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Mission

*Strengthening communities
where trustees reside*

Vision

*To positively impact lives in the
areas of art, education, health,
social services and women's issues.
The Stocker Foundation seeks
creative ideas and projects, both
new and existing, that serve as a
catalyst for constructive change
to help build strong communities,
to strengthen families, to provide
sound educational programs and
vital human services*

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letter from the President & Executive Director

This year's annual report serves a dual purpose. It documents what has occurred during fiscal year 2004 and commemorates the fact that The Stocker Foundation has been in existence for 25 years. We celebrate Beth K. Stocker's wisdom in establishing The Stocker Foundation and for serving as board president for the first 23 years. As individuals, we may never have the opportunity to give on such a large scale, but, collectively, we are able to make significant grants to help the communities in which we live.

"Significant grants to help the communities in which we live" is a daunting statement. We cannot settle for "good enough" in the work we do while continuing to ask nonprofits to show excellence. Over the years, The Stocker Foundation has sought to maximize impact toward the greatest outcome and good. It is not easy and sometimes we've fallen short. There will always be debate around the true measure and definition of "impact," and we will continue to participate in local, regional and national conversations addressing this critical issue in philanthropy. We have come to understand that impact can be defined broadly. Impact can be found in a small grant that provides bus transportation for a classroom of 3rd grade students to participate in an off-site arts performance; or in the face of a child who has just received a backpack full of food for herself and her siblings to sustain them over the course of a weekend; or by providing furniture to survivors of domestic violence establishing new homes and new lives for themselves and their children.

Last fiscal year, \$2.5 million was awarded through a combination of competitive grants, several discretionary granting programs and other commitments, including Year Three of The Stocker Foundation's Investment in Excellence capacity building initiative managed by Business Volunteers Unlimited. Meeting basic needs remained a priority; \$789,532 (36%) was awarded to 56 different nonprofit organizations that address emergency needs and provide longer-term social services. In the past 25 years, \$25.4 million has been granted in the areas of arts/culture, community needs, education, health, social services and women's issues.

At this milestone anniversary, in lieu of elaborate self-recognition, we offer a simple recommitment to each other and to the communities served by The Stocker Foundation. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of The Stocker Foundation, we wish to thank all those individuals who work tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of so many, and reaffirm our promise to continue to support altruistic efforts.

Benjamin P. Norton
Board President

Patricia O'Brien
Executive Director



history of the Foundation

The Stocker Foundation is a private grant making foundation established in 1979 by Beth K. Stocker, from the estate of her husband, C. Paul Stocker. During their life together, Paul and Beth Stocker incorporated their personal values with their philanthropic spirit of giving to the arts, education, youth, and self-help for the disadvantaged and disabled. Upon establishing The Stocker Foundation, Beth, with the help of her three daughters, championed those interests and formulated the guiding principles of the Foundation. Over the years, other fields of interest have been added reflecting the priorities of the Trustees.

Paul Stocker, an electrical engineer and inventor, co-founded Lorain Products Corporation in 1936. Under his leadership, Lorain Products grew from a one-room operation to a multi-plant manufacturing facility of telecommunications equipment with facilities in Lorain, Ohio, Mexico City, and St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada. It maintained a worldwide reputation for quality products, service, and dependability in the telephone industry.

Upon Mr. Stocker's retirement in 1973, Lorain Products Corporation became a subsidiary of Reliance Electric. During the last 30 years, the company has experienced several mergers, acquisitions and name changes, and still maintains an engineering division in the city of Lorain.



areas of interest

Arts & Culture

The Stocker Foundation believes art can enrich quality of life, stimulate new ideas and nurture existing talents. The Foundation supports fine art programs in all mediums (dance, drama, music, creative writing, and visual arts) that provide school aged children and community members with access.

Community Needs

The Stocker Foundation supports the concept of building strong communities and enhancing the quality of life for individuals and families. The Foundation is also interested in grassroots organizations that empower ordinary people to effectively participate in the political, social, and economic processes which affect their lives.

Education

The Stocker Foundation believes every student should have equal opportunity to achieve his/her full potential, and be prepared to competently participate in an increasingly multicultural society. The Foundation supports organizations that take an active role in re-examining educational practices and how they affect the learning of students. In addition, programs that focus on achievement in basic academic and prevocational skills are of interest, as well as programs and services for adult students who are striving to complete high school or earn a college degree.

Health

The Stocker Foundation supports affordable and quality healthcare systems that provide all individuals and families with information and access to quality medical attention. Organizations that provide direct medical services and equipment to those in need (with emphasis on programs that serve disadvantaged and underserved populations) are of particular interest.

Social Services

The Stocker Foundation supports organizations that provide direct services to individuals and families in crisis, as well as long-term efforts to help people help themselves, ensuring a better quality of life and sustainable future for all. Providing for basic human needs and supporting preventative education are of particular interest.

Women's Issues

The Stocker Foundation supports programs that teach girls to grow into strong contributing members of society and encourage women to achieve their full potential. The Stocker Foundation recognizes that many of society's problems have a greater impact on women and girls, and that non gender-specific programs often do not meet their special needs.

