

Sauer Children's Renew Foundation



2007 Annual Report

From the President and Executive Director

2007 has been a year for trying new processes and working through changes with an eye on the future. Our foundation grew significantly in assets over the first ten years as well as in the number of members. The milestone of ten years in 2006 had us reviewing our processes and in 2007, we convened two key task forces: the Future Funding Committee and the Succession Committee.

The Future Funding Committee spent 2007 looking at restructuring our funding process. This group of volunteers asked a lot of hard questions and due to their diligent work, we aligned our grant program with our members' collective vision of helping disadvantaged children. This committee formed five grant focus areas and developed an open grant application process. A record number of member volunteers signed on to the Charity Review Committee and the sub-committees associated with the grant areas. Our members enjoyed the open review process and felt better educated about the issues facing families and children in our communities. At the end of this dynamic process, we revisited the criteria and made adjustments for moving forward in 2008.

The Succession Committee was a small group of members that also did big things! They updated internal documents regarding board membership, board leadership and succession policies. Most importantly, however, was the formation of our Kids Helping Kids Club which consists of the third generation children of our families. This group conducts two hands-on service projects per year to educate our children about the importance of helping those in need and prepare them to carry on the work of the foundation in the future. These service projects will be in addition to the projects our Planning Committee organizes for the adult members of the foundation.

Our work in 2007 has been good work because we have learned so much. We learned more about our members' passions for helping disadvantaged children and the organizations whose work makes our vision come to life. We look forward to deepening our relationship with organizations that provide hope for disadvantaged children and families in Minnesota.

Patricia G. Sauer *Colleen O'Keefe*

Pat Sauer
President

Colleen O'Keefe
Executive Director



Foundation History

The Sauer Children's Renew Foundation was created in 1996 by Pat and Gary Sauer as a 30th wedding anniversary gift to one another. The foundation embodies their love and compassion for children who lack the protection and nurture that has blessed their own family and friends.

Pat and Gary gathered five very important families that were role models for them as they raised their own children and invited them to participate in the work and joy of helping disadvantaged children. Two families are Gary's brothers' families and three families are good friends from their church's renew group.

Together these six families have grown to be twenty-one families that send their love and compassion for disadvantaged children into our community through grants and service projects.

Mission

The Sauer Children's Renew Foundation is committed to using its resources to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and families.



Funding Areas

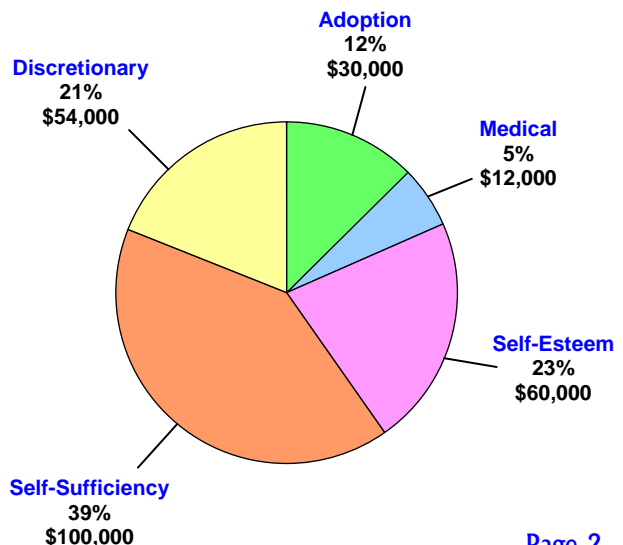
We define disadvantaged children as children who are neglected, abused, homeless and/or living in poverty.

In **2007** the Sauer Children's Renew Foundation funded organizations in the following areas:

- **SELF-SUFFICIENCY:** Assisting/educating families and youth to self-sufficiency and helping them maintain it.
- **SELF-ESTEEM:** Teaching self-esteem and character building to disadvantaged children.
- **DISCRETIONARY:** These organizations were nominated by Foundation members.
- **ADOPTION:** Working toward the adoption of children in foster care.
- **MEDICAL:** Supporting families who have children with a medical issue that aligns with the passion of a SCRF member.

2007 Grantmaking Snapshot

Total dollar amount granted: \$256,000



Self-Sufficiency

*Every one of us needs help at some time in our lives.
Our self-sufficiency grants serve to help people through
difficult situations.*

The Bridge ~ \$12,500

Minneapolis, MN

Support for the Youth Housing Program
“Independent 365” helping homeless youth achieve
self-sufficiency.

Children's Home Society ~ \$10,000

St. Paul, MN

Support to provide more integrated services for
at-risk teens in foster care and expand their work
with Minnesota’s Waiting Children.

Jeremiah Program ~ \$20,000

Minneapolis & St. Paul, MN

Support for general operating expenses to help
transform single-parent families from poverty to
prosperity.

The Link ~ \$10,000

Minneapolis, MN

Support for general operating expenses to help
provide services and housing for at-risk youth.

Move the Mountain ~ \$25,000

Ames, IA / Minneapolis, MN

Support for the planning phase of the Minneapolis
and St. Paul Circles™ Initiative that will serve and
engage the community in finding permanent paths
out of poverty and change the systems that keep
poverty in place.

New Beginnings ~ \$10,000

St. Cloud, MN

Support for the implementation of the Successful
Transitions project for pregnant teens.

YouthLink ~ \$12,500

Minneapolis, MN

Support for their programs that help homeless
youth with basic needs (health care, education,
independent living skills, housing).

*“I am proud to say that no matter what happens
now, I will always be able to support my daughter
and myself and having that stability is exactly what
everyone needs in their lives.”*

**- Former Resident
New Beginnings**



Self-Esteem

Self-Esteem comes from experiencing success and seeing the value that we bring to the world.

