for Russian seniors. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Family Focus*

\$65,000 for school readiness programming at the Nuestra Familia center and for Hug-a-Book's Culture of Literacy program.

### *Family Rescue*

\$45,000 in support of services at the Ridgeland Transitional Housing Program for families affected by domestic violence.

### *Featherfist*

\$15,000 for the Housing Locator Program, which helps homeless families secure and retain leases in private market apartments.

### *Gads Hill Center*

\$35,000 for the salary of the Club Learn youth program coordinator who oversees academic enrichment and life skills programs for children in the Pilsen community. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Genesis Housing Development Corporation*

\$20,000 to develop affordable housing for people with low and moderate incomes. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Good News Community Kitchen*

\$15,000 for the Advocacy, Outreach and Organizing Program, which addresses hunger and poverty issues in Rogers Park.

### *Good News Partners*

\$20,000 for the salary of a family advocate who works with residents of the New Life Shelter.

### *Goodcity*

\$25,000 for the Individual Development Account financial literacy program.

### *Greater Chicago Food Depository*

\$100,000 for the Kids Café, Nourish for Knowledge and Food Rescue programs. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Greater Northwest Chicago Development Corporation*

\$20,000 to provide English as a Second Language classes in the Humboldt Park community.

## Social Service Grants

### *Greater West Town Community Development Project*

\$50,000 for the woodworker and shipping and receiving vocational training programs.

### *Harborquest*

\$50,000 for case management, job-readiness training and placement services for people with multiple barriers to employment.

### *Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights*

\$25,000 for emergency services and long-term support in the Chicago area for survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

### *Heartland Human Care Services*

\$35,000 for the salary of an employment specialist who assists people who have been homeless.

### *House of the Good Shepherd*

\$20,000 in salary support for the substance abuse/domestic violence counselor.

### *Housing Action Illinois*

\$25,000 to help nonprofit organizations develop post-purchase education programs for low-income homebuyers.

### *Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly*

\$50,000 for the Moving and Furniture Donation Program for low-income seniors. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Housing Opportunities for Women*

\$45,000 for Singles Two, a supportive housing program for low-income women.

### *Howard Brown Health Center*

\$50,000 for the Broadway Youth Center, serving homeless, runaway LGBT youth.

### *Humboldt Park Social Services*

\$15,000 in salary support for a bilingual case manager.

### *Illinois Center for Violence Prevention*

\$30,000 for the Training and Coaching Institute for schools, community-based organizations and public health practitioners.

### *Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights*

\$35,000 for training and technical assistance programs for nonprofit organizations serving immigrant populations. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Illinois Facilities Fund*

\$50,000 to provide real estate consulting services for Chicago nonprofit organizations.

### *Inspiration Corporation/ The Employment Project*

\$40,000 for the Employment Skills Program. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Inspiration Corporation*

\$40,000 for case management services at the Inspiration Café and Living Room Café. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Institute of Women Today*

\$25,000 for the salary of a social worker to provide counseling and support for women at the Maria Shelter.

### *Interfaith Council for the Homeless*

\$30,000 to help families move from shelters into permanent housing and for supportive services to help them maintain their housing.

### *Interfaith House*

\$55,000 for the Assessment/Respite Program for homeless adults recovering from an illness or injury. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Interfaith Housing Development Corporation*

\$40,000 for the development of supportive housing for youth aging out of the foster care system. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Ministries*

\$25,000 for the Women's Empowerment Program, which helps female refugees and immigrants learn English and adjust to life in the United States.

### *Interfaith Youth Core*

\$15,000 for the Chicago Youth Council, which helps youth of different religions work together on community service projects.

### *IT Resource Center*

\$35,000 in support of core programs to increase the technological capacity of local nonprofit organizations. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Jane Addams Hull House Association*

\$55,000 to support the resource coordinators and programs offered at Hull House's six CPS community schools.

### *Jane Addams Juvenile Court Foundation*

\$25,000 to support efforts to reform the Cook County Juvenile Court. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Jane Addams Senior Caucus*

\$15,000 in salary support for staff who advocate for the preservation of affordable senior housing.

### *Jewish Council on Urban Affairs*

\$50,000 for the Community Ventures Program, which links financial support from individuals with community-based housing developers.

### *Jewish United Fund of Metro Chicago*

\$200,000 for the annual campaign.

### *Jewish United Fund of Metro Chicago*

\$150,000 for the Israel Emergency Fund.

### *Jewish United Fund of Metro Chicago*

\$250,000 to support the JUF/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago's move to a new building.

### *Jobs for Youth/Chicago*

\$50,000 for the Customer Service Skills Training and Youth Excelling for Success programs.

### *Juvenile Protective Association*

\$40,000 for the salary of the coordinator of prevention services in the Parent-Infant Services Program and for building renovation to provide more space for family treatment. First payment of a \$75,000 grant.

### *Korean American Resource and Cultural Center*

\$15,000 for the salary of the Youth Empowerment Project coordinator.

### *Korean American Women In Need*

\$20,000 in salary support for a community advocate. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Lakeview Shelter*

\$20,000 in salary support for psychologists who work with men in the shelter and after they secure permanent housing.

### *Lawndale Christian Development Corporation*

\$40,000 for the development of affordable rental housing in the North Lawndale community.

## **Social Service Grants**

### *Lawrence Hall Youth Services*

\$55,000 for the Therapeutic Recreation Program, which provides after-school and summer activities for youth. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing*

\$40,000 for the Affordable Housing Preservation Project, in which staff counsel and represent tenant groups from buildings at risk of condemnation or closure. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *LEED Council*

\$15,000 for the Entry-Level Industrial Skills Training program.

### *Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago*

\$70,000 in salary support for staff of the Public Benefits Hotline who provide advice, referral, representation and advocacy to increase access to public benefits.

### *Life Directions*

\$20,000 for the peer motivation and peer mentor programs in seven Chicago public schools.

