BARRINGTON AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Thank you for our most successful year yet!

In 2002 we were able to add \$254,000 to our endowment, increasing from \$399,000 to \$653,000, a 64% increase. This was only our fourth full year, and we are now roughly two-thirds of the way to our 10-year goal of \$1 million under management. We take this opportunity to thank the community for the remarkable support.

Before the founding of the Barrington Area Community Foundation, there was no comparable way to give back to a community whose quality of life had made this a great place to live and raise a family. Because of your generosity, we are now giving back through the grants we make—and the endowment is still there to keep on giving.

Announcing the grants for 2003

Selecting from among 18 requests totaling \$120,000, the Foundation made \$15,500 in grants for the following innovative programs that address an unmet community need:

Barrington Area Council on Aging for an electronic program to search	
for benefits for seniors wherever they or their families live	\$2,000
Barrington Career Center for two more work stations to cope with the	
increase in need for services	\$1,500
Wellness Place for a tailored stress management service for women	
25-50 years old to cope with family needs and cancer	\$2,000
Barrington Youth Baseball to provide for adequate recreation facilities	
for the 1300 families involved in youth baseball and softball	\$10,000



Courtesy of Richard Shay Photos

Here is the reaction of Sandy Batliner, Preston Guse, Jason Batliner, Amy Guse of Barrington Youth Baseball and Foundation Director George Yapp after the announcement of the grant.

Here are the financials

From the very beginning in late 1997, we committed to make all our financial data available, to publish our Form 990 (the form the IRS now requires all charities to release), to hold our costs to 1% of income and to promise that any money given the foundation would not be spent, only the proceeds on the basis of 5% of our net assets averaged over the trailing 12 quarters. Our full IRS Form 990, some 20 pages, is available at www.guidestar.org. Here is our balance sheet summary since 1999.

	12/31/02	12/31/01	12/31/00	12/31/99
Assets				
Checking, Savings	\$109,968	\$240,744	\$68,448	\$113,975
Securities				
Cost	602,205	174,992	51,052	7,021
Valuation	-58,703	-16,598	-7,751	545
Total	543,501	158,395	143,301	7,565
Total Assets	\$653,470	\$399,139	\$211,748	\$121,540
Liabilities and Equity				
Equity				
Retained Earnings	\$399,139	\$211,748	\$121,540	\$34,410
Net Income	254,330	187,389	90,207	87,130
Total	\$653,470	\$399,139	\$211,748	\$121,540

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the mission of the Barrington Area Community Foundation?

To address the unmet needs in the Barrington Area (the greater of District #220 and BACOG) and to provide residents with a vehicle to give back to the community.

How is the endowment managed?

The Foundation's investment committee invests funds in accordance with an approved investment policy, which prescribes a prudent mix of stocks, bonds and cash equivalents.

What is your strategy to protect the corpus of your endowment?

Our strategy is to protect the corpus of the endowment by investing conservatively. Our grant distribution policy of 5% of net assets averaged over the trailing 12 quarters smoothes market fluctuations and keeps us focused on growing and containing costs.

Do you monitor the use of the grant money?

Yes. Each charity must agree that we can release any material from its application and that it will provide us with an affidavit that it spent the money as requested.

May I donate stock or other securities?

Yes. We sell securities on receipt at no cost and report the total amount to the donor in writing.

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Barrington Area Community Foundation has been admitted to the national group

Your Foundation has been admitted to the national Council on Foundations. Admission is not automatic. Our charter and by-laws and all our Form 990 filings were closely scrutinized before we were accepted. We want to be in this group because the Council is drafting national standards for foundations of all sorts. Membership will allow us to read these standards as they are finalized and have time to meet any deadlines. Thus far, we meet all the current less formalized standards and will begin to prepare the documentation that will be required when final standards are promulgated.

The IRS has granted us permanent exempt 501(c)3 status

In May 2003 the IRS granted the Foundation permanent 501(c)3 status, which means donations to the Foundation continue to be tax-deductible to the extent of the law. There is a five-year probationary period that we have now successfully completed. For your records, our Federal tax identification number is 36-4244673.

We exist to serve the community—through you

We hope that the Foundation might be the trusted vehicle by which you will endow your community, both for current residents and for residents of future generations. We pledge to invest the funds of the Foundation wisely and prudently. With our grants to worthy recipients, we will seek to improve the quality of life in our wonderful community, to encourage innovation, and to address new and unmet needs. Please join our many donors in making this growing dream an increasing benefit for all. We, the directors of the Foundation, thank you.

Kim Duchossois, James Fitzgerald, Jonathan Hamill, David Hirsch, Robert Jensen, Kay Gillespie, Michael Kocmond, James Lancaster, Richard McDonough, David Nelson, William Noyes, Marilyn Patrick, Glenn Reed, Frederica Smith-Pederson, Gillian Stoettner, Norval Stephens, Charles Sweet, Tim Wickstrom, George Yapp

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