

2007-2008 BIENNIAL REPORT



THE RIDER-POOL FOUNDATION

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

On behalf of The Rider-Pool Foundation Trustees, we are pleased to provide this report outlining how we have fulfilled our stewardship responsibilities to the region for the years 2007 and 2008. Over this 24-month period, the Trustees approved the release of \$991,017 to 158 not-for-profit agencies that serve the Lehigh Valley in the important areas of education, human services, arts and culture, and community development. We continue to be impressed with these fine organizations that seek to improve the quality of life in the region. Given our limited resources, we cannot honor all requests, and often can only provide a portion of funds requested. However, we have confidence in the not-for-profit leaders and their ability to prudently utilize the investments we make in their efforts. As ever, we believe that these resources are best used to stimulate innovation and facilitate cooperative and mutually supporting programs, especially across subject areas such as education and economic development, the arts and human services, etc. We encourage the use of Rider-Pool funds to leverage support and build sustainability of those programs that have been proven effective.

The Rider-Pool Foundation Trustees, with assistance from their advisors, maintain an investment policy that seeks, on a total return basis, to preserve capital and provide income for distribution. The Foundation's investments are broadly diversified and actively managed and monitored. The Trustees continue to maintain prudent policies and processes in their fiscal management. This diligence has proven particularly helpful this past year, when the nation experienced the most significant economic decline since the 1930s. As a result of this fiscal discipline, The Foundation is quite able to honor its current outstanding commitments. The giving capacity for the coming year will be reduced by approximately 23%, and this may inhibit our ability to support capital and multiyear requests in the near term. However, the core fiscal, administrative, and programmatic strategies are solid. We remain committed to our current strategic and proactive interests, particularly in the "locality development" effort in Old Allentown.

The Old Allentown work, which involves the active participation of the residents of that neighborhood, is a long-range approach to achieving significant improvement of quality-of-life indicators. It involves the cooperative work of the United Way of the Lehigh Valley, the Trexler Trust, and other funders, as well as active participation by the City of Allentown, the Allentown School District, and Lehigh Valley Health Network. It also supports and facilitates the social service, education, housing, and economic development agencies that serve the neighborhood in their desire to be more effective. The work borrows liberally from the Harlem Children's Zone and the "place based" work of the Casey Foundation in Baltimore. This work is consistent with Rider-Pool's interests in neighborhood revitalization and cooperative problem solving.

The late Dorothy Rider Pool and her husband, Leonard Parker Pool, were generous contributors of their time and talent to their beloved adopted home, the Lehigh Valley. We have the privilege of carrying on that tradition of civic involvement and betterment of the community. We are frequently reminded that Mr. and Mrs. Pool would be pleased, but never entirely satisfied. In that spirit, we are pleased with our progress to date in our effort to contribute to the vitality and well-being of the region. Yet there is considerably more work to do. In collaboration with others who share our vision of the Lehigh Valley, we believe the best is yet to come.



Edward F. Meehan
Executive Director

FOCUS AREAS

In 1957, Leonard Parker Pool and his wife, Dorothy Rider Pool, established The Rider-Pool Foundation as a private, general-purpose foundation and on her death in 1967, Dorothy Rider Pool left her estate as the principal funder of The Foundation. Mrs. Pool was a teacher by training, an accomplished pianist and painter and her husband's valued business partner, instrumental in the growth and development of Air Products, one of the most successful businesses in the history of the Lehigh Valley. Like her husband, Mrs. Pool was deeply driven to help others in need. These values help shape the focus of The Rider-Pool Foundation.

The Trustees of The Foundation have carried forth Dorothy Rider Pool's wishes and are particularly sensitive to her interests in education, disadvantaged children and the development of future leadership in our society. Since the Pools resided in Allentown, Pennsylvania, the particular geographic interest of The Foundation lies within the Lehigh Valley area of Pennsylvania. Consistent with Dorothy Rider Pool's wishes and in keeping with the interests of Leonard Parker Pool and Dorothy Rider Pool in their lifetimes, The Rider-Pool Foundation's intent is to serve as a means to improve the quality of life in the community, to build on the community's strengths and add to its vitality, and to increase the capacity of the community to serve the needs of all its citizens. Within this objective, The Foundation's funding program is focused on:

EDUCATION

HUMAN SERVICES

CULTURE AND ART

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Occasionally, The Foundation will engage in other special projects to be determined at the discretion of the Trustees.

