

## Dear Friend of the Community Foundation:



Paul Schnaittacher

The fiscal year that ended March 31, 2009 will be remembered for its major changes. Few stewards of invested capital escaped the severe market downturn of the last two quarters, and the Foundation's second president, Kent Faerber, announced his intended retirement.

With several warm celebrations, we gratefully acknowledged Kent's extraordinary legacy (including 300 new funds) and, following an intensive national search, the Board of Trustees elected Ron Ancrum as the Foundation's third president. As the President of the statewide association of grantmaking foundations, Ron comes with an equally strong reputation as a leading voice for philanthropy. We are

pleased to have attracted someone of Ron's stature and ability to help us continue to build a significant foundation for the charitable work of the region.

Throughout all this, the Community Foundation maintained its preeminent role as a major resource for that work. The report that follows reflects the remarkable persistence of the Valley's community of generous donors, and the amazing work done by hundreds of volunteers and the Foundation staff. All told, the Foundation distributed \$8,902,774 in grants or scholarships to or from the region.

I invite you to join us again this year as we work to make the Pioneer Valley a better place to live and work.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth D. Scheibel".

Elizabeth D. Scheibel  
Chair, Board of Trustees



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The Community Foundation staff is excited to welcome our next President. From the left: (standing) Katie Allan Zobel, Kristin Leutz, Bruce Tingle, Nancy Reiche, Mike Riley, Santina Haywood, Debbie Koske, Ron Ancrum, Maureen Trafford and Yvette Morneau (seated) Dotty Theriaque, Orlando Isaza, Sheila Toto and Dawn Lapierre.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
ENDING MARCH 31, 2009

Gifts received:

**\$8.3 million**

New funds established:

**24**

(of which 14 were endowed)

Scholarships and  
educational loans:

**\$2.7 million**

Total amount granted:

**\$8.9 million**

Total assets for which the Foundation  
has grantmaking responsibility:

**\$87 million**

# Partnership

## Funding a Lifeline

Once a month, you will find the Salva sisters (pictured left) and their mom volunteering to shop and pack grocery bags at the Amherst Survival Center. The Senior Box Program, funded through a grant from the Community Foundation, delivers food to 65 seniors in Amherst, Pelham and Leverett. The Survival Center's program coordinator Tracey Levy explains, "This bag represents a major source of food for seniors who may be living on a fixed income, homebound, or too disabled to shop."



Volunteers pack and deliver bags stocked with about \$60 worth of food that only costs the Survival Center about \$10, thanks to the Center's ability to obtain food through the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts and other generous local groups.

The Amherst Survival Center and the Northfield Mount Hermon Upward Bound Enrichment Program are two examples of the Foundation's valuable partnership with agencies serving the greater good in our region. Over the years, these two agencies have received a total of \$381,008 in donor directed and competitive grants from the Foundation. They also rely on the Foundation's expert financial stewardship services, and have established several different endowed and advised funds which collectively represent over \$200,000 of charitable resources.

## Opening Worlds

For six weeks this summer, teens will be waking up at 6 a.m. to go to school. Holyoke High School junior Mariah Bouchard (pictured below) confirms this unlikely scenario: "We do complain about getting up that early, but those are the best times! I sound smarter when I get to school in the fall and have more confidence." Mariah is one of 40 students from Holyoke participating in the Upward Bound Enrichment Program, funded by a Community Foundation grant. She joins 32 teens from Greenfield and 37 from Springfield who participate for four years in an intensive academic and residential summer program at the Northfield Mount Hermon campus, followed by after-school enrichment and tutoring at their public high schools. Nearly 100% of students in the program go to college.



Also enrolled in the Upward Bound Program, Holyoke High senior Angel Soto will be a first-generation high school graduate and has been accepted to several nursing degree programs.



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