### *Life Span*

\$35,000 for the Center for Legal Services and Advocacy, which serves victims of domestic violence. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Local Initiatives Support Corporation*

\$75,000 to provide technical assistance and financing to nonprofit developers who produce affordable housing.

### *Lutheran Social Services of Illinois*

\$35,000 for Re-Connections, which serves formerly incarcerated women as they return to their communities. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Lydia Home Association*

\$25,000 for the Safe Families for Children program, an alternative to the State's child welfare system.

### *Mercy Home for Boys and Girls*

\$20,000 for aftercare services for youth leaving Mercy's residences.

### *Mercy Housing Lakefront*

\$80,000 for the Tenant Leadership Project, which helps tenants participate in civic life and develop leadership skills. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Metropolitan Planning Council*

\$30,000 to advocate for and support local employers who create programs to help their employees purchase homes in Chicago. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Metropolitan Tenants Organization*

\$35,000 for the Affordable Housing Preservation Program.

### *Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center*

\$50,000 for the Immigrant Children's Watch Project, which provides legal services to unaccompanied children detained in Chicago. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Misericordia Home*

\$75,000 for physical, occupational, speech and artistic therapy programs. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Mujeres Latinas en Accion*

\$35,000 for the Sexual Assault Counseling Program. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse*

\$75,000 for CASASTART, serving students at Lowell Elementary School in Humboldt Park who are at risk for substance abuse. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *National Lekotek Center*

\$40,000 for play-based family support, educational activities and adapted toys for children with disabilities in Logan Square.

### *National Training and Information Center*

\$25,000 for research that will inform community efforts to increase fair lending practices and combat predatory lending and foreclosures.

### *Neighborhood Writing Alliance*

\$20,000 for writing workshops for adults at four social service agencies. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Neopolitan Lighthouse*

\$15,000 for the Medical Advocacy Program for domestic violence victims at Mount Sinai Hospital and other sites.

### *Night Ministry*

\$50,000 for the Open Door Youth Shelter.

### *Night Ministry*

\$75,000 for the purchase and rehab of a building to expand programs to a second residence. Second payment of a \$200,000 grant.

### *North Lawndale Employment Network*

\$25,000 for U-Turn Permitted, which provides job-readiness training, job placement and follow-up services for ex-offenders.

### *Northwest Neighborhood Federation*

\$15,000 for the Community Learning Center, which provides academic support and activities for students and families from six Chicago public schools.

### *Openlands Project*

\$25,000 for the Neighborhood Youth Garden Corps, which employs youth to cultivate community gardens in Austin, Humboldt Park and North Lawndale. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *OxFam America*

\$25,000 for emergency services and long-term support for survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

### *Partnership for New Communities*

\$55,000 for the Workforce Development Initiative, a job placement program for public housing residents.

### *Partnership to End Homelessness*

\$15,000 to inform homeless service providers about Chicago's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness and help them provide input into its implementation.

### *Planned Parenthood-Chicago Area*

\$50,000 for a sexual health program for seventh-, eighth- and ninth-grade students in 50 Chicago public schools. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Polish American Association*

\$30,000 for the Youth Development Program.

### *Prevention Call Center*

\$50,000 to establish a citywide homeless prevention call center.

### *Project Match-Families In Transition Association*

\$70,000 to help clients in the West Haven community secure and retain employment.

## **Social Service Grants**

### *Public Interest Law Initiative*

\$30,000 to support internships for law students working in public interest agencies. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Rainbow House*

\$30,000 for salaries of staff in the Children's Program and for a play area in the Community Resource Center in Little Village.

### *Rape Victim Advocates*

\$30,000 for medical advocacy services for rape victims at Stroger and Provident hospitals. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic*

\$20,000 for the salary of the educational outreach coordinator who works with 25 Chicago public schools. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *The Renaissance Collaborative*

\$20,000 for on-site supportive services for formerly homeless adults living in the Renaissance Apartments in Bronzeville.

### *The Resurrection Project*

\$45,000 to develop affordable housing in the Pilsen, Little Village and Back of the Yards communities.

### *Roger Baldwin Foundation of ACLU*

\$40,000 for work on behalf of children in the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center and those who are wards of the state. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Safer Foundation*

\$40,000 for the Basic Skills Program, which provides academic skills training and GED preparation for residents of the Crossroads Adult Transition Center. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *San Jose Obrero Mission*

\$25,000 for the salary of a housing specialist. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law*

\$100,000 for the Advocacy Program's work on behalf of low-income individuals and families in Chicago. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *South Side Community Federal Credit Union*

\$15,000 in salary support for staff of the financial education program.

### *South Side Help Center*

\$15,000 for a violence prevention program serving youth in the greater Roseland community.

### *Southwest Youth Collaborative*

\$25,000 for a leadership development program to help Chicago public school students advocate for less punitive and more effective discipline policies.

### *Spanish Coalition for Jobs*

\$35,000 in support of the Bilingual Medical Assistant Training Program. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *St. Agatha Family Empowerment*

\$20,000 for leadership development, college prep, job-readiness and life skills training for adolescent youth in the West Garfield Park community. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *St. Leonard's Ministries*

\$40,000 in salary support for the job developer and retention specialist at the Michael Barlow Employment Center.

### *TARGET Area Development Corporation*

\$25,000 for a pre-employment and life skills training program for hard-to-employ youth and adults.

### *Tax Assistance Program*

\$25,000 for a financial literacy program serving low-income families.

### *Teen Living Programs*

\$50,000 in salary support for staff who provide clinical and case management services for homeless adolescents.

### *Thresholds*

\$70,000 for the salary of two clinical outreach workers at Grais Apartments, which provides permanent supportive housing for homeless adults with mental illness and substance abuse issues. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities*

\$25,000 for the Bridge for Families Program, which helps ex-offenders with a history of substance abuse rebuild relationships.