Historically, Foundation grant awards have ranged between \$2,000 and \$10,000. Projects are generally funded for one year, but multiyear requests may be submitted where appropriate. The overwhelming majority of this support has been within the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2007 AND 2008

EDUCATION

America On Wheels, Inc.

How Does That Engine Work?

America On Wheels is a new transportation museum that opened on April 12, 2008 in Allentown, PA. America On Wheels' mission is to educate people and preserve the historical, social and cultural impact of our nation's over-the-road transportation systems, while contributing to the revitalization of its community. More than just a car collection, America On Wheels features bicycles, motorcycles, carriages and trucks, and documents the nation's transportation systems from its roots to the latest transportation technologies. The exhibits within this 43,000-square-foot museum are a balanced mix of highly interactive exhibits and magnificent vehicles. An important



Matt, Russel and Jordan preparing to work on the Engine program

aspect of the mission is to be a year-round educational and recreational institution. These programs will provide the opportunity for the children to gain additional exposure to science, math, art, history, music and movement, in a hands-on learning environment.

One of the programs is entitled "How Does That Engine Work?" This program, aimed at middle / junior high students, will expose the students to the intricacies of an engine by allowing them to disassemble and assemble engines while instructors discuss the delivery of fuel, mixing of air, ignition of this mixture and how it results in power to the vehicle. The program will offer the children an opportunity to expand their knowledge of science and math through a hands-on learning experience with an actual engine.



Museum's Little Wheelers enjoying Putt-Putt as part of "How Does that Engine Work?" program

The Baum School of Art

Inner-City Neighborhood Scholarship Program

The Inner-City Neighborhood Scholarship Program originally grew out of an experiment conducted in cooperation with Lehigh Valley Hospital's Department of Community Health and Health Studies supported by The Pool Trust. Children from inner-city Allentown are introduced to various forms of the human experience, including self-expression related to emotional, perceptual, social and aesthetic awareness through a process of drawing, painting and sculpture.



Students drawing in The Baum School of Art's Neighborhood Program

Pinebrook Services for Children and Youth *“Making the Grade” Program*

In 1979, Pinebrook Services for Children and Youth was started to meet the growing needs of children who experienced abuse, neglect, parental substance abuse, behavioral issues, and broken families. Today, over 2,000 children and families receive assistance each year through the agency’s continuum of services, which include a host of adoption, foster care, behavioral health and other vital community-based services.

One of these programs, “Making the Grade,” is a proactive truancy-reduction family support program for middle-school youth developed to respond to a critical community need identified by the Allentown School District’s Home and School Visitors and District Justices. “Making the Grade” addresses key predictors of truancy via a strong family-centered approach that engages the youth and family in a comprehensive assessment, case management and outcomes-supported services.



Ernestina Barsik (at left), Family Life Educator at Pinebrook Services for Children and Youth, and Rebecca, a middle-school student, during a weekly session of Pinebrook’s “Making the Grade” truancy-reduction, family-support pilot program. Through a 2008 grant from The Rider-Pool Foundation and other private funding sources, Pinebrook has been conducting the one-year demonstration phase of “Making the Grade” at two Allentown middle schools.

Lehigh University — Center For Developing Urban Educational Leaders *The Lehigh Valley Regional Urban Principal in Residence (UPIR) Program*

Lehigh’s Center for Developing Urban Educational Leaders (CDUEL) is an incubator for innovative ideas and practices for improving the quality of leadership in urban schools to improve student learning. The mission of the CDUEL is to cultivate transformational educational leadership in urban communities, with a particular emphasis on small to mid-size urban communities. The work of the center includes conducting research, developing leadership competencies, and improving leadership practices that advance student learning and development.

