

# Partners in Philanthropy

This issue of **Partners in Philanthropy** gives an overview of grants approved from The Saint Paul Foundation's unrestricted endowment fund at its August 2003 Board of Directors meeting. The organizations and programs listed in this publication were reviewed and researched by our program officers who bring valuable knowledge about community issues and needs. We invite you to use the enclosed feedback form to request more information on any organizations or projects that may be of interest or to recommend a grant. Thank you for the opportunity to share this grants publication with you.

## ARTS • HUMANITIES • CULTURE

### Public Art Saint Paul

In 1993, The Saint Paul Foundation created the Saint Paul Cultural Garden in cooperation with the City of Saint Paul, Ramsey County, and Public Art Saint Paul. Six distinct yet interlocking displays featuring cultural groups that were important to the history of the region were created with poetry and sculpture from artists of color, intending to be evocative and challenging, raising questions about our histories and our identities in relation to one another. The Cultural Garden has experienced significant deterioration. Public Art Saint Paul will complete a thorough assessment and develop a comprehensive plan for restoration of the site and for ongoing maintenance to reduce future deterioration.

**Grant Amount: \$8,800 to help finance an Assessment and Restoration Plan for the Saint Paul Cultural Garden**

### Teatro del Pueblo, Inc.

Teatro del Pueblo, Inc. was created in 1992 by a group of Latino artists and individuals as a community-based theatre to promote cultural pride in the Latino community, develop and support Latino talent, educate the community at-large about Latino culture, and promote cultural diversity within the arts. To meet the increase in demand prompted by a 166 percent increase in the Latino population in Minnesota between 1990-2000, Teatro del Pueblo is working to improve its marketing and outreach to schools in Saint Paul as a means to increase earned income by providing additional educational tours, matinees, and residencies.

**Grant Amount: \$20,000 to help finance Educational Arts Programming**

## EDUCATION

### Concordia University St. Paul

Concordia University St. Paul is a full-scale university with 2,000 students from around the world and 35 undergraduate and graduate degree programs. As a part of the Enlightening Individuals, Enriching Generations capital campaign, Concordia constructed a new Library Technology Center. A third floor was thought to be beyond fundraising capacity but the campaign proved successful enough to complete all three floors. This grant will help to purchase desks and chairs for seven classrooms and tables and chairs for eight meeting rooms.

**Grant Amount: \$25,000 to purchase furniture for the Library Technology Center**

### Century College Foundation

Century College was formed by the 1996 merger of Lakewood Community College and NorthEast Metro Technical College, making it the largest two-year college in Minnesota, offering more than 60 technical and occupational programs as well as liberal arts and science degrees designed for transfer to four-year institutions. The new No Child Left Behind legislation requires paraeducators (teaching assistants and educational assistants) in schools receiving Title I funds to have a two-year degree. Currently employed paraeducators have until January 2006 to obtain a degree and after January 1, 2003, all new hires must have a two-year degree. To help currently employed paraeducators stay employed while pursuing an Associate in Arts degree, Century College has created a special scholarship fund for working paraeducators. Grant awards will not be higher than \$300, enough to cover tuition and some books. Thirty percent of the teaching assistants and approximately fifty percent of the educational assistants are people of color in the Saint Paul Public Schools. By obtaining a two-year degree, currently employed paraeducators can increase their pay by as much as ten percent.

**Grant Amount: \$27,000 for the Paraeducator Scholarship Program**

## EDUCATION

### Inver Hills Community College

For thirty years, Inver Hills Community College and Century College have partnered to simplify the process for nurses to advance their careers from Licensed Practical Nurse to Registered Nurse. Collectively, they have implemented the Nursing Diversity Project to recruit and retain students of color in the Nursing Program. This grant will help support program expansion to allow an additional 40 Registered Nurse students to enter the program each year.

**Grant Amount: \$35,000 to help expand the Inver Hills/Century College Nursing Program**

### Amherst H. Wilder Foundation

Achievement Plus is a public-private partnership between Saint Paul Public Schools, Ramsey County, the City of Saint Paul, and the Minnesota Department of Education to fully integrate education, recreation, family support, and community services in the public school setting. Achievement Plus is operating at the community schools of Monroe, Dayton's Bluff, and Johnson Elementary. This grant will help Achievement Plus move toward financial self-sufficiency and long term sustainability while attempting to maximize the positive impact of its educational reforms across the school district.

**Grant Amount: \$200,000 to help finance the 2003-2004 operating budget of Achievement Plus**

### East Metro Music Academy

East Metro Music Academy offers instruction in piano, choral music, brass, percussion, strings, and woodwinds, bringing music to people by offering classes in eleven sites including churches, schools, and social service centers. This grant will help support implementation of the recommendations of a recently completed strategic plan and a business plan, incorporating the suggestions into general operations.

**Grant Amount: \$15,000 to help finance implementation of the Business Plan**

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### United Cambodian Association of Minnesota, Inc.

United Cambodian Association of Minnesota, Inc. is the only organization specifically dedicated to serving the needs of the Cambodian community in Minnesota. United Cambodian Association of Minnesota provides individual and family therapy, focusing on Post Traumatic Stress symptoms and the growing number of families struggling with intergenerational parenting conflicts. Foundation support will help offset costs of the Mental Health Program as United Cambodian Association of Minnesota develops its billing relationship with Health Maintenance Organizations and other potential funders to build sustainable support for the Mental Health Program.