### *Vital Bridges*

\$30,000 to support nutritional counseling for people living with HIV/AIDS on Chicago's south and west sides.

### *We The People Media*

\$20,000 for the Urban Youth International Journalism Program. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *West Humboldt Park Family and Community Development Council*

\$15,000 for the salary of a coordinator who works with community groups to address affordable housing, commercial development, employment and safety issues.

### *Westside Health Authority*

\$35,000 in salary support for staff who provide after-school educational, recreational and life skills activities for youth at the Austin Teen Center.

### *Women Employed Institute*

\$40,000 for Career Pathways, which helps low-income women enter and succeed in post-secondary and vocational education and for related advocacy.

### *Women's Educational Media*

\$15,000 to train Chicago public school teachers to use the *Let's Get Real* documentary to discuss bullying with their students.

### *Woodstock Institute*

\$30,000 for partnerships with two community organizations to extend credit union services to underserved areas.

### *World Relief Corporation*

\$20,000 for the Immigrant Legal Services program.

### *YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago*

\$35,000 for counseling and advocacy for children and families affected by rape, incest or sexual abuse.

**Social Service  
Grants**

*Social Service Grants of \$12,500 or Less*

Alliance for Community Peace.....	\$ 7,500
Archevorks.....	\$ 7,500
Bosnian and Herzegovinian American Community Center .....	\$ 10,000
Chicagoland Bicycle Federation.....	\$ 10,000
Faith in Place .....	\$ 10,000
Goldie's Place.....	\$ 10,000
Lakeview Action Coalition.....	\$ 10,000
Latinos Progresando.....	\$ 10,000
Lincoln Park Community Shelter.....	\$ 10,000
Little Village Environmental Justice Organization.....	\$ 12,500
Men's Employment and Business Ownership Program.....	\$ 10,000
National Student Partnerships.....	\$ 7,000
Protestants for the Common Good.....	\$ 10,000
Rogers Park Community Council.....	\$ 10,000
SisterHouse.....	\$ 10,000
South Shore Drill Team.....	\$ 10,000
Universidad Popular.....	\$ 10,000
Urban Solutions .....	\$ 10,000

*Our*  
**education**

*funding places priority on programs  
that improve teaching, student*

*achievement and  
parent involvement*

*in Chicago public schools.*

**Education**  
Grants

In 2006, the Polk Bros. Foundation's education grants totaled more than \$4 million. Several grants reflected our commitment to community schools, which reduce barriers to learning and increase parent involvement through partnerships with nonprofit organizations, offering a variety of programs for students and families during and after school hours. Others, including grants to Friends of the Chicago River, Historymakers, the Mikva Challenge Grant Foundation and Reading in Motion, helped Chicago public school teachers learn about effective, innovative strategies and resources for teaching particular subjects. We also made grants to community-based organizations such as Albany Park Neighborhood Council, Community Organizing and Family Issues and Family Matters that work with residents and parents to increase resources and improve learning conditions at their children's schools.

## Education Grants

### *Academy for Urban School Leadership*

\$85,000 for the Post-Residency Coaching and Induction Program for Academy graduates during their first three years in Chicago public school classrooms.

### *Albany Park Neighborhood Council*

\$25,000 to help parents and administrators of 16 Chicago public schools work together to improve the quality of education children receive.

### *Alivio Medical Center*

\$25,000 as part of the Chicago Campaign to Expand Community Schools, for the salary of a staffperson to coordinate programs and services for children and families at John Spry Community School.

### *Ariel Education Initiative*

\$25,000 to provide out-of-school-time activities for Ariel Community Academy students and their families.

### *Associated Colleges of Illinois*

\$80,000 for the College Readiness Program, Minority Scholarship Program and College Success Network. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Belle Center of Chicago*

\$15,000 for teacher mentoring, consultation and parent training to better serve children with disabilities enrolled at Coonley Elementary.

### *Big Shoulders Fund*

\$200,000 to support 20 leadership awards for exceptional Big Shoulders schools. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Blocks Together*

\$20,000 in support of the Families for Our Schools project developed by parents seeking to improve learning conditions at ten Chicago public schools.

### *Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago*

\$45,000 for a college readiness program for Chicago public high school students.

### *Brighton Park Neighborhood Council*

\$30,000 for efforts to improve and increase resources for Chicago public schools in the Brighton Park community. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Cabrini Connections*

\$20,000 for Kids' Connection, an after-school tutoring and mentoring program.

### *Centers for New Horizons*

\$30,000 for the salary of the Community School Project coordinator at Phillips High School.

### *Centro Comunitario Juan Diego*

\$20,000 for computer literacy training for adults and youth.

### *Chicago Architecture Foundation*

\$35,000 for education staff working to develop and implement a new high school architecture curriculum in Chicago public schools. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education*

\$85,000 for support and training of artists and teachers who utilize the arts to teach reading, math and other academic disciplines.

### *Chicago Campaign to Expand Community Schools*

\$200,000 to support partnerships between schools and community organizations.

### *Chicago Cares*

\$50,000 for the Discovery program, which provides academic enrichment and mentoring for second- through sixth-grade students at three Chicago public elementary schools.

### *Chicago Child Care Society*

\$30,000 for a college prep program for teen moms.

### *Chicago Commons Association*

\$55,000 for the Nuevos Futuros program, which provides academic assistance and college and career preparation for high school students.

### *Chicago Communities In Schools*

\$75,000 for the salaries of coordinators who help Chicago public schools access programs and services for students and families. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chicago Community Foundation*

\$35,000 for the Arts Education Initiative, developing sequential instruction in dance, theater, music and the visual arts in Chicago public elementary schools.

### *Chicago Foundation for Education*

\$40,000 for teacher-led professional development programs. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chicago High School Redesign Initiative*

\$112,500 to support CHSRI schools in becoming community schools.