CDUEL’s newest program, Urban Principal in Residence (UPIR) established a part-time structured educational research and leadership exchange with the Principal at Central Elementary School in the Allentown School District (ASD). The pilot project took place at Central Elementary School, in the school’s surrounding community, and at Lehigh University’s CDUEL over a two-year period. The intent of the UPIR program is to identify and support high-performing urban principals and include them on a part-time or full-time basis as active participants in the work of the CDUEL. In addition to their own professional development in either advanced leadership study or a doctoral program, each UPIR will contribute to the mission of the CDUEL by co-teaching and serving as a mentor in the center’s Aspiring Principal Preparation Academy, conducting seminars and short workshops for urban in-service assistant principals and principals and engaging in the research of the CDUEL.



“Saturday Scholars” Program at Central Elementary

Shiloh Community Services, Inc.

After-School Programs

Shiloh Community Services, Inc., is a community service organization that was born out of the Shiloh Baptist Church of Easton. Since its inception in 1995, Shiloh Community Services has developed and supported a number of programs that address the needs of their community. Many of the services focus on supervised youth education and recreation programs. They include tutoring, mentoring, computer training, family financial planning, and business skills training. Shiloh's After-School Program provides broad academic and etiquette developments that can address low self-esteem, develop problem-solving, decision-making and critical thinking skills and aid in the development of social interaction and communication skills.

HUMAN SERVICES

Everlasting Life Ministries, Inc.

Food and Clothing Distribution Center

Everlasting Life Ministries has been serving the poor and underprivileged in Allentown for over 20 years. They serve adults and children through their grocery distribution centers which are open on Tuesdays and Saturdays and distribute clothing to individuals. Everlasting Life Ministries also prepares holiday meals for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.



Ramon Rivers (Staff) at ELM Clothing Bank



Pastor Gus Al-Khal at ELM Foodbank



America Garcia (staff) in ELM Clothing Bank

Fund to Benefit Children & Youth, Inc.

Ongoing Programs / Family Needs Program

The Fund to Benefit Children & Youth, Inc., was established 14 years ago by several members of the Lehigh County Children and Youth Advisory Council who identified several needs of children that could not be met through traditional government funding. The Council provides enrichment opportunities (summer camp, education programs) to children from lower socio-economic families.

In addition, The Family Needs Program assists a target population (abused, neglected, and at-risk children and youth) with basic needs that are not available to them through any other source. Needs may include, but are not limited to, clothing, shelter, beds, safety gates, appliances, rent assistance, and transportation expenses.

The Salvation Army - Allentown

Salvation Army Youth Programs

A prime focus has been toward children of disadvantaged families from the very inception of the work of The Salvation Army in Allentown. The holistic approach to service seeks to meet a multiplicity of needs and simply make life better for young people so they may in turn have a chance to succeed in life. The work of the Allentown Corps is focused primarily in proximate reach of the service facility located at 8th and Turner Streets. A very strong working relationship currently exists with Central Elementary School, where the majority of participants attend school. The Salvation Army-Allentown provides many youth programs, such as Individual Tutoring; Learning Zone, Café SA, a source of nutritious snacks and meals for children using the Learning Zone; Community Center (Drop-In); Youth Basketball; Summer Day Camp; Camp Ladore, a week-long camp; Children's Services (Foster Care and Adoption) and Christmas Toy Assistance.



Youth tutorial session

CULTURE AND ART

Circle Of Stones Ritual Theatre Ensemble

"Bringing the Love to Allentown"

Circle of Stones Ritual Theatre Ensemble is a professional, nonprofit theatre company dedicated to using theatre as a means of catalyzing and inspiring positive community transformations. The ensemble consists of professional actors, dancers, composers, musicians and playwrights.



"Bringing the Love to Allentown" is a series of four initiatives which uses the performing arts to assist with the revitalization of Allentown. These initiatives include the production of the play "Gilgamesh" (six shows at the Allentown Symphony Hall in June '09), Pebble Theatre (a children's outreach program), Green Man Festival 2009 and monthly community gatherings that lead to a variety of community-empowered projects that benefit Allentown.