**Grant Amount: \$30,000 to help finance the Mental Health Program**



## CIVIC AFFAIRS

### Jewish Community Action

Jewish Community Action's mission is to bring together Jewish people from diverse traditions and perspectives to promote understanding and action about social and economic justice issues in Minnesota. After the attack on September 11, Jewish Community Action is working with others to build a multifaith and multiethnic justice coalition committed to creating an anti-racist community. Over the next two years, Jewish Community Action plans to continue to strengthen the ties among the Jewish, African American, Somali, Latino, Southeast Asian, Asian Pacific, Sikh, Tibetan, Muslim and Christian communities with a particular focus on civil rights and civil liberties issues.

**Grant Amount: \$30,000 to help finance the Multifaith Multiethnic Action Against Racism Project**

## Partners in Philanthropy

is a publication designed to inform donors about organizations and programs The Saint Paul Foundation is supporting with grants from its unrestricted endowment fund. We developed this publication in response to donor interest in what the Foundation is supporting in the community — for their own awareness and to potentially join forces for an even greater impact. We distribute this list of grants, organized by community issues categories, to donors following grant approvals by The Saint Paul Foundation Board of Directors in April, August and November.

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### Kaposia, Inc.

This grant supports a second year of funding to help finance Kaposia's Welfare-to-Work initiative, a comprehensive employment support program targeting 55 Ramsey County clients who will become ineligible for the Minnesota Family Investment Program. Employment specialists work with consumers to assess career skills and interests and work on "soft-skills" training to understand what is required to be successful in a job. Once employment is secured, Kaposia continues to support both the consumer and the employer to help assure a successful employment match. Wages and retention rates of this program were consistently higher than in other Ramsey County employment programs.

**Grant Amount: \$25,000 for the Welfare-to-Work Initiative**

### Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation

The vision of the Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation is to "transform Saint Paul into a thriving urban community on the Mississippi River." One of their many projects to revitalize the riverfront is creation of Landmark Plaza in a small triangular parcel in downtown Saint Paul. This public park and event space will be a permanent memorial to Charles Schulz, featuring bronze sculptures of his Peanuts characters. A dedication of the Plaza will take place in the fall of 2003. Once completed, ownership of Landmark Plaza will be transferred to the City of Saint Paul, which will maintain the Plaza as a part of the Parks Department.

**Grant Amount: \$200,000 for the Landmark Plaza Capital Campaign**

### Friends of the St. Paul Farmers' Market

The St. Paul Farmers' Market outdoor sheds are being renovated in time for the growing season in 2004 with wider aisles, new roofing, phone lines for credit-card purchases, and the addition of public art. The St. Paul City Council recently approved a \$14.7 million project that includes improvements to the outdoor market and a year-round indoor market as the first floor tenant of a five-story 41-unit condominium development.

**Grant Amount: \$200,000 to help finance completion of the Farmers' Market Capital Campaign**

### Selby Area Community Development Corporation, Inc.

Selby Area Community Development Corporation recently experienced an organizational restructuring, and by 2001 had eliminated old debts, hired additional staff, refined its mission, and formed a business plan to strengthen Selby Avenue, improve housing in the neighborhood, and connect people through community building processes. This is the third grant from the foundation to support the general program budget of the Selby Area Community Development Corporation as it continues to build key relationships and partnerships to support their strategic priorities.

**Grant Amount: \$20,000 to help finance the operating budget**

### Contact Us

If you have questions about these grants, contact **Sally Seiberlich** at 651.325.4237 or [sjs@saintpaulfoundation.org](mailto:sjs@saintpaulfoundation.org) or **Donna Dalton** at 651.325.4284 or [dmd@saintpaulfoundation.org](mailto:dmd@saintpaulfoundation.org).

Use the enclosed form to request information on specific grants or Foundation initiatives.



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## PARTNERS IN PHILANTHROPY INFORMATION FORM

Please provide me with more information about the following grants, including total project costs, other funders, etc.:

- Century College Foundation
- Concordia University St. Paul
- East Metro Music Academy
- Friends of the St. Paul Farmers' Market
- Inver Hills Community College
- Jewish Community Action
- Kaposia, Inc.
- Public Art Saint Paul
- Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation
- Selby Area Community Development Corporation, Inc.
- Teatro del Pueblo, Inc.
- United Cambodian Association of Minnesota, Inc.
- Amherst H. Wilder Foundation

I am interested in information about the following Foundation projects/programs:

- Community Sharing Fund
- Credit Sense
- Diversity Endowment Funds
- Management Improvement Fund
- Racism Assessment
- Words Work!

I am interested in information about Connections Grantmaking Outcomes:

- Creating an anti-racist community.
- Economic development for all segments of the East Metro area.
- Strong families that provide healthy beginnings for children and youth.
- Quality education for all.

I am interested in recommending a grant to a Foundation project or program.

- Please contact me.

### Fund Information

Name of Fund Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Fund Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fax this form to the Foundation at 651.224.9502 or mail it to us in the enclosed envelope.

### Thank You!

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