### *Chicago Lights*

\$20,000 for the Near North Magnet Cluster Arts Program, which provides literacy and arts activities in three Chicago public elementary schools.

### *Chicago SCORES*

\$25,000 for an after-school program in North Lawndale and Little Village elementary schools that combines soccer and creative writing.

### *College Summit Illinois*

\$25,000 for the Senior Class Model Initiative, which provides assistance with college planning in 12 Chicago public schools.

### *Columbia College Chicago*

\$60,000 for the Center for Community Arts Partnerships, which helps public school teachers integrate the arts into their curricula to improve students' literacy skills.

### *Community Organizing and Family Issues*

\$25,000 for the Austin-Wide Parent Network.

### *Community Renewal Society*

\$55,000 in salary support for an associate editor at Catalyst news service.

### *Constitutional Rights Foundation*

\$20,000 for Primary VOICE: Literature and the Law, a program for students in 22 Chicago public elementary schools.

### *Cristo Rey Jesuit High School*

\$20,000 for the Community Engagement Program, which helps students address barriers to academic success, and to support activities offered after school and on weekends.

### *DePaul University*

\$130,000 to train teachers in Chicago public schools to use Chicago Connections, a web-based literacy development framework. Second payment of a two-year grant.

## Education Grants

### *Designs for Change*

\$55,000 to help local school council members with issues related to principal evaluation, teaching quality and parent involvement.

### *Dominican University*

\$35,000 for Project Endorsement, which helps Chicago public school teachers secure a bilingual or ESL endorsement.

### *East Village Youth Program*

\$25,000 for tutoring, mentoring, academic and cultural enrichment activities for sixth- through eighth-grade students in the West Town and Belmont Cragin communities.

### *Erie Neighborhood House*

\$50,000 for the New Neighborhood/ El Barrio Nuevo after-school program for children ages five to twelve.

### *Facing History and Ourselves*

\$40,000 for teacher training and resource materials addressing the historical effects of racism and the American eugenics movement. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Family Matters*

\$40,000 for the Community Organizing Initiative to strengthen parent involvement at Gale Community Academy and help parents and community members address local issues. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Federation for Community Schools*

\$100,000 to mobilize the resources and capacity of multiple institutions to sustain and expand community schools in Illinois.

### *Free Street Programs*

\$25,000 to provide the Arts Literacy Program in ten Chicago public schools. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Friends of the Chicago River*

\$30,000 for the Chicago River Schools Network, which helps teachers use the Chicago River as a context for their students' learning.

### *Girl Scouts of Chicago*

\$40,000 to provide scouting activities and academic enrichment for girls in 15 Chicago public schools. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Golden Apple Foundation*

\$40,000 for the Alphabet Bus, which provides literacy activities at elementary schools, day care centers and organizations in Pilsen and Little Village. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Healthy Schools Campaign*

\$25,000 to improve CPS policies that impact student health.

### *HistoryMakers*

\$30,000 for the Historymakers Education Institute, a professional development program for Chicago public school teachers.

### *Howard Area Community Center*

\$35,000 to provide academic, leadership and life skills training and activities for students at Sullivan High School.

### *IMSA Fund for Advancement of Education*

\$20,000 to support the Partners in Academic and Cultural Enrichment for Mathematics, Science and Technology program for Chicago public school students.

### *Jewish Council for Youth Services*

\$50,000 for the Adventure Education Program for students at three Chicago public high schools.

### *Jumpstart for Young Children*

\$35,000 to train and deploy college students to help preschool children in low-income communities develop school-readiness skills.

### *Kohl Education Foundation*

\$30,000 for the StoryBus Professional Development Program for Head Start educators.

### *Literacy Chicago*

\$40,000 to recruit, train and support volunteer tutors.

### *Literature for All of Us*

\$20,000 for book groups at Second Chance Alternative High School that help youth develop interest in reading and find value in their own stories.

### *Logan Square Neighborhood Association*

\$50,000 for the Parent Teacher Mentor Program at seven Chicago public schools. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Loyola University Chicago*

\$70,000 for the Center for Science Education's work with Chicago public middle school teachers.

### *Loyola University- School of Social Work*

\$40,000 for the Family and School Partnerships Program.

### *Metropolitan Family Services*

\$85,000 in salary support for staff engaged in strengthening and sustaining community school efforts at nine Chicago public schools.

### *Midtown Educational Foundation*

\$40,000 for the College Orientation Program, which provides mentoring and academic enrichment activities for high school students.

### *Mikva Challenge Grant Foundation*

\$30,000 for professional development opportunities for social studies teachers in Chicago public schools.

### *National-Louis University*

\$35,000 for a professional development program for teachers at the Nancy B. Jefferson School in the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Near Northwest Neighborhood Network*

\$20,000 for the salary of an organizer who works with parent action teams to improve learning conditions at five Chicago public schools.

### *Neighborhood Capital Budget Group*

\$30,000 to finalize plans and secure funding for educational and facility improvements for schools in the West Town and Garfield Park communities.

### *New Leaders for New Schools*

\$50,000 for the professional development, training and support components of the Chicago program.

### *Newberry Library*

\$45,000 for the Teachers as Scholars professional development program. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Northeastern Illinois University*

\$40,000 to provide professional development opportunities and develop arts curricula at three Chicago public elementary schools.

## Education Grants

### *Northwestern University Kellogg Graduate School of Management*

\$30,000 for the Center for Nonprofit Management's work to develop an executive education program for school principals.

### *Organization of the NorthEast*

\$40,000 to provide leadership development training for parents of students in Uptown, Edgewater and Rogers Park public schools.

### *Parents United for Responsible Education*

\$25,000 for the Comprehensive Parent Involvement Program.

### *Partnership for Quality Child Care*

\$100,000 for the Family Day Care Homes Accreditation Project for providers serving low-income children in Chicago.