Performers of Gilgamesh



Pebble Theatre kids from Central Elementary School

Lehigh University - Zoellner Arts Center

"Small Steps, Tiny Revolutions"/EdgeEvent: Dance Day

Zoellner Arts Center offers theater, music and performing arts, ranging from mainstream and classical to the more avant-garde. The program "Small Steps, Tiny Revolutions" was a project that consisted of an original music composition, original choreography, and student workshops with significant potential impact on the final creative work, with a culmination of a performance. Outreach workshops were held at local schools. Elementary school students had the chance to hear "Small Steps, Tiny Revolutions," a story about a young man who wants to dance, his troubled relationship with his father, and a world of colored shapes who dance with him. They then had the opportunity to turn their ideas into drawings, written vignettes or movement concepts that may influence the final production.

The students also had an opportunity to interact with Lehigh students involved in the outreach, set construction, costume creation and other technical aspects of the production.

The EdgeEvents series was conceived to break with convention and present the talents of new or alternative artists. As part of that series, the center presented a day-long EdgeEvent entitled Dance Day. The event featured morning workshops, site-specific performances, video game interaction, and a presentation by the highly inventive dance company, MOMIX, which integrates fantastic lighting, imagery, props and costumes with physical theatre and circus arts.



RIOULT performing "Small Steps, Tiny Revolutions"

Basil Childers

Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild

Whole Creative Community Initiative



"The Whole Creative She" workshop circle at Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA campus

The Guild was started in 1998 to promote the art of storytelling in the Lehigh Valley, and to refine the members' storytelling skills. They have presented numerous showcases, appeared at festivals, conducted story swaps and workshops. Members are professional and amateur storytellers, poets, actors, and others who benefit by the study of the art of storytelling and whose pleasure it is to practice this ancient art. Both experienced storytellers and newcomers are welcomed.

Whole Creative Community Initiative focused on women's wellness and the power of storytelling on women who have been affected by medical and social problems. The storytelling provides women with a "voice" in their health and well-being and teaches women about their "circle of wellness" that includes health, relationships, active minds, work/careers and spirituality.

Moravian College

Great Artist Series

Moravian is dedicated to bringing a broad range of music to the Lehigh Valley and to increase interest in and appreciation of various music genres. Since 1996, Moravian College has offered its "Great Artists Series" to benefit the Moravian students and the Lehigh Valley community. The latest featured artists have been soprano Deborah Voigt and mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves. The artists expose students and Lehigh Valley residents to top-quality opera stars, who also offer master classes to Moravian College students, musicians and the general public. The "Great Artist Series" is truly a unique experience, an opportunity to educate and inspire many music students and simultaneously entertain music lovers of all ages. The concert and master class annually attract close to 500 attendees.

Denyce Graves meets with students and audience members after her performance at Moravian College's Foy Hall. February 2008.



Michael Wilson



Deborah Voigt performing at Moravian College's Foy Hall

Michael Wilson

Deborah Voigt offering one-on-one instruction to a Moravian College student during her master class.



Michael Wilson

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Alliance for Building Communities (ABC)

The Doorway to Homeownership

Alliance for Building Communities' Doorway to Homeownership program rehabilitates blighted inner-city properties and provides assistance to first-time homebuyers of low-to-moderate-income who wish to purchase a home of their own within the Lehigh Valley. The program helps to restore safety, cleanliness and stability to previously neglected inner-city neighborhoods in Allentown. ABC selects, acquires, and then renovates vacant and deteriorated properties, improving the condition of housing stock by meeting or exceeding current code standards and reducing overcrowding in housing units. Blighted properties are renovated back into single-family homes and then the restored properties are sold to ABC clients. ABC contributes to the economic stability in Lehigh Valley communities when the properties the agency rehabilitates are sold and returned to the tax rolls. ABC also provides homeownership support to reduce the number of premature foreclosures for first-time homeowners.

Wildlife Information Center, Inc.