Emerge ~ \$10,000

Minneapolis, MN

Support for the Homeless Youth Educational Support Program to help mostly African American school-aged youth who have experienced multiple incidents of homelessness.

Project Success ~ \$10,000

Minneapolis, MN

Support the school-based workshops, theater experiences and one-on-one assistance that help kids imagine and plan for their future.

Risen Christ Catholic School ~ \$15,000

Minneapolis, MN

Support for the Dean of Students position and the Discipline with Purpose Program.

Stonebridge Community School ~ \$10,000

Minneapolis, MN

Support for the implementation of the Friendship Circles model.

YouthC.A.R.E. ~ \$15,000

Minneapolis, MN

Support for YouthC.A.R.E.'s three primary programs: the Young Women's Mentoring Program, YouthLEAD, and Camp Sunrise.

"If I could do anything to make a difference in the world, I would make a live speech on TV telling and showing girls that they could do anything if it makes a difference for them."

- Jasmine

15 year old Youth Mentor
Young Women's Mentoring Program
YouthC.A.R.E.





Adoption

*Every child deserves to grow up in a permanent family.
Our adoption funding helps to streamline the adoption
process and move children out of temporary placements
into a place they can call home.*

African American Adoption Agency ~ \$10,000

St. Paul, MN

Support for the Black Children in Need of Adoption project, with increased focus on adoption of school-aged children.

Hope Adoption & Family Services ~ \$10,000

Oak Park Heights, MN

Support for its program of recruiting and preparing adoptive families for children in foster care.

Lutheran Social Services ~ \$10,000

St. Paul, MN

Support for the development and implementation of an online pre-adoption education training program. Online training would allow parents to complete a portion of the training at home.

*"It is better to have a loving
family than no family at all."*

*- Rachel
Adoptee*

Discretionary Grants

Sauer Children's Renew Foundation members chose to fund safe havens and educational support with their discretionary funding. Emotional safety and physical safety are the bedrocks for success in all aspects of a child's life.

Centro ~ \$7,500

Minneapolis, MN

Support for the Family Literacy Project to promote Latino family self-sufficiency.

Children's Safety Center ~ \$12,500

St. Paul, MN

Support for supervised visitation and safe exchanges for children and youth in crisis.

Crisis Nursery ~ \$7,000

Minneapolis, MN

Support for the 72 hour residential care program, sheltering children at risk of abuse or neglect and supporting parents in crisis.

Free Arts Minnesota ~ \$7,000

Minneapolis, MN

Support for the expansion of the weekly mentorship program that brings the healing power of artistic expression to abused, neglected, at-risk, and homeless children.

Li'l Farm ~ \$5,000

Cambridge, MN

Support for tutors and books for this safe haven for children.

Sharing and Caring Hands ~ \$5,000

Minneapolis, MN

Support for Mary's Place Tutoring Program, specifically supplies and field trip incentives, which provides structure, educational support, and enjoyable activities for youth.

Visitation Monastery ~ \$10,000

Minneapolis, MN

Support for programs/activities that seek to enhance possibilities for self-esteem building and self-sufficiency among financially challenged families and their children.

"My children have gone from suffering abuse at the hands and voice of their father...[they] are [now] safe while visiting their father—I do not know how life would be without Children's Safety Centers."

- Anonymous Mother

Medical

Histiocytosis is a rare disease that primarily strikes very young children. Many patients have life-long debilitating problems and some children do not survive. Little is known about this disease and the federal government does not provide adequate funding for research to find a cure. Histiocytosis Association of America conducts research and also provides education and support to patients and families across the U.S.

Histiocytosis Assoc. of America ~ \$12,000

Pitman, NJ

Support for four local self-help groups across the U.S., training group leaders and developing an HAA Self-Help Group manual for the expansion of the program.

*"The **HAA** has done a lot for us in the past year and a half. First of all they have given us many on-line and published resources to learn about the disease as well as stories to read that offered us comfort. Secondly, they connected us with other families with whom we could share our experiences. Without the HAA we would have felt lost upon learning of our daughter Ashlyn's diagnosis."*

*-Stacey & Chris Resner
Parents of a Child with Histiocytosis*





Thank You!

We would like to take a moment to say thank you to the generous individuals who made donations to the Sauer Children's Renew Foundation in 2007.

- **Anonymous**
- **Mr. & Mrs. Martin Dunn**
- **Dennis & Beverly McMahon**
- **Spring Lake Park Lions**

Your contributions are appreciated not only by the Foundation, but also the organizations and the children and families they serve.

Financials

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2007

Assets	2007	2006
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,878,028	\$1,970,345
Investments	3,663,897	3,145,551
Total Current Assets	5,541,925	5,115,896
Other Assets	7,338	0
Total Assets	5,549,263	5,115,896
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$5,549,263	\$5,115,896



Financials

Statement of Activities January through December 2007

	2007	2006
Income		
Dividend and Interest Income	\$197,145	\$144,044
Realized Net Gains on Sale of Investments	268,143	132,854
Contributions	526,092	1,628,277
Total Income	\$991,380	\$1,905,175
Expenses		
Grants	\$256,000	\$165,900
Investment Management	18,636	14,381
Administrative Expense	117,597	84,114
Federal Excise Tax	5,240	2,409
Miscellaneous Tax (payroll)	4,040	0
Total Expenses	\$401,513	\$266,804
Change in Net Assets	\$433,367	\$1,828,239
Unrestricted Net Assets: Beginning of Year	\$5,115,896	\$3,287,657
Unrestricted Net Assets: End of Year	\$5,549,263	\$5,115,896



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- **Association of Small Foundations**

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