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grants



Florence Crittenton Services

- Albuquerque Museum Foundation** \$5,000
Bernalillo County, New Mexico
 Toward in-school artist instructors and bilingual teaching packets related to the exhibit *El Alma de Espana* (Soul of Spain)
- American Red Cross – King and Kitsap Counties** \$5,000
King County, Washington
 Toward *Project TRANSFORM*, “Technology Requirements And Needed Systems For Operations & Response Management,” to enable the organization to continue serving the community in the event of a major disaster
- American Red Cross – Lorain County Chapter** \$10,000
Lorain County, Ohio
 To support the *Family Fire Safety Education Project*, providing fire safety educational materials and information to low-income families
- American Red Cross – Southern Arizona Chapter** \$6,000
Pima County, Arizona
 Toward the continuation of disaster emergency services that educate the community on ways to prevent, prepare for, and respond to serious situations

- Applewood Centers** \$25,000
Lorain County, Ohio
 Toward child psychiatry services for uninsured and underinsured low-income children and youth

- Arizona's Children Association** \$15,000
Pima County, Arizona
 Toward *Las Familias*, providing counseling and treatment for survivors of childhood sexual assault and toward *The Parent Connection*, a program dedicated to preventing risk factors associated with child abuse and neglect



Arizona Children's Association

- Arizona Historical Society** \$5,000
Pima County, Arizona
 To support the *Museum Youth Curator Experience (MYCE)* and *The History Theatre Project*, two ongoing educational programs for Tucson teens, engaging them in a meaningful exploration of history, while building skills in research, writing, fine arts, drama, cooperative learning and teamwork
- Arizona Women's Cancer Network** \$2,360
Pima County, Arizona
 Toward scholarships to the 2004 Annual Conference of the Women's Cancer Network – “Instituting Cultural Competency in Your Organization's Culture”

- Art House** \$3,000
Cuyahoga County, Ohio
 Toward *Helping Children Rise to Success*, a high quality arts education program engaging children in a life-long learning process
- Art Room** \$2,500
Pima County, Arizona
 Toward an expressive arts program for children living in domestic violence shelters and transitional housing
- Assistance League of Seattle** \$5,000
King County, Washington
 To support *Operation School Bell*, providing new school clothing and other necessities to young children living in extreme poverty
- Beck Center for the Arts** \$10,000
Lorain County, Ohio
 In support of educational outreach programs that provide Lorain County students with artist residencies, workshops, the *ABC Program* and the *Teen Touring Show*
- Ben Archer Health Centers** \$7,500
Doña Ana County, New Mexico
 Toward the purchase of equipment necessary to better serve Spanish, migrant, and immigrant workers and their families

Bernalillo County Council PTA Clothing Bank \$10,000
Bernalillo County, New Mexico
 Continued support toward the purchase of clothing for Albuquerque Public School students

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lorain County \$10,000
Lorain County, Ohio
 Toward screening and matching new mentors with youth, helping children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-on-one relationships

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson \$10,000
Pima County, Arizona
 Toward the *Big Quest for Kids Program*, providing mentoring to 5th-12th grade students pursuing higher education

Black River Historical Society \$10,770
Lorain County, Ohio
 Toward the production of a video about the history of Lorain



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lorain County

Boys & Girls Clubs of King County \$10,000
King County, Washington
 Toward *Leadership and Character Development Programs* at the Wallingford Club that help youth to become responsible, caring citizens and acquire skills for participating in the democratic process

Boys & Girls Clubs of Lorain County \$25,000
Lorain County, Ohio
 Toward daily activities offered at the Teen Center that stress health and fitness, citizenship education, inter-group understanding, and leadership development

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson \$3,500
Pima County, Arizona
 Toward *Inspiration Through the Arts*, a program that exposes members to a variety of mediums including clay, papier-mâché, beads, paints, pencils, leather and other materials

Brewster Center Domestic Violence Services \$10,000
Pima County, Arizona
 Toward outreach and advocacy programming providing crisis intervention, legal advocacy, domestic violence education, emotional support, and safety planning to victims of domestic violence

Business Volunteers Unlimited \$5,000
Lorain County, Ohio
 To support the continuation of BVU Lorain County's efforts to train and place business professionals on nonprofit boards and to address critical governance issues facing nonprofit organizations

Casa de Esperanza \$9,600
Pima County, Arizona
 Continued support of *Building Memories Together*, an intergenerational daycare program that provides opportunities for young and old to interact throughout the day

Casa de Peregrinos \$22,500
Doña Ana County, New Mexico
 Toward increased distribution of milk, fresh fruit, and vegetables via emergency food boxes, with special emphasis on the nutritional needs of children

Catalina Rotary Foundation \$5,000
Pima County, Arizona
 Toward Milagro Park, a fully integrated and universally acceptable playground

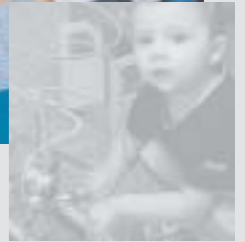
Center for Leadership in Education \$12,500
Lorain County, Ohio
 To support *The Turnaround Plan*, a two-year endeavor to develop a communications plan and restructure the *Leadership Academy*, which provides unbiased leadership in affecting systematic change in schools to improve the quality of education throughout northeast Ohio

Center for Wooden Boats \$10,800
King County, Washington
 Toward organization-wide information technology upgrades necessary to enhance services to the public, at-risk youth, and physically disabled youth

Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park \$7,500
Doña Ana County, New Mexico
 Toward capital improvements necessary to expand science education programs for grades K-12 in southern New Mexico



Child & Family Resources



Child & Family Resources \$10,000
Pima County, Arizona
 Toward the Center for Adolescent Parents, providing teen parents with a safe place to finish their high school education while their children receive nationally certified on-site childcare

Child Care Resources \$10,000
King County, Washington
 To support the *Child Care Careers Program*, training low-income and immigrant/refugee women to be child care providers

Children's Book Project \$5,000
San Francisco County, California
 Toward the collection and distribution of children's books at locations where there are few, if any, books available (classrooms, community centers, childcare facilities)

Children’s Cancer Fund of New Mexico \$15,000

Bernalillo County, New Mexico
Continued support of the *Family Assistance Program*, providing financial assistance for critical needs and other necessities to families who have a child with cancer

Children’s Developmental Center \$15,000

Lorain County, Ohio
To improve therapist’s access to information and toward the provision of direct services to patients through the *Computer Network Expansion Project*

City Mission \$10,000

Cuyahoga County, Ohio
To support the basic needs of homeless women and children residing in Angeline Christian Home

Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center \$15,000

Lorain County, Ohio
To support the general operating budget providing community services including case management for the deaf and hearing-impaired



City Mission

Cleveland Opera \$10,000

Lorain County, Ohio
To support the continuation of *Music! Words! Opera!* curriculum that allows elementary and middle school students to learn about and create their own operas

Cleveland Public Theatre \$5,000

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward the *Women’s Voices Program*, fostering self-knowledge and creative expression, improved cooperation, communication, and critical thinking skills among participants

Common Ground \$15,000

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward scholarships for *Outdoor-Based Experiential Education*, an adventure-based program for school children that promotes team building and life skills

Community Foundation of Greater Lorain County \$10,000

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward website redevelopment to augment and enhance relationships with donors, grantees, and the community

Community Health Partners Foundation \$25,000

Lorain County, Ohio
In support of The Center for Body, Mind & Spirit, a component of the Ireland Cancer Center that provides comprehensive cancer care programming

Community Impact Organization \$25,000

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward *Campus Impact Character Education* and the *Teen Youth Adventure & Education Center*, providing after school programming for youth ages 13–18

Compass House \$25,000

Lorain County, Ohio
To provide case management services for supportive housing for addicted, homeless men

Conflict Resolution Center of the West Shore \$10,000

Lorain County, Ohio
To support the *Juvenile Diversion Mediation Program* and *Truancy Prevention Through Mediation Program*, providing mediation and educational programs such as anger management, gun safety, bully prevention, conflict management and *Support Kids of Incarcerated Parents*

Cooperative Extension Services, Doña Ana County \$5,760

Doña Ana County, New Mexico
To support the expansion of *Kids, Kows and More*, an agricultural program that brings students together with farmers, ranchers, and dairy producers to explain how everyday food and fiber is produced

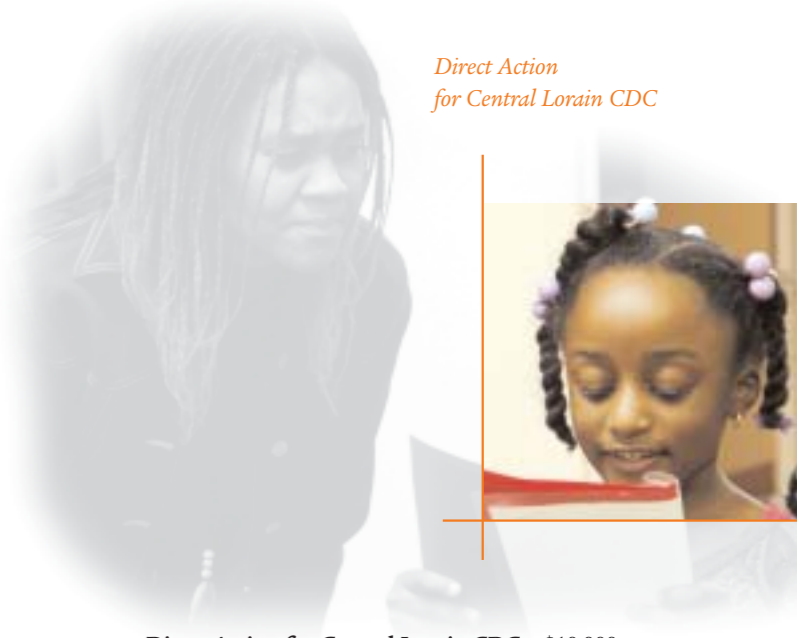
Deaf and Deaf-Blind Committee on Human Rights \$5,493

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward equipment necessary to expedite office functioning and improve communication between leaders and staff who are deaf

Denison Avenue United Church of Christ \$2,900

Cuyahoga County, Ohio
To support Junior Achievement programming (a business site for high school aged youth), and an AmeriCorps Volunteer match to provide after school programming

Direct Action for Central Lorain CDC



Direct Action for Central Lorain CDC \$10,000

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward capacity building necessary to provide for neighborhood revitalization through community involvement, affordable housing, commercial redevelopment, economic empowerment, and positive youth development for the Central Lorain neighborhood

Domestic Abuse Women’s Network \$5,000

King County, Washington
Toward shelter program expenses for women and children victims of domestic violence

