

# Louisiana Bar Foundation

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**W**e exist to preserve, honor and improve our system of justice by funding, developing and otherwise promoting efforts which enhance the legal profession, increase public understanding of the legal system, and advance the reality of equal justice under the law.

**T**he LBF supports programs that provide free legal services for the poor in all 64 parishes of the state of Louisiana.

The Foundation strives to present a complete and accurate list of donors. This publication reflects support from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. If a mistake has been made in your listing, we sincerely apologize and ask that you contact Danielle J. Marshall at (504) 561-1046 or [danielle@raisingthebar.org](mailto:danielle@raisingthebar.org) so that we may correct our records.

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## President's Message

I am pleased to report on the activities of the LBF and a most eventful year. Grant funding for three new programs were made available in 2007-08 to legal service providers and public interest attorneys in the state. The **Building Capital Development Grants** support our grantees with the acquisition or renovation of office space to improve service delivery. Up to \$25,000 is awarded annually, on a matching basis, for up to 5 years. The **Community Partnership Panel Grants** address the unmet legal needs of the poor in specific regions of the state as determined by the LBF fellows living in those regions. Earlier this year, each panel hosted its second annual Fellows Luncheon or Reception. The **Loan Repayment Assistance program** (LRAP) provides law school related student loan relief of up to \$5,000 per year to public interest attorneys employed by LBF grantees. These LRAP loans are forgiven after completion of 12 months of employment with the grantee.



**Elwood F. Cahill, Jr.**

This year the Board made an important change to the By-Laws in an effort to address the long-term viability of the LBF and simplify membership. The Board amended Article III of the By-Laws in January eliminating multiple, multi-year pledges and transitioning to an annual membership support program. Fellows make an annual, unrestricted financial contribution, at the level they desire, minimum requirement or more, for as long as they choose to do so. Examples of this type of donation may include one or more of the following: Fellow dues, LBF check off of LSBA registration statements, LBF year end donations, LBF annual giving donations and/or miscellaneous donations. In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, Fellows meeting this criteria are entitled to one vote at the Annual Meeting of the Foundation. For those Fellows who joined when a lifetime status was available, we will continue to recognize your support of the LBF. Therefore, all members who became Fellows by December 31, 1996 and who fulfilled their initial pledge are classified as Charter Fellows of the Foundation. Charter Fellows are entitled to vote at every meeting of the Foundation, regardless of any continuing donations. However, we encourage everyone to continue to make unrestricted, voluntary donations to the Foundation annually.

As you know, through the work of the LBF and LSBA leadership, the Supreme Court adopted amendments to the Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 resulting in Louisiana becoming the 18th state in the country to implement the concept of rate comparability. IOLTA accounts must now earn the same or comparable interest or dividend rates available to similarly-situated non-IOLTA customers at the same financial institution. The new rule went into effect on April 1, 2008. The Foundation is currently monitoring bank compliance through remittance reports.

I would like to take the time to thank my fellow officers, Marc T. Amy and Drew A. Ranier, as well as the Foundation's staff, all of whose dedication and support of the Foundation's work contributed mightily to such a successful year. I am grateful to all of the Foundation's wonderful judges, lawyers and professors who are dedicated to improving the administration of justice and I feel privileged to have worked with all of you.



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The Louisiana Bar Foundation's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fellows Gala was held Friday, April 18, 2008 at the Ritz-Carlton New Orleans. Special guests of honor were the LBF's 2007 Distinguished Jurist Thomas F. Daley, Distinguished Attorneys Harry S. Hardin III and Thomas L. Lorenzi and Distinguished Professor Cynthia A. Samuel.

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