Lehigh Gap Nature Center Education Program

Lehigh Gap Nature Center has developed a unique, highly effective set of environmental education programs. These programs are for students of all ages and include programs for pre-K - 12 schools, colleges and universities, and nonschool programs for adults, children, and families. They are based at the 750-acre Lehigh Gap Wildlife Refuge or on the adjacent Lehigh River. The educational goals of this program include: an environmentally and ecologically literate citizenry; increased support for conservation, parks, greenways, and open space; better public health; adequate numbers of well-trained scientists to study ecological and environmental issues; leaders who understand the links between humans and their environment; improved quality of life for the community; and economic opportunities based on recreational use of natural resources.



Aliza Bodzin releases a tagged monarch butterfly



HawkFest 2008



Monarch Butterfly Workshop led by 14-year-old Corey Husic, member of the LGNC Naturalists Club



Adult Program — Tree Identification Workshop

Clean Water Fund

Lehigh Valley Model Ordinance Program

The Clean Water Fund helped introduce a series of model water protection ordinances to local Lehigh Valley municipalities for their consideration. The primary focus of the Clean Water Fund's project is to educate community officials about municipal options for protecting local drinking water sources and to encourage them to take action. The group has identified Lehigh Valley communities for which ordinance revisions would be most useful. They have contacted and met with local stakeholder groups to discuss their needs and with local officials to educate them on what this program offers.

GRANTS 2007

EDUCATION

The Baum School of Art	\$7,500.00
Boys & Girls Club of Allentown	\$30,000.00
The Children's Home of Easton	\$1,000.00
Communities in Schools of the L. V., Inc	\$5,000.00
Jewish Family Service of Lehigh Valley	\$500.00
Junior Achievement of Greater Reading and Lehigh Valley, Inc	\$5,000.00
Lehigh Carbon Community College	\$5,000.00
Lehigh County Historical Society	\$5,000.00
The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts	\$5,000.00
Lehigh Valley Child Care, Inc	\$3,000.00
Lehigh Valley Zoological Society	\$2,000.00
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	\$2,000.00
Moravian Academy	\$2,500.00
Muhlenberg College	\$12,000.00
Northampton County Historical & Genealogical Society	\$7,500.00
Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children	\$5,000.00
Pennsylvania Youth Theatre	\$5,000.00
Planned Parenthood of Northeast and Mid-Penn (PPNMP)	\$3,000.00
Shiloh Community Services, Inc	\$5,000.00
Wildlands Conservancy	\$5,000.00
Wildlife Information Center, Inc	\$3,000.00

HUMAN SERVICES

Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank	\$2,000.00
Allentown Rescue Mission	\$5,000.00
American Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley	\$4,400.00
Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	\$5,000.00
Bethlehem Area Moravians, Inc	\$10,000.00
Boy Scouts of America, Minsi Trails Council, Inc	\$2,500.00
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Allentown, Inc	\$5,000.00
Community Bike Works	\$6,000.00
Embrace Your Dreams	\$2,500.00
Equi-librium, Inc	\$3,000.00
Executive Service Corps of the Lehigh Valley	\$3,000.00
Fund to Benefit Children & Youth, Inc	\$1,000.00
Lehigh County Conference of Churches	\$10,000.00
Lehigh Valley Military Affairs Council	\$5,000.00
Meals on Wheels of Northampton County/ Bethlehem Area, Inc	\$9,617.00
The Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley	\$1,500.00

Mosser Village Family Center	\$7,500.00
Pinebrook Services for Children and Youth	\$10,000.00
The Program for Women and Families, Inc	\$7,000.00
SkillsUSA Council	\$2,000.00
Special Olympics Pennsylvania	\$1,000.00
Stitches of Love	\$2,000.00
Valley Youth House	\$5,000.00
Via of the Lehigh Valley	\$10,000.00
WRRS/RADPRIN Radio Reading Service	\$1,000.00