Doña Ana Arts Council \$20,000

Doña Ana County, New Mexico
Toward community-based arts education programming for underserved school aged youth (i.e., the *Arts in Education Program*, *La Casa Youth-at-Risk Program*, *The Missoula Children’s Theatre production* and the *Mini-Grant Program*)

Downtown Emergency Service Center \$10,000

King County, Washington

Toward the *Supportive Housing Program*, which provides housing for disabled and vulnerable formerly homeless adults

East Mountain Little League \$5,000

Bernalillo County, New Mexico

Toward ballpark improvements to offer children and families a safe place to participate in Little League activities

Easter Seals Northwestern Ohio \$10,000

Lorain County, Ohio

In support of the *Preschool-Age Vision Screening Program*, that tests distance vision and eye muscle balance of children ages 3–5 in daycare centers, preschools, and other community sites using trained volunteers

Eastside Domestic Violence Program \$10,000

King County, Washington

Toward *My Friend's Place*, a transitional housing program for families dealing with both domestic violence and substance abuse



House of Neighborly Service

Educational Service Center \$38,000

of Lorain County

Lorain County, Ohio

To provide case management services for Lorain County Academy in order to coordinate social service resources and provide prevention/intervention support for students, teachers, and families

Elyria Club of Negro Business and Professional Women \$2,500

Lorain County, Ohio

Continued support of the *Tri-City Lupus Project*, providing support and information to lupus patients and their families and friends

Family Care Center of Lorain \$49,861

Lorain County, Ohio

To equip one dental operatory to reduce health disparities and improve access to dental health care for underserved populations

Family Counseling Agency \$10,000

Pima County, Arizona

Toward the *Senior Companion Program*, providing stipends to volunteers who are low-income, active elders over 60 years of age

Family Law CASA of King County \$7,500

King County, Washington

To provide guardian ad litem services for children involved in contested divorce, paternity, or third party non-parental custody cases

Far West Center \$17,000

Lorain County, Ohio

In support of *Help for Women*, a treatment program that provides comprehensive mental health services and education to women who are suffering from depression, anxiety, and other mental health disorders

Firelands Association \$10,000

for the Visual Arts

Lorain County, Ohio

To support core programming, which includes workshops, classes and exhibitions of contemporary art including a juried national quilt show and a regional photography show

Florence Crittenton Services \$15,000

San Francisco County, California

Toward *Get Your Stuff Together (GYST)*, a comprehensive empowerment and pregnancy prevention program for at-risk adolescent girls

Fund for Our Economic Future \$100,000

Lorain County, Ohio

Toward the *Fund For Our Economic Future* to foster stakeholder dialogue, support and track economic progress and award grants in a manner that leverages broader financial resources in support of a set of focused economic developmental goals (multi-year commitment)

Girl Scouts – Totem Council \$15,000

King County, Washington

In support of *Happy Campers Capital Campaign* expanding services to underserved girls

GirlVentures \$5,000

San Francisco County, California

Toward *Girlz Climb On*, an adventure learning program for girls and their adult female mentors

Great Lakes Science Center \$2,500

Cuyahoga County, Ohio

In support of the *2004 WOW! Science Awards* recognizing outstanding science teachers in northeast Ohio, and providing financial support toward educational programming

Great Lakes Theater Festival \$10,000

Lorain County, Ohio

To support the continuation of educational programs for school aged youth and their families (i.e., *Student Matinee Series, Surround, and School Residency Program*)

Greater Cleveland \$9,640

Habitat for Humanity

Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Toward capital improvements (bay and garage doors) to provide a decent place to work, a facility to house their store and construction operation, and a meeting place for the community to come together in support of their goal to eliminate poverty housing

Green Valley Assistance Services \$5,000

Pima County, Arizona

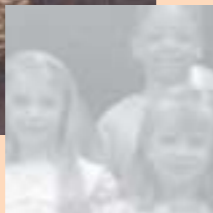
Toward the establishment of the *Personal Budgeting Assistance Program* for low-income seniors



Junior Achievement of Lorain County



ideastream (Reading Rainbow)



Harborview Medical Center \$5,000

King County, Washington
In support of the *Pediatric Literacy Program*, which encourages the development of early literacy skills

Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center \$5,000

King County, Washington
Toward the *Parent Infant Program*, an early intervention program for families with infants and toddlers who are deaf, hearing-impaired, deaf-blind, or have multiple disabilities

Homeless Children's Network \$15,000

San Francisco County, California
To support the *Acute Mental Health Program for Homeless Children*, providing high-intensity therapeutic support services to formerly homeless children from birth to age 17 and their parents

Hopelink \$10,000

King County, Washington
To support the continuation of the *Emergency Services Program*, providing food, clothing, eviction prevention, health care, life skills classes, heating and financial services through six emergency service centers

Housing Services Program \$25,000

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward a case manager position for the *Housing Services Program*, providing a comprehensive approach to alleviating the needs of the homeless

Huckleberry Youth Programs \$18,740

San Francisco County, California
To support the *Violence is Preventable (VIP) Girls Project*, providing gender-specific violence prevention education

Humility of Mary Housing \$30,000

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward FAITH House II, a permanent supportive rental housing program that integrates longer-term social services with safe and affordable housing to promote opportunities that challenge and support residents to live full and meaningful lives

ideastream \$12,500

Lorain County, Ohio
To support the continuation of *Reading Rainbow*, an early literacy educational television program used as a teaching tool by area school districts

