

2006 ANNUAL REPORT



Sauer Children's Renew Foundation



MISSION

The Mission of the Sauer Children's Renew Foundation is to improve the lives of disadvantaged children within the state of Minnesota.

FOUNDER'S NOTE

Dear Friends,

The SCRF was started ten years ago as a gift to one another on our 30th Wedding Anniversary. It began as a mission of love and compassion for children who lacked the protection and nurturing that have blessed our families and friends. During our first ten years, besides funding programs, we enjoyed participating in numerous service projects with some of our grantees. We are proud of the work we have done and look forward to incorporating the ideas of the next generation of SCRF family members into our giving. We feel privileged to be in partnership with caring people doing amazing work with children in our community. We look forward to learning how to be better partners with non-profit organizations as we move forward.



-Pat & Gary Sauer

From the Executive Director

Looking Within in 2006

The year 2006 marked the 10th anniversary of the Sauer Children's Renew Foundation. This milestone gave us a great opportunity to look at the past ten years; reflect on our accomplishments and notice what we learned. We also took the time to look within our organization before we dare to look ahead at the next 10 years. In July, forty members of the foundation gathered in Jackson Hole, Wyoming to look at the growth of the organization in the past ten years and prepare for the future. In looking back, we saw our capacity for giving grow from \$25,000 in 1997 to \$165,000 in 2006. By mid-year, the assets for the Sauer Children's Renew Foundation hit the 5 million dollar mark, which increases our capacity for giving by 50% for 2007. With this increase in mind, foundation members threw themselves into the task of looking within the organization and asking the question, "Are we doing this work in the best possible way?" Judy Healy facilitated our discussions as we looked at how we might take our giving to a new level. Foundation members then spent the remainder of 2006 evaluating the purpose of each committee and reorganizing to set a clearer path for the work of the foundation. The committee reports on page two highlight their work in 2006.

As the new Executive Director of the Sauer Children's Renew Foundation, I spent my time learning about the Foundation, our grantees and philanthropy in Minnesota. I am grateful that the foundation members took considerable personal time to reflect on the past and imagine the future of the foundation. The members showed they are willing to continue to learn about philanthropy and strive to do our work in the best possible way. I look forward to leading them and learning beside them as we move into 2007.

-Colleen O'Keefe

SCRF HAS MOVED!

NEW Address & Phone

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New Brighton, Minnesota 55112

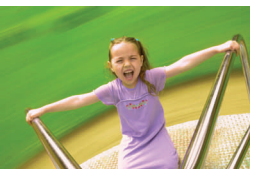
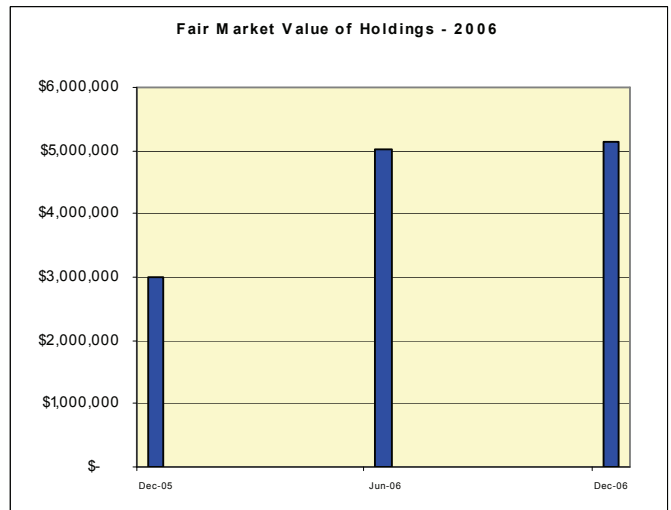
(651) 633-6165

Look for our new website on March 15th:

www.scrfminn.org

Fair Market Value of Holdings - 2006

Year	YE FMV
12/31/2005	\$ 3,009,695
6/30/2006	\$ 5,020,567
12/31/2006	\$ 5,125,965



Committee Reports

Planning Committee

Kris Sauer, Committee Chair

The Planning Committee's responsibilities include organizing and implementing all functions for foundation members, including the annual retreat, volunteer opportunities and the annual bowling event. This committee met twice as often during 2006, due to the intensive work of planning the 10th Anniversary Celebration and Retreat. This committee of 6-8 members took care of the arrangements for 40 adults and 20 children to convene in Jackson, Wyoming to focus on the work of the foundation. At the retreat, the committee members heard the group's desire to be involved in more hands-on activities with our grantees and took it to heart. They organized a first ever Christmas Wrapping Party for foundation members and their children and delivered 40 gifts for children at Mary's Place. This committee will continue to look for opportunities for foundation members to volunteer with our grantees in meaningful ways.

Finance Committee

Chris Resner, Committee Chair

The Finance Committee members have revised the roles and responsibilities of the committee to better serve the foundation and ensure we are being good stewards of the assets. The investment policy will be reviewed by the committee each year to make sure we remain in compliance with that policy. We will also receive quarterly performance reports on the investment portfolio and meet with the investment advisor at least once per year. As in the past, we will continue to provide an annual report to be presented to the foundation membership at the retreat showing our investment performance as well as the current allocation of the assets. Reports will also be given to the treasurer to provide to the Board of Trustees at their meetings. This committee will continue to be active in reviewing the accountability standards for charity review and help determine a course of action if the standards are not met.

Charity Review Committee

Chad Sauer, Committee Chair

At the July retreat, Judy Healy led foundation members down the path of building consensus around areas of need in the community that SCRF may want to focus our resources. The group identified five possible funding ideas related to children and families that will be explored in 2007. The five funding areas are:

- Medical Issues
- Transitions to Self-Sufficiency
- Adoptions
- Target Populations
- Education

A twelve member task force was convened and will begin researching the need within each of the five areas. Through this research, we will explore the possibilities for re-creating our grant program to include these areas into our funding.

In 2006, we funded 17 grantees that were re-nominated by foundation members. We informed our grantees of the possibility of a change in our grant program and we are committed to keeping them informed as changes become reality. We are very excited for the opportunity to learn more about giving in Minnesota and hope to be able to make a significant impact in the areas of need that we decide to fund.

In 2006, SCRF made the following grants:

Camp Fotsch (thru YMCA Scholarship Fund)	\$5,000
Centro (Siembra – preschool)	\$13,000
Children's Safety Center	\$15,000
Crisis Nursery	\$5,000
East Metro Music Academy	\$10,000
Free Arts Minnesota	\$10,000
Learning Center for Children	\$10,000
Li'l Farm	\$5,000
Project SUCCESS	\$10,000
Risen Christ Catholic School	\$10,000
St. Joseph's Home for Children	\$10,000
Sharing and Caring Hands	\$10,000
The Jeremiah Program	\$13,500
The Link (formerly Life's Missing Link)	\$10,000
Visitation Monastery	\$11,000
Young Audiences	\$3,000
Youth C.A.R.E.	<u>\$15,000</u>
Total for 2006	\$165,500

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