CULTURE AND ART

Allentown Art Museum	\$25,000.00
The Bach Choir of Bethlehem	\$15,000.00
Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley, Inc	\$7,500.00
Circle of Stones Ritual Theatre Ensemble	\$1,000.00
Community Music School	\$2,500.00
Lehigh University, Zoellner Arts Center	\$10,000.00
Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild	\$1,000.00
Mayfair, Inc	\$5,000.00
Moravian College	\$5,000.00
Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour	\$2,000.00
The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival at DeSales University	\$7,500.00
Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra	\$5,000.00
Repertory Dance Theatre	\$6,500.00
SATORI	\$4,000.00
The Sing Out! Corporation	\$2,000.00
Touchstone Theatre	\$5,500.00
WDIY	\$5,000.00

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Allentown Art Museum	\$15,000.00
Alliance for Building Communities	\$10,000.00
Civic Theatre of Allentown	\$2,500.00
Clean Water Fund	\$5,000.00
Coalition for Appropriate Transportation	\$5,000.00
Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Inc	\$10,000.00
Congregations United for Neighborhood Action	\$15,000.00
Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley, Inc	\$10,000.00
Renew Lehigh Valley	\$15,000.00
SouthSide Film Institute	\$6,000.00
Sustainable Business Network Lehigh Valley	\$4,000.00
Wildlife Information Center, Inc	\$12,000.00

GRANTS 2008

EDUCATION

America On Wheels, Inc.....	\$2,000.00
The Baum School of Art.....	\$7,500.00
Boys & Girls Club of Allentown.....	\$30,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Allentown.....	\$2,000.00
Carbon Lehigh Special Needs Childrens Foundation ..	\$10,000.00
Cityspace.....	\$2,500.00
Communities in Schools of the L. V., Inc.....	\$5,000.00
EconomicsPennsylvania.....	\$1,500.00
Grace Montessori School.....	\$2,000.00
Jewish Family Service of Lehigh Valley.....	\$500.00
Junior Achievement of Greater Reading and Lehigh Valley, Inc.....	\$5,000.00
Lehigh County Historical Society.....	\$5,000.00
Lehigh University - Center for Developing Urban Educational Leaders.....	\$5,000.00
The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts.....	\$5,000.00
Lehigh Valley Child Care, Inc.....	\$10,000.00
Lehigh Valley Public Telecommunications Corp.....	\$5,000.00
Lehigh Valley Zoological Society.....	\$2,000.00
Moravian Academy.....	\$3,000.00
Muhlenberg College.....	\$3,000.00
National Audubon Society, Inc.....	\$2,000.00
Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children.....	\$5,000.00
YMCA of Easton Phillipsburg & Vicinity.....	\$3,000.00

HUMAN SERVICES

Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank.....	\$2,000.00
Alliance Hall Of Allentown, Inc.....	\$16,000.00
American Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley.....	\$5,000.00
The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Inc.....	\$1,000.00
Boy Scouts of America, Minsi Trails Council, Inc.....	\$7,500.00
Camelot For Children, Inc.....	\$2,000.00
Care Net of the Lehigh Valley.....	\$1,000.00
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Allentown, Inc.....	\$5,000.00
Center for Humanistic Change, Inc.....	\$2,000.00
The Children's Home of Easton.....	\$5,000.00
Community Bike Works.....	\$10,000.00
Community Services for Children, Inc.....	\$2,500.00
Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries.....	\$3,000.00
Embrace Your Dreams.....	\$2,500.00
Equi-librium, Inc.....	\$4,000.00
Everlasting Life Ministries, Inc.....	\$2,000.00
Executive Service Corps of the Lehigh Valley.....	\$3,000.00
Family Answers, Inc.....	\$7,500.00
Fund to Benefit Children & Youth, Inc.....	\$1,000.00
Lehigh County Conference of Churches.....	\$20,000.00
Meals on Wheels of Northampton County/ Bethlehem Area, Inc.....	\$9,000.00

The Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley.....	\$1,500.00
Mosser Village Family Center.....	\$5,000.00
Pinebrook Services for Children and Youth.....	\$10,000.00
Planned Parenthood of Northeast and Mid-Penn (PPNMP).....	\$2,000.00
The Program for Women and Families, Inc.....	\$7,000.00
The Salvation Army – Allentown.....	\$15,000.00
SkillsUSA Council.....	\$2,000.00
Stephen's Place.....	\$2,500.00
Valley Youth House.....	\$5,000.00
Via of the Lehigh Valley.....	\$2,000.00

CULTURE AND ART

Allentown Art Museum.....	\$25,000.00
Allentown Symphony Association, Inc.....	\$10,000.00
ArtsQuest.....	\$2,000.00
The Bach Choir of Bethlehem.....	\$20,000.00
Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.....	\$5,000.00
Circle of Stones Ritual Theatre Ensemble.....	\$2,000.00
Community Music School.....	\$2,500.00
Lehigh University, Zoellner Arts Center.....	\$10,000.00
Lehigh Valley Arts Council, Inc.....	\$3,000.00
Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild.....	\$2,000.00
Mayfair, Inc.....	\$5,000.00
Moravian College.....	\$5,000.00
The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival at DeSales University.....	\$7,500.00
Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra.....	\$10,000.00
Pennsylvania Youth Theatre.....	\$3,000.00
Repertory Dance Theatre.....	\$6,500.00
SATORI.....	\$4,000.00
State Theatre Center for the Arts, Inc.....	\$3,000.00
Touchstone Theatre.....	\$5,000.00
WDIY.....	\$5,000.00

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Allentown Economic Development Corporation.....	\$10,000.00
Alliance for Building Communities.....	\$10,000.00
Civic Theatre of Allentown.....	\$2,500.00
Clean Water Fund.....	\$5,000.00
Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.....	\$10,000.00
Emmaus Public Library.....	\$1,000.00
Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.....	\$15,000.00
Illick's Mill Partnership for Environmental Education ..	\$2,000.00
Renew Lehigh Valley.....	\$15,000.00
SouthSide Film Institute.....	\$5,000.00
Wildlife Information Center, Inc.....	\$6,000.00

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2008

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 115,756.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Accrued Dividends and Capital Gains Receivable	12,100.00
Investments	7,664,842.00
Prepaid excise tax	<u>3,155.00</u>

Total Assets **\$ 7,795,853.00**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00
Grant Commitments	<u>28,500.00</u>

Total Current Liabilities **28,500.00**

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Grant Commitments	0.00
Deferred Excise Taxes	<u>0.00</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>

Total Liabilities **28,500.00**

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	<u>\$ 7,767,353.00</u>
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$ 7,795,853.00**

The financial statements for The Foundation for the years ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2008 have been examined by the accounting firm of Amper, Politziner & Mattia, LLP. The detailed financial report is available at The Foundation's office upon request.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All requests are reviewed and evaluated by The Foundation's Executive Director. Final approval is determined by The Foundation's Board of Trustees. Proposals are accepted throughout the calendar year. Awards are made for unsolicited proposals twice a year. For consideration for funding by June 1st, proposals must be submitted by **April 1st**. For consideration for funding by November 1st, proposals must be submitted by **August 15th**. **Requests are accepted through an electronic application process. Please visit our Web site, www.pooltrust.org to begin this process.**

Requests should be as concise as possible and include:

1. A description of need
2. Specific objectives (what you plan on accomplishing with the funds)
3. A work plan for accomplishing objectives, including a time schedule
4. A proposed method of evaluating project effectiveness
5. A budget fully defined and including all sources of financial support, committed and pending
6. Evidence of the organization's not-for-profit tax status
7. Current Board of Directors (We also like to hear about how your Board reflects the population you serve.)

The Foundation is restricted from providing funds to individuals, legislative or lobbying efforts, political or fraternal organizations or organizations outside the United States and its territories. The Foundation as a policy does not provide operating or capital funds to sectarian institutions, hospitals, organizations or programs in which funds will be used primarily for the propagation of religion. Further, The Foundation does not underwrite charitable or testimonial dinners; fund-raising events or related advertising; or the subsidization of books, mailings or articles in professional journals.

Please contact our office with any inquiries or questions.

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