Jewish Family & Children's Services of Southern Arizona \$5,000

Pima County, Arizona
To support the continuation of the *Tucson Loan Chest*, an agency which loans durable medical equipment to low-income uninsured and underinsured individuals

KUAT-TV \$10,500

Pima County, Arizona
To support annual acquisition costs of *Reading Rainbow*, a television program used by area school districts as an early literacy teaching tool

Larkin Street Youth Services \$10,000

San Francisco County, California
To support *Pathways to Independence*, a program providing residential care and supportive services to homeless individuals ages 18-24

Las Cruces Museum of Natural History \$5,000

Doña Ana County, New Mexico
Continued support of *Nature Camp*, a program that provides school-aged youth the opportunity to experience science and the natural history of the Chihuahuan Desert up close through hands-on activities (e.g., exploration of landscapes and wildlife, trekking and astronomy)

Las Cruces Symphony Association \$12,000

Doña Ana County, New Mexico
In support of educational outreach programs (*Music in Our Schools, Youth and Family Concerts, and Undergraduate Concerto*) for underserved youth and their families

Leadership Lorain County \$5,000

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward scholarships/tuition assistance for nonprofit organizations and high school students wishing to participate in the *Leadership Program*, which educates individuals to create an active network of informed citizens

Linden School \$7,215

Lorain County, Ohio
To support the continuation of the *Intergenerational Child Care Program*, a collaboration with Elyria United Methodist Village

Linking Employment, Abilities & Potential \$30,000

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward the *Low Vision Program* for older individuals enhancing their employment and independent living opportunities

Literacy Volunteers of Tucson \$5,000

Pima County, Arizona
Toward the *Expanded Educational Opportunities Project*, improving the reading, writing and English speaking skills of adults who read at or below the sixth grade level

Lorain County Family YMCA \$13,000

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward the expansion of *Senior Fitness*, an exercise program for individuals ages 55 and over, designed to improve balance, coordination, cardio-vascular health, joint range-of-motion and manual dexterity while working within individual ability and comfort levels



Linden School

Lorain County Free Clinic \$25,000

Lorain County, Ohio

To support the *Prescription Drug and Patient in Need Programs*, providing necessary medications to uninsured patients

Lorain County Heritage \$10,000

Lorain County, Ohio

Toward the purchase and installation of appropriate outdoor signage that will be located in front of the offices of the Lorain County Visitor's Bureau

Lorain County Safe Harbor/Genesis House \$16,000

Lorain County, Ohio

To support *The Lorain County Network of Care Website for Domestic Violence*, the first website in the United States to address issues of family violence

Lorain County Urban League \$15,000

Lorain County, Ohio

To support *Education and Youth Development Programs* (i.e., *Accelerated Reading, In-school Mentoring and Achievement Matters*), preparing youth to profit from their educational experiences and building skills that will enable them to become productive and responsible citizens

Lorain United Methodist Ministries \$11,250

Lorain County, Ohio

Toward the continuation of *Camp I.D.E.A.S.*, a summer program for children with special needs providing academic, social, and functional skill instruction

Lutheran Alliance to Create Housing \$10,000

King County, Washington

To support the core work of *LATCH*, which creates resident-managed rental cooperatives and advocates for public policies to address the needs of low-income individuals and families



SaddleBrooke Community Outreach (Kids' Closet)

Lyric Opera Cleveland \$5,000

Lorain County, Ohio

Toward the provision of educational outreach throughout Lorain County exposing students to the world and vocabulary of opera

MAD Factory \$10,000

Lorain County, Ohio

Toward participant scholarships so that under-served youth ages 6-18 can fully participate in a year round program that offers dance, drama and puppetry

Merrick House \$5,000

Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Continued support of the *Female Youth Mentoring Program*, pairing mentors with mentees in a relationship that fosters positive self-esteem, long-term goal setting, career exploration, and a greater awareness of the diverse Cleveland community

Mesilla Valley Hospice \$10,000

Doña Ana County, New Mexico

To support the *Center for Grief Services' Children's Program*, providing support sessions for children in elementary and middle school

Millionair Club Charity \$10,000

King County, Washington

Toward capital improvements at the Belltown neighborhood building (roof repairs)

Mission Learning Center \$10,000

San Francisco County, California

In support of an after school reading program for elementary students who are reading below grade level and not reaching their full potential

Mobile Meals of Tucson \$9,040

Pima County, Arizona

Continued support to provide meals to homebound individuals

Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland \$5,000

Cuyahoga County, Ohio

To provide a link between contemporary art and middle school students through the *School-to-Museum Program*, that offers interactive tours, artist residencies, and family day programs

National Conference for Community and Justice \$10,000

Lorain County, Ohio

Continuing support of *It's Your Move*, a project that encourages high school and middle school students to spread the message of diversity, inclusion and respect throughout their schools



MAD Factory

Neighborhood House \$10,000

King County, Washington

To support the *Family and Social Services Community Hub Project*, providing comprehensive services within four public housing communities to help people move toward self-sufficiency, maintain their housing and find/retain employment

New Mexico State Parent Teachers Association \$13,095

Bernalillo County, New Mexico

Toward the *Embracing Fatherhood Program*, which educates schools and parents on the importance of involving fathers in their children's life and education