### *Pilsen Alliance*

\$15,000 for the Parent Leadership Advocacy Project at Whittier Elementary School.

### *Poder Learning Center*

\$25,000 for the English as a Second Language program for adults in the Pilsen and Little Village communities.

### *Poetry Center of Chicago*

\$25,000 to provide Hands on Stanzas poet-led residencies in Chicago public schools.

### *The Posse Foundation*

\$25,000 for the Pre-Collegiate Training Program for high school seniors.

### *Project Exploration*

\$20,000 for three programs to increase the academic achievement in science of Chicago public school students.

### *Reading In Motion*

\$50,000 to train Chicago public school kindergarten teachers to implement the Benchmarks early literacy curriculum with students in kindergarten through third grade. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Renaissance Schools Fund*

\$250,000 for operations and professional development activities related to the opening of new schools. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Scholarship Chicago*

\$25,000 for a mentoring program serving economically disadvantaged Chicago high school students.

### *Snow City Arts Foundation*

\$15,000 to provide arts education for children staying at Rush, Stroger and Children's Memorial hospitals.

### *St. Augustine College*

\$25,000 for the GED and Basic English programs.

### *Strategic Learning Initiatives*

\$60,000 for Scaling Up Best Practice, to implement whole school reform in west side Chicago public schools. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Street-Level Youth Media*

\$30,000 for media arts programs in Chicago public schools.

### *Teach For America*

\$70,000 to train and support Teach For America corps members working in Chicago public schools.

### *Umoja Student Development Corporation*

\$35,000 for the College and Career Development Program at three Chicago public high schools and one elementary school.

### *University of Chicago-Department of Mathematics*

\$90,000 for the Summer Institute for math teachers in Chicago public middle schools and sessions during the school year. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Education Grants of \$12,500 or less*

Aquinas Literacy Center .....	\$ 12,500
Cabrini Green Tutoring Program .....	\$ 10,000
Common Threads .....	\$ 10,000
Hyde Park Neighborhood Club .....	\$ 10,000
Institute for Positive Living .....	\$ 12,500
Leap Learning Systems .....	\$ 10,000
Make A Difference Youth Foundation .....	\$ 12,500
Sunlight African Community Center .....	\$ 7,500

### *West Town Leadership United*

\$20,000 to provide leadership training for parents at six Chicago public elementary schools.

### *Working In The Schools*

\$40,000 for Power Lunch, a literacy and mentoring program during which corporate volunteers meet individually with Chicago public elementary school students. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Youth Guidance*

\$90,000 for the Comer School Development Program in eleven Chicago public schools, which creates a positive school climate and supports students' social and academic development. Second payment of a two-year grant.

*Most of our grants  
to cultural institutions are for  
in-school work  
with Chicago public  
school students  
and teachers.*

**Culture**  
Grants

In 2006, the Polk Bros. Foundation provided more than \$3.6 million in support for cultural programs. Some grants, such as those to Albany Park Theater Project, the Marwen Foundation and Merit School of Music, supported instruction for students. Others, including those to Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Ravinia Festival and the Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum, funded training that helped teachers incorporate the arts into their teaching of academic subjects.

### *About Face Theatre*

\$20,000 for a performance-based educational outreach program for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum*

\$25,000 for Astronomy Connections, a professional development program for middle school teachers.

### *Albany Park Theater Project*

\$20,000 in salary support for staff who help teens create and perform theater pieces based on their personal experiences and stories of community residents. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Art Institute of Chicago*

\$100,000 for construction of additional galleries and an education center in the Art Institute's expanded space. Second payment of a \$500,000 grant.

### *Art Resources in Teaching*

\$25,000 for artist residencies in three Chicago public elementary schools.

### *Arts and Business Council of Chicago*

\$30,000 for the Business Volunteers for the Arts program.

### *Beyondmedia Education*

\$15,000 for a six-month video production workshop for immigrant and refugee Muslim youth.

### *Black Ensemble Theater*

\$35,000 for the Strengthening the School through Theater Arts program in eight Chicago public schools. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chicago Botanic Garden*

\$60,000 for Garden Camp for Teachers and the creation of an edible school garden in a Chicago public school.

### *Chicago Chamber Musicians*

\$25,000 for the School Residency Program at two Chicago public elementary schools. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chicago Children's Choir*

\$35,000 to provide choral music programs for students in 46 Chicago public schools.

### *Chicago Children's Museum*

\$30,000 to help Chicago public elementary school teachers incorporate poetry into their curricula to improve students' literacy skills.

### *Chicago Dramatists*

\$15,000 for educational outreach programs in six Chicago public schools.

### *Chicago Humanities Festival*

\$50,000 for educational and professional development programs for teachers.

### *Chicago Jazz Ensemble*

\$15,000 for the Jazz Apprenticeship Program, which enhances music training for members of the Chicago Public Schools All-City High School Jazz Band.

### *Chicago Opera Theater*

\$30,000 for the Opera for All outreach program at four Chicago public schools.

### *Chicago Public Art Group*

\$25,000 to engage artists and Chicago public high school students in creating art projects in their schools and communities.

### *Chicago Shakespeare Theater*

\$70,000 for Team Shakespeare, an arts education program that includes teacher workshops, classroom materials and attendance at theater productions. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chicago Sinfonietta*

\$25,000 for the Audience Matters and Student Ensembles with Excellence and Diversity programs, which serve Chicago public middle and high school students.

### *Chicago Symphony Orchestra*

\$90,000 to expand the Music Activity Partnership into ten additional schools. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra*

\$25,000 for the Music Pathways Expansion Program, which trains teachers in four Chicago public elementary schools to incorporate music into their curricula.

### *Child's Play Touring Theatre*

\$20,000 to implement the Chicago Young Writer's Project in seven public elementary schools.

## Culture Grants

### *Cinema Chicago*

\$15,000 for a media literacy program for Chicago public high school students.

