

GPOA FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2008



Foundation Manager's Message:

EDUCATION IS THE KEY

The GPOA Foundation believes that education is the key to the future of our city's children, and also the key to attracting employers and retaining families. We put this belief into action through a variety of grantmaking efforts in 2008:

The GPOA Scholars Program

The Foundation initiated the GPOA Scholars program, which is providing tuition assistance grants of \$10,000 to five area schools. The schools are *St. Mary's Academy, St. Augustine High School, De La Salle, Jesuit, and Cabrini*. Each grant is intended to help four student leaders at each school, who are selected by their schools. After evaluating the success of this initiative, the foundation may consider expanding it to other private schools. The 2008-2009 participating scholars, their parents and principals were treated to a welcome dinner at Loyola University where the students shared fellowship with each other, their plans for the future and met GPOA staff and board members.



Literacy Programs

Many children in our city have not been read to by their parents. They don't have books in their homes and don't possess a library card. We support programs through *STAIR, Tulane For the Children* and the *Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Prime Time* that stress the joy of reading. For the Children partners volunteers and college students with children to read together at three schools. STAIR blankets the metro area with 350 volunteers who serve 250 second grade students. Prime Time engages a professional story-teller who models the reading of character-building books to parents and their children. Other programs that we fund focus on youth literacy and GED preparation: *Covenant House* and the *Youth Empowerment Project*.



After-school, Out-of-School and In-school Enrichment

Victories in Service connects baseball, academics and character-building for young boys. *Jefferson Dollars for Scholars* sends children to academics-oriented summer camps. *Boys Hope Girls Hope* begins preparing the kids who live in their homes up for college. *Trinity Christian Community* provides AmeriCorps supported tutors. *NOCCA* and *Summerbridge* offer unforgettable summer experiences, as do summer camps sponsored by the *Bywater Church of Christ, Carrollton Avenue Church of Christ, the Open World Family Services* and the *New Orleans Police and Justice Foundation*. *Communities in Schools* and *New Orleans Outreach* coordinate volunteers and needed programs in schools. The *Foundation for Science and Math Education* provides a summer institute with our support. Two of our grantees bring health services into the schools: the *Children's Hospital SKIP* (School Kids Immunization Program) and *The Eyes Have It* (vision screening and eyeglasses). *Big Brothers Big Sisters* matches kids with mentors.



Intermediary Organizations

We have also supported intermediary organizations, the *Center for Development and Learning* and *New Schools for New Orleans*. These organizations make sure that the schools have top notch leadership and highly trained and innovative teaching faculty that can help assure the success of students.

Lisa M. Kaichen

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2008 Grants (Alphabetical by Program Area)

Education:

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters, New Orleans**
Charter School Mentoring Program
- **Boys Hope Girls Hope, New Orleans**
Summer Programs for Residential Children
- **Bywater Church of Christ, New Orleans**
Summer Camp Program
- **Carrollton Avenue Church of Christ, New Orleans**
Summer Camp Program
- **Center for Development and Learning, Covington**
RTI Teams
- **Communities in Schools for GNO, Inc., New Orleans**
Expand services at Fischer Elementary School
- **Covenant House, New Orleans**
Teen Literacy/GED Program
- **Foundation for Science and Mathematics Education, New Orleans**
Summer Freshman Institute
- **Jefferson Dollars for Scholars, Metairie**
Summer academic enrichment camps
- **Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, New Orleans**
Prime Time Literacy Program
- **New Orleans Police and Justice Foundation, New Orleans**
Summer Camp Program
- **New Schools for New Orleans, New Orleans**
Operational support
- **NOCCA, New Orleans**
Summer arts programs and transportation
- **Open World Family Services, New Orleans**
Afterschool program
- **Reconcile New Orleans, New Orleans**
Development Director salary
- **St. Mary's Academy, New Orleans**
Mental Health Counselor salary
- **STAIR, New Orleans**
Program/Materials Director salary
- **Summerbridge, New Orleans**
AmeriCorps match for tutors



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Grants Continued

- **Trinity Christian Community, New Orleans**
AmeriCorps match for tutors
- **Tulane—For the Children Reading Program, New Orleans**
Literacy Program Expansion
- **Victories in Service, New Orleans**
Educational Program Specialist for afterschool program
- **Way Maker Ministries, Harvey**
Educational programs for children of addicted parents
- **YMCA of GNO, New Orleans**
Bridge funding for Westbank Teen Center



GPOA Scholars Program - Inaugural Year:

- **Cabrini High School, New Orleans**
- **De La Salle High School, New Orleans**
- **Jesuit High School, New Orleans**
- **St. Augustine High School, New Orleans**
- **St. Mary's Academy, New Orleans**



Health and Human Services:

- **Angels' Place, New Orleans**
Program Director's partial salary
- **Children's Hospital, New Orleans**
School Kids Immunization Program (SKIP)
- **The Eyes Have It, New Orleans**
Vision Screening & Glasses Program Materials
- **Jefferson Children's Advocacy Center, Gretna**
Counseling services for victims of abuse



Inspection of Records: A detailed listing of GPOA Foundation's investments is filed annually, not later than April 15th, with the Internal Revenue Service (Form 990-PF), a copy of which is available for inspection by appointment at the Foundation's office during

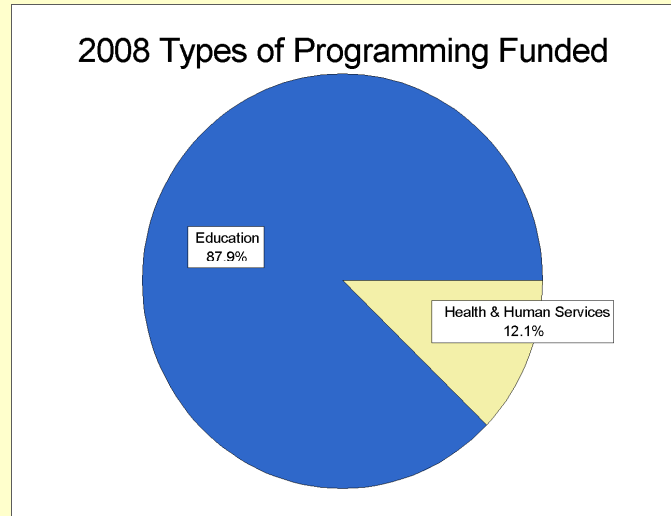
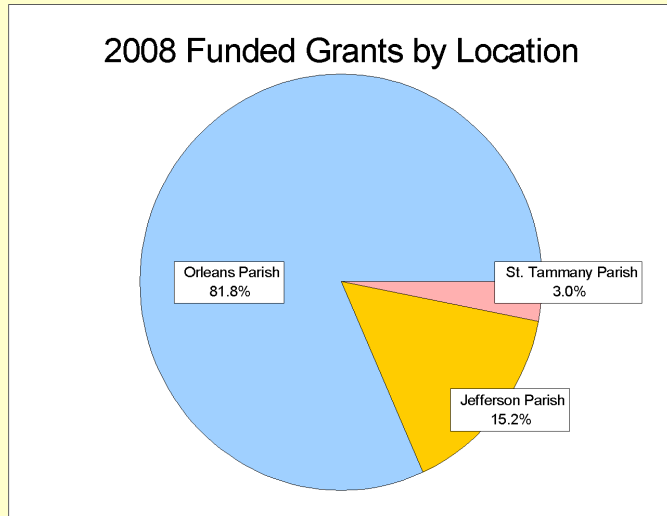




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During 2008, the GPOA Foundation received 82 concept papers requesting almost \$1.9 million dollars of grant funds. Concept papers were reviewed by the board of directors and invitations to submit full proposals were extended to 52 applicants. Of the full proposals submitted, 63% were selected to receive some or all of the funds they requested. In 2008, 33 grants were approved, totaling \$396,183. Grant awards ranged from \$5,000 to \$26,000. The average grant award was \$12,000.

The geographic distribution of the funding reflects that 81.8% of the grants were awarded to organizations in the New Orleans area, 15.2% were to groups in Jefferson Parish and 3.0% went to St. Tammany Parish.



HISTORY OF GPOA:



From 1855 until 1979, the German Protestant Orphan Asylum provided care for orphans and neglected children through its facility called the State Street Children's Home, located in uptown New Orleans. The initial concerns that we addressed were those of children who were orphaned from epidemics, or whose mothers were widowed during the Civil or World Wars. The State Street Children's Home provided the children with a place to live, food, educational opportunities and vocational training. Times changed, however, and in 1979 the children's home was closed and funds from the sale of property were invested to create a grantmaking foundation. Our mission now is to support programs that serve children in Louisiana.

PRIORITIES:

Our priorities are:

- Children are prepared for academic success, particularly in basic skills.
- Children are nurtured in a family which understands and responds to their developmental needs.
- Children learn useful vocational and life skills for adulthood.
- Children participate in community activities that expand their horizons and provide positive role models.

Our focus is on metro New Orleans and our top priority is education.

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