New Mexico State University Foundation \$15,000

Doña Ana County, New Mexico

In support of the staging and production of *Pedro and the Coyote*, a bilingual ballet

Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education \$5,000

Lorain County, Ohio
To support the continued implementation of a strategic plan that supports a focused regional effort to maintain a college-educated workforce, essential to Northeast Ohio's long-term economic future

Northwest Interfaith Center \$7,500

Pima County, Arizona
Toward nutritious meals for at-risk seniors

Northwest Women's Law Center \$6,300

King County, Washington
Toward *Empowering Women to Help Themselves*, a self-help program that provides women with information about their legal rights, empowers them to make decisions, and advocate for themselves and their families

Oberlin Choristers \$7,000

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward general operations to support educational outreach and collaborative projects including the *2nd Annual World Festival* and the *Men's Chorus Festival*

Oberlin Early Childhood Center \$10,000

Lorain County, Ohio
To expand a permanent endowment that supports general operations

Oberlin Heritage Center/Oberlin Historical and Improvement Organization \$25,000

Lorain County, Ohio
To support an *Endowment for History Education* that will enhance educational outreach for school age youth and general audiences alike

Ohio Dance Theatre \$10,000

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward the expansion of *DANCE LIVE!* to include a young children's ballet series introducing productions of *Cinderella* and *Alice in Wonderland*

Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges \$1,000

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward the *Ohio Scholars Program*, which provides scholarships for economically disadvantaged and academically deserving students

Ohio Grantmakers Forum \$5,000

Lorain County, Ohio
To support private and family foundation programs and services

Opening Minds Through The Arts \$15,000

Pima County, Arizona
Capacity building to support mission of improving student achievement by building connections between the arts and core curriculum

Our Lady of the Wayside \$8,715

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward the *Guadalupe Individual Enrichment Program*, improving the quality of life of residents in the Guadalupe Home

OUR TOWN Family Center \$2,500

Pima County, Arizona
Toward the *Common Unity King Street Playground* project

Pathways Counseling and Growth Center \$12,000

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward mental health services to low-income, uninsured, and underinsured persons

Pediatric Foundation of Arizona \$5,000

Pima County, Arizona
To support the continuation of *Reach Out and Read*, an early literacy promotion program provided during well-child medical visits advising parents about the importance of reading aloud to children

Penfield Township \$4,164

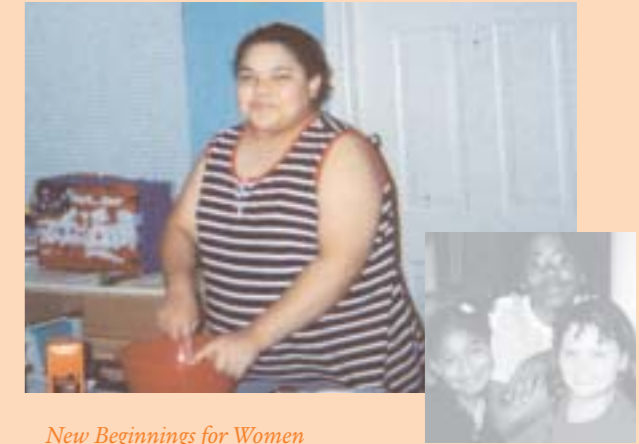
Lorain County, Ohio
Toward the purchase of a sound system for the new town hall

Pima Council on Aging \$50,000

Pima County, Arizona
To support a long-term capacity building initiative to enhance services for the elderly addressing age related issues

Planned Parenthood Golden Gate \$5,000

San Francisco County, California
To support *The Promotoras Program*, a peer-based education and outreach program servicing low-income, uninsured or underinsured, and underserved Latina women



New Beginnings for Women & Children

Roadrunner Food Bank of New Mexico \$10,000

Bernalillo County, New Mexico
Continued support of *Food for Kids*, a program which provides nutritious food for low-income elementary school students in take-home backpacks

Roots of American Music \$5,000

Lorain County, Ohio
Toward in-school assemblies that promote an appreciation of American Roots Music and how it reflects the history and spirit of the United States

Ryther Child Center \$15,000

King County, Washington
Toward special assistance needs for *The Nest Cottage* which provides counseling and a temporary home for children ages 6-12 with acute emotional and behavioral problems caused by neglect and abuse



Oberlin Early Childhood Center



Trips for Kids

SaddleBrooke Community Outreach \$3,000
Pima County, Arizona
 Continued support of the *Kids' Closet*, providing school wardrobes for needy children

Sahuaro Girl Scout Council \$20,000
Pima County, Arizona
 Toward outreach programming providing Girl Scouting experience to 100 low-income girls

San Francisco Arts Education Project \$12,000
San Francisco County, California
 Toward closing the achievement gap for children through artist residencies

San Francisco Food Bank \$10,000
San Francisco County, California
 Toward the expansion of food pantry programs to improve access to food for low-income families and individuals citywide

Santa Fe Mountain Center \$7,500
Bernalillo County, New Mexico
 Toward *Courage To Risk*, adventure therapy for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault

Save Our Children \$10,000
Lorain County, Ohio
 Toward after school and summer programming providing educational enrichment and field trips for at-risk youth in grades K-8, and to establish a Teen Youth Council for youth ages 13-17, providing personal growth and community service opportunities in south Elyria