### *Court Theatre Fund*

\$40,000 to provide in- and after-school activities, performances, discussions and online study guides for Chicago public school students and teachers.

First payment of a two-year grant.

### *eta Creative Arts Foundation*

\$35,000 for the Arts in Education program in eight Chicago public schools. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Facets Multimedia*

\$40,000 for intensive work with four Chicago public elementary schools and additional programs that teach children to evaluate the information they receive from the media.

### *Field Museum of Natural History*

\$55,000 for teacher professional development, as part of the Cultural Connections program coordinated by the Center for Cultural Understanding and Change. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Free Spirit Media*

\$15,000 to teach students at two Chicago public high schools media production skills including research, writing, editing and camera operation.

### *Free Street Programs*

\$25,000 to provide the Arts Literacy Program in ten Chicago public schools. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Goodman Theatre*

\$90,000 for the free Student Subscription Series and expanded professional development for Chicago public school teachers. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Harris Theater for Music and Dance*

\$30,000 for education and community outreach programs related to the New York City Ballet's residency in Chicago.

### *Hubbard Street Dance Chicago*

\$70,000 for work in Chicago public schools, to encourage and support the use of dance and movement to enhance teaching.

### *Hubbard Street Dance Chicago*

\$150,000 for the New Movements campaign, to create a new façade on Hubbard Street Dance Chicago's building. Final payment of a \$200,000 grant.

### *Hyde Park Art Center*

\$40,000 in salary support for a program coordinator who develops and implements Art Resource Center programs. Second payment of a \$65,000 grant.

### *Illinois Arts*

#### *Alliance Foundation*

\$25,000 in honor of the Alliance's 25th anniversary and to support implementation of its three-year plan.

### *International Music Foundation*

\$16,000 for artist-in-residence programs in four Chicago public elementary schools. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Jazz Institute of Chicago*

\$25,000 for eight-week residencies in eight Chicago public schools and for the All-City Jazz Band Competition.

### *Joel Hall Dance Center*

\$20,000 for the Dance is a Language program in twelve Chicago public schools.

### *Joffrey Ballet*

\$100,000 to create a permanent home for the Joffrey in a new building at State and Randolph. Final payment of a \$150,000 grant.

### *Kohl Children's Museum*

\$50,000 for Early Childhood Connections and the Project Approach summer institute, which will serve 80 Chicago public school teachers.

### *Lifeline Productions*

\$20,000 for residency programs in two Chicago public elementary schools.

### *Lincoln Park Zoological Society*

\$90,000 for the final year of the Project NOAH/Reading Ark literacy program for Chicago public school students.

### *Lincoln Park Zoological Society*

\$200,000 for the Tree Canopy Climbing Adventure at the Pritzker Family Children's Zoo. Second payment of a \$750,000 grant.

### *Lookingglass Theatre Company*

\$40,000 for Education and Community Programs, which provide artist residencies in 16 Chicago public schools.

### *Luna Negra Dance Theater*

\$15,000 for long- and short-term residencies and performances for Chicago public school students.

### *Lyric Opera of Chicago*

\$60,000 for OPERAREACH programs for Chicago public school students and teachers. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Marwen Foundation*

\$50,000 to provide free visual arts classes for children and youth enrolled in the Studio program. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Merit School of Music*

\$45,000 for the Dynamic Starts and Preparatory programs.

### *Merit School of Music*

\$125,000 to purchase and renovate a building on the near west side. Second payment of a \$350,000 grant.

### *Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum*

\$75,000 for teacher workshops and curricula development related to the African Presence in Mexico and Dia de los Muertos exhibits. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Muntu Dance Theatre*

\$25,000 to develop long-term partnerships with four public elementary schools in the North Kenwood/Oakland community.

### *Museum of Broadcast Communications*

\$50,000 for construction of a new museum on the near north side. Second payment of a \$250,000 grant.

### *Museum of Contemporary Art*

\$65,000 for the Partner Schools Initiative and to launch a two-week summer institute for Chicago public school teachers.

### *Museum of Science and Industry*

\$60,000 for intensive professional development workshops for teachers in south side public elementary and middle schools.

### *Music Institute of Chicago*

\$20,000 in support of the Music Integration Project, which trains Chicago public school teachers to incorporate music into their curricula.

### *Music of the Baroque*

\$25,000 for choral music enrichment programs in four Chicago public high schools.

### *Music Theatre Workshop*

\$20,000 to provide after-school and summer activities for Chicago public school students participating in the West Pullman Community Arts Project.

## Culture Grants

### *Northlight Theatre*

\$30,000 for educational outreach and teacher training programs at five Chicago public schools. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Northwestern University Settlement Association*

\$30,000 for Vittum Learning Partnerships, which provide 12-week arts residencies in four Chicago public elementary schools.

### *Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*

\$60,000 to develop learning experiences related to the Institute's collection from Anatolia, Assyria, Israel and Nubia for families of Chicago public school students. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Pegasus Players*

\$30,000 for artist-teacher collaborations in Chicago public schools in Uptown, Edgewater, Rogers Park and Lakeview. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum*

\$70,000 for the Science Teaching Network, a professional development program for Chicago public school teachers.

### *People's Music School*

\$35,000 for free music instruction and teacher salaries.

### *Pros Arts Studio*

\$25,000 to provide free ceramics classes for children and families in the Pilsen and Little Village communities. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Puerto Rican Arts Alliance*

\$15,000 for the Cuatro and Spanish Guitar Program at four Chicago public schools.

### *Raven Theatre Company*

\$15,000 for in- and after-school theater programs at four Chicago public schools.

### *Ravinia Festival*

\$80,000 for music integration and professional development programs for students and teachers in 15 Chicago public schools.

### *Redmoon Theater*

\$25,000 for an arts integration program at Audubon Elementary School and Dramagirls, an after-school theater arts program. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *River North Chicago Dance Company*

\$15,000 for The Beat Goes On, which provides multi-week residencies at two Chicago public schools.