Seattle Audubon Society \$5,000
King County, Washington
 Toward *Explorers*, a conservation program that encourages urban 5th graders to build proficiency as environmental observers, monitors, spokespeople, and citizens

Seattle Emergency Housing Service \$10,000
King County, Washington
 Toward *The Teen Entrepreneur Program*, teaching children how to start a business and toward the *Science Can Be Fun Project* for youth living in transitional housing

Seattle Milk Fund \$5,000
King County, Washington
 To support the *Education and Childcare Assistance Program*, providing tuition assistance and childcare subsidies to low-income women

Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio \$23,125
Lorain County, Ohio
 Toward the creation of five *Client Choice Pantries*, which allow pantry users to make selections from foods available rather than receiving pre-selected bags of food

Sharehouse \$10,000
King County, Washington
 Continued support of Seattle's free furniture bank, and toward improved service delivery through a web-based scheduling system

South Lorain Community Development Corporation \$15,000
Lorain County, Ohio
 To support direct capital investment in the neighborhood in an effort to slow and eventually end concentrated poverty in South Lorain

Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault \$10,000
Pima County, Arizona
 To support service provision to survivors of sexual assault and to reduce the incidence of sexual assault

Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center \$59,792
Pima County, Arizona
 To support the provision of clinical services for child victims of abuse through crisis intervention, advocacy and evidence collection

Southern Arizona Community Diaper Bank \$10,000
Pima County, Arizona
 To support the *Diaper Sustainability Program*, by purchasing an emergency supply of diapers and hiring a program manager

Southwest Institute for Research on Women \$6,200
Pima County, Arizona
 Toward Tubac Presidio State Park student programming emphasizing gender/cultural equity in all education, participatory living history programs, and historic exhibits

St. Vincent de Paul School \$5,000
King County, Washington
 To support the renovation of Penny's Park

Stocker Humanities and Fine Arts Center \$10,000
Lorain County, Ohio
 Toward the 2004-05 performance season of music, film, theater and dance

Therapeutic Riding of Tucson \$4,000
Pima County, Arizona
 Continued support of therapeutic, equine programs to improve the physical, mental, social and emotional well-being of children with special needs

three projects/one community \$15,000
King County, Washington
 To support the renovation of the Historic Cooper School into the *Cooper Cultural Arts Center* as part of a larger capital campaign to strengthen the neighborhoods of West Seattle



Northwest Interfaith Center

Town Hall of Cleveland	\$1,500
<i>Lorain County, Ohio</i>	
Continued support of the <i>Student Scholarship Program</i> , allowing Lorain County students to attend lectures by renowned speakers on topics that address local, regional, national, and international topics	
Treehouse	\$15,000
<i>King County, Washington</i>	
To support the continuation of the <i>Treehouse Tutoring Program</i> , providing in-school, one-on-one professional tutoring to academically struggling, disadvantaged foster children	
Trips for Kids	\$5,000
<i>San Francisco County, California</i>	
To support <i>Mountain Bike Rides, Re-Cyclery</i> , and <i>Earn-a-Bike</i> , youth programs which build self-esteem and offer exposure to a fun form of exercise, teamwork, environmental awareness, and a love of the outdoors	
Tucson Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation	\$7,500
<i>Pima County, Arizona</i>	
Toward the <i>Wings on Words</i> preschool program and summer camp for children ages 2–6 with speech and language difficulties	
Tucson-Pima Library Foundation	\$50,000
<i>Pima County, Arizona</i>	
In support of <i>Campaign 2004</i> , designed to build a permanent endowment to enhance collections, services, capital projects, and special programs	
UApresents	\$6,000
<i>Pima County, Arizona</i>	
In support of a matinee performance of Deaf West’s version of <i>Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> , that will be presented to a combined audience of TUSD students and students from Arizona School of the Deaf	



Children’s Cancer Fund of New Mexico

United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona	\$10,000
<i>Pima County, Arizona</i>	
In support of <i>First Focus on Kids</i> , a program that helps local child care centers boost children’s early literacy skills, improve teaching standards and provide age-appropriate educational materials and toys in an effort to become NAEYC accredited	
Verbena	\$5,000
<i>King County, Washington</i>	
To support the provision of culturally appropriate healthcare services for LBT women	
Village of LaGrange	\$5,000
<i>Lorain County, Ohio</i>	
Toward Phase Two of the LaGrange Community Park including ADA compliant accommodations	

Visiting Nurse Association Healthcare Partners of Ohio	\$33,000
<i>Lorain County, Ohio</i>	
Toward the implementation of <i>HouseCalls Lorain County</i> , providing community-based primary medical care to homebound individuals	
Vocational Guidance Services	\$10,000
<i>Lorain County, Ohio</i>	
Toward physical plant improvements at the VGS Elyria Center allowing the organization to continue to prepare economically disadvantaged, disabled adults for employment	
Voices for Children	\$10,000
<i>Lorain County, Ohio</i>	
Toward community awareness and coordination for outreach programming including the <i>Rally for Kids</i> and the <i>Children’s Fun Day</i> events	
West Seattle Food Bank	\$10,000
<i>King County, Washington</i>	
Toward the continued distribution of food, baby supplies, and other necessities to low-income families	
Western Reserve Historical Society	\$11,000
<i>Lorain County, Ohio</i>	
Toward converting a core on-site museum history through role-play program, <i>From There to Here</i> , into a portable educational outreach tool for local classrooms	
Wingspan	\$6,650
<i>Pima County, Arizona</i>	
To support the <i>Aging with Pride Program</i> , providing information and referral to GLBT seniors	
Women’s Community Association	\$25,000
<i>Bernalillo County, New Mexico</i>	
To support the organization’s efforts to provide services to survivors and child witnesses of domestic violence	

Women’s Economic Self-Sufficiency Team	\$20,000
<i>Bernalillo County, New Mexico</i>	
Continued support for business training for low-income entrepreneurs in Doña Ana and Bernalillo counties	
YMCA of Greater Cleveland	\$5,000
<i>Cuyaboga County, Ohio</i>	
In support of a capital campaign that will transform Lakewood’s current 46-year-old facility into a state-of-the-art “green building”	
Young Audiences of Greater Cleveland	\$5,000
<i>Cuyaboga County, Ohio</i>	
Toward the continuation of the <i>ICARE Program</i> , an arts-focused educational partnership between individual schools in the Cleveland Municipal School District and northeast Ohio arts organizations	
Youth On Their Own	\$7,500
<i>Pima County, Arizona</i>	
To support the <i>Strategies For Success Program</i> , a project-based curriculum oriented to career and educational planning and life skills development	
YWCA Tucson	\$25,000
<i>Pima County, Arizona</i>	
Toward a permanently restricted endowment that will support <i>It’s Time to Talk, Unlearning Racism</i> , a racial justice program	

Total 2004 Giving: \$2,005,970 (165 organizations)

core value grant making program



Lorain Public Library

During the Stocker Foundation family retreat in 2002, as an exercise in impact, family members were asked to identify one program or service whose elimination would be detrimental to the entire community. The overwhelming response was “programs that promote reading and literacy for children or adults,” because literacy is the foundation of all learning and the key to a student’s success at school and in later life.

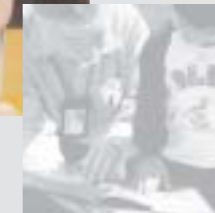
“Literacy is no longer narrowly defined as just the ability to read and write. Literacy is used to develop knowledge and understanding, to achieve personal growth and to function effectively in our society. Literacy involves the integration of speaking, listening and critical thinking with reading and writing. Effective literacy is intrinsically purposeful, flexible and dynamic, and continues to develop throughout an individual’s lifetime.” (Dawkins, 1991:1)

In response to this shared family value of literacy, The Stocker Foundation created a Core Value Grant Making Program. Over the course of a year, with the help of Barbara A. Wasik, Ph.D., Principal Research Scientist at Johns Hopkins University, and Anna Marie Farnish, Chief Educational Officer of The Center for Leadership in Education, The Stocker Foundation determined that the best course of action was to work directly with public library systems in our current geographic focus areas by funding summer reading programs or other existing programs that encouraged parents to become involved in their children’s reading.



Oakland Public Library

Students can experience learning losses if they do not engage in educational activities during the summer. Research shows that students score lower on standardized tests administered at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of summer and that teachers spend between 4–6 weeks re-teaching material that students have forgotten over the summer. Sociologists have shown that the cumulative effect of summer learning differences is a primary cause of widening achievement gaps between students of lower and higher socio-economic levels, as low-income students experience an average summer learning loss in reading achievement of over two months, while their middle-income peers actually experience slight gains in reading performance over the summer months.



Seattle Public Library

Summer reading programs offered by public libraries can help prevent summer loss in reading. Harvard’s Center for Evaluation found that reading four or five books over the summer months had an impact on fall reading achievement comparable to attending summer school and there were no significant differences in achievement based on which type of books children read.

The library systems selected to participate have demonstrated a best-practice approach to summer reading program implementation including: using a thematic approach; using special events (e.g., story tellers, live performances); asking children and families to help plan summer reading sessions; setting achievable goals for earning incentives; developing partnerships to enhance programming; and giving books to children to keep.

Grants awarded in 2004

Lorain Public Library System	\$37,875
Oakland Public Library	\$101,250
Seattle Public Library Foundation	\$61,800
Thomas Branigan Memorial Library	\$9,308
Tucson-Pima Library System	\$5,000

Total Awarded: \$215,233

grants & financial disclosure

	25 Years	2004**	2003*	2002	2001
Total Grant Amount	\$25,491,539	\$2,543,268	\$453,595	\$1,941,765	\$2,073,184
Maximum Grant Amount	\$500,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$200,000	\$50,000
Average Grant Amount	\$8,026	\$8,592	\$8,558	\$7,035	\$7,853
Total Number of Grants	3,176	296	53	276	264
Percentage of Requests Approved	88.49%	84.09%	70.67%	86.52%	83.81%
Total Number of Declines	337	56	22	43	51
Percentage of Requests Declined	9.39%	15.91%	29.33%	13.48%	16.19%
Administrative costs as a percentage of asset value.	n/a	0.93%	1.05%	0.90%	1.19%
Fair market value of foundation investments at December 31.	n/a	\$54,734,524	\$45,824,840	\$40,748,048	\$35,474,642

* Stub year (October 1, 2003–December 31, 2003)

** Amounts for 2004 are projected.

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