*Sherwood  
Conservatory  
of Music*

\$35,000 for scholarship and tuition assistance for children and teens at Sherwood and the South Shore Cultural Center. First payment of a two-year grant.

*Spertus Institute of  
Jewish Studies*

\$150,000 for costs related to the construction of a new building on Michigan Avenue. Final payment of a \$350,000 grant.

*Steppenwolf Theatre Company*

\$65,000 for Chicago Public School Teacher Immersion Courses and the Subscriber School Program for students and teachers.

*Victory Gardens Theater*

\$75,000 for the purchase and renovation of the Biograph Theater. Second payment of a \$350,000 grant.

*Culture Grants of \$12,500 or less*

American Theater Company.....	\$ 10,000
Kalapriya Foundation.....	\$ 7,500
Natya Dance Theatre.....	\$ 7,500
South Chicago Art Center .....	\$ 10,000

*WBEZ Alliance*

\$75,000 for the Metro Desk, which covers local news and public affairs and produces investigative stories.

*WTTW, Channel 11*

\$150,000 for Chicago Tonight, WTTW's nightly series covering local news, education, public affairs, the arts and business. First payment of a two-year grant.

*Young Chicago Authors*

\$15,000 for a teen creative writing program that provides literature and skills workshops on Saturdays during the school year.

*Our support  
for health services  
focuses primarily on  
prevention  
and community-  
based care.*

**Health**  
Grants

The Polk Bros. Foundation's health-related funding reached nearly \$1.7 million in 2006. Grants supported school-based health centers in eleven Chicago public schools, health education, and mobile resources such as Circle Family Care's team that provides care at homeless shelters. Grants to the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group and PCC Community Wellness Center helped local organizations gain the assistance of health professions graduate students and Americorps members, enabling them to expand and increase care in underserved areas.

### *Access Community Health Network*

\$60,000 in salary support for staff who provide mental health services in the health center at Sullivan High School.

### *Access Community Health Network*

\$25,000 for Faith Responds to AIDS, a component of the AIDS Pastoral Care Network program.

### *Advocate Illinois*

#### *Masonic Medical Center*

\$75,000 for the Preventive Mental Health Program at Amundsen and Lake View high schools. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *Anixter Center*

\$45,000 for the CHOICES for Parents coalition to improve follow-up services for infants diagnosed with hearing loss.

### *The Ark*

\$80,000 for the free pharmacy program. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Better Existence with HIV*

\$25,000 for programs that teach Chicago public school students about HIV risk assessment and reduction, transmission, symptoms and treatment.

### *Centro San Bonifacio*

\$30,000 for the Multipliers Program, which trains recently immigrated residents of West Town and Humboldt Park to serve as community health promoters.

### *Chicago Family Health Center*

\$15,000 to provide health education and services for students, faculty, and parents at New Sullivan Elementary School.

### *Chicago Health Connection*

\$25,000 to train peer counselors to promote breastfeeding and to support counselors at five community health care sites.

### *Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois*

\$40,000 to help students and families at Copernicus Elementary School strengthen conflict resolution and communication skills.

### *Children's Memorial Foundation*

\$60,000 in salary support for staff who provide services in the health center at Arai Middle School/Uplift Community School.

### *Circle Family Care*

\$45,000 for the Mobile Health Team, which provides care at 14 homeless shelters.

### *CommunityHealth*

\$40,000 in salary support for intake staff who help uninsured families access quality health care.

### *Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children*

\$50,000 to launch a Chicago public school obesity prevention project in six communities.

### *Erie Family Health Center*

\$50,000 for the salary of the nurse/case manager at the Erie Westside Clinic located in Ryerson Elementary School. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Erie Family Health Center*

\$60,000 in salary support for the social worker who provides services in the health center at Frazier Elementary School.

### *Family Institute*

\$65,000 to provide counseling and support for students and families at four Chicago public schools and the New City YMCA.

### *Free People's Clinic*

\$15,000 in salary support for administrative staff of this free clinic, which serves low-income, uninsured residents of the south side.

### *Health and Medicine Policy Research Group*

\$25,000 for the Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program, which places health professions graduate students in community organizations in underserved areas. Second payment of a two-year grant.

## Health Grants

### *Heartland Health Outreach*

\$60,000 for staff salaries and mental health services provided in the health center at Nicholas Senn High School.

### *Holy Family Ministries*

\$15,000 to provide group and individual mental health counseling for children in Cabrini Green.

### *Horizon Hospice*

\$30,000 for counseling provided through the bereavement program.

### *Illinois Health Education Consortium*

\$15,000 for the Consumer Cultural Competence program at three Chicago public high schools, which teaches adolescents how to access care and communicate effectively with health care personnel.

### *Infant Welfare Society of Chicago*

\$50,000 for the Teen Clinic, which provides medical, mental health and dental services for adolescents.

### *Infant Welfare Society of Chicago*

\$75,000 for the purchase and renovation of the former Logan Square YMCA building. Second payment of a \$200,000 grant.

### *Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago*

\$100,000 for a two-year Childhood Obesity Intervention demonstration project in two schools in West Rogers Park. First payment of a two-year grant.

### *La Rabida Children's Hospital*

\$25,000 for in-school asthma screening and treatment for students in Chicago public schools.

### *Lesbian Community Cancer Project*

\$20,000 for competency training for medical professionals.

### *Mercy Hospital and Medical Center*

\$25,000 for the salary of the nurse practitioner who provides services in the health center at Wendell Phillips High School.

### *Mobile C.A.R.E. Foundation*

\$30,000 for the Comprehensive Asthma Management Program provided at 35 Chicago public schools. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Mt. Sinai Hospital and Medical Center*

\$45,000 for the salary of a case manager for the Chicago Housing for Health Partnership, a collaborative effort to coordinate healthcare services for chronically ill homeless adults.

### *Near North Health Service Corporation*

\$35,000 for the salary of a community health educator to coordinate outreach activities at four health centers.

### *PCC Community Wellness Center*

\$25,000 for the Westside AmeriCorps Program.

### *Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital*

\$25,000 for In My Shoes, a violence prevention program for teens.

### *SGA Youth and Family Services*

\$40,000 to provide counseling for students and parents at 18 Chicago public schools. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Swedish Covenant Hospital*

\$60,000 for mental health services provided in the health center at Roosevelt High School.

### *Test Positive Aware Network*

\$15,000 to pilot a program in the Austin community that will provide peer-led treatment and education for people with or at risk for HIV/AIDS.

### *Trilogy*

\$25,000 in salary support for the coordinator of mental illness and substance abuse services.

### *UIC Neighborhoods Initiative*

\$60,000 for the salaries of staff who provide services in the health center at the Young Women's Leadership Charter School.

### *University of Chicago Children's Hospital*

\$35,000 for the salaries of the pediatric mobile care van's community outreach specialist and nurse practitioner. Second payment of a two-year grant.

### *Youth Guidance*

\$60,000 in salary support for the social worker who provides services in the health center at Roberto Clemente High School.

## Financial Report (Condensed)

### Exhibit A: Statements of Financial Position

August 31, 2006 and 2005

	2006	2005
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and Equivalent	8,051,872	9,730,410
Investments	398,867,191	375,403,533
Mortgage Loans	0	1,639,243
Accrued Interest	50,733	189,224
Prepaid Excise and Income Taxes	130,271	325,000
Receivable from Brokers for Unsettled Trades	1,264,370	1,707,217
Other Assets	210,443	212,872
	<u>408,574,880</u>	<u>389,207,499</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Liabilities		
Accrued Grant Commitments	2,000,000	3,375,000
Payable to Brokers for Unsettled Trades	381,534	1,713,086
Deferred Excise Taxes Payable	1,678,330	1,734,241
Other Liabilities	5,000	5,000
	<u>4,064,864</u>	<u>6,827,327</u>
Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>404,510,016</u>	<u>382,380,172</u>
	<u>408,574,880</u>	<u>389,207,499</u>

### Exhibit B: Statements of Activities

August 31, 2006 and 2005

<b>Income</b>		
Dividends	1,248,487	1,183,637
Interest	1,549,783	1,707,662
Rentals	0	6,132
Miscellaneous	22,338	3,599
	<u>2,820,608</u>	<u>2,901,030</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Grants	17,271,158	17,930,285
Administrative Expenses	1,830,374	1,716,675
Investment Expenses	966,413	1,238,341
Current and Deferred Excise and Income Taxes	413,531	2,240,845
	<u>20,481,476</u>	<u>23,126,146</u>
Expenditures in Excess of Income	<u>-17,660,868</u>	<u>-20,225,116</u>
Gain (loss) on Investments		
Net Income from Partnerships	28,515,939	17,783,189
Net Realized Gains from Sales of Securities	14,060,730	6,744,435
Increase (Decrease) in Unrealized Gains on Investments	-2,795,457	26,872,388
Net Gain (Loss) from Sale of Real Estate	9,500	403,921
	<u>39,790,712</u>	<u>51,803,933</u>
Increase in Net Assets	22,129,844	31,578,817
Unrestricted Net Assets		
Beginning of Year	382,380,172	350,801,355
End of Year	<u>404,510,016</u>	<u>382,380,172</u>

## Grantmaking Guidelines

The Polk Bros. Foundation was established by members of the Polk family who owned and operated the Polk Bros. chain of retail stores. The primary focus of the Foundation is on programs that work with populations of need—particularly public school children, youth, and families—in underserved Chicago communities. Very few awards are made to organizations located outside the city of Chicago. Grants are made for both new and ongoing initiatives in four program areas: social service, education, cultural programs and health care. In all areas, proposals should address increased access to services and improvement in the quality of life for area residents. Although the Foundation occasionally invites long-term grantees to submit requests for capital support, capital requests are not otherwise considered.

Areas of particular interest to the Foundation include efforts to preserve and create affordable rental housing, professional development for teachers, efforts to reduce barriers to learning and increase parent engagement in Chicago public schools and health initiatives that make services available to children and families in their communities. We also place priority on programs that provide long-term support for clients, such as permanent supportive housing and job-training programs with comprehensive post-placement tracking and interaction.

There are no deadlines for the submission of proposals to the Polk Bros. Foundation. Applications are accepted year-round, scheduled in the order in which they are received, and considered at quarterly board meetings. Proposals for health-related services are reviewed at the spring and fall board meetings only.

The Foundation also has a small grants program that makes grants of up to \$15,000 to organizations with limited funding histories and annual expenses of more than \$75,000. We generally do not review more than three consecutive requests from an organization through the small grants program.

Applicants to the Polk Bros. Foundation must have received a 501(c)(3) ruling from the Internal Revenue Service. The Foundation will not consider more than one request from an organization or its affiliates in a 12-month period, nor will it generally fund more than eight percent of an organization's operating budget.

The Polk Bros. Foundation will not support:

- Organizations that devote a substantial portion of their activities to attempting to influence legislation or to participating in campaigns on behalf of candidates for public office;
- Religious institutions seeking support for programs whose participants are restricted by religious affiliation or whose services promote a particular creed;
- Purchase of dinner or raffle tickets or advertising in dinner programs;
- Medical, scientific, or academic research;
- Grants to individuals;
- Tax-generating entities (municipalities, school districts, etc.) for services within their normal responsibilities.

An organization that has not previously received a grant from the Foundation should first call our office or submit the pre-application form that is available on our website. The Foundation may then invite the submission of a proposal or contact the organization with further questions. A site visit or interview may be scheduled by a program officer as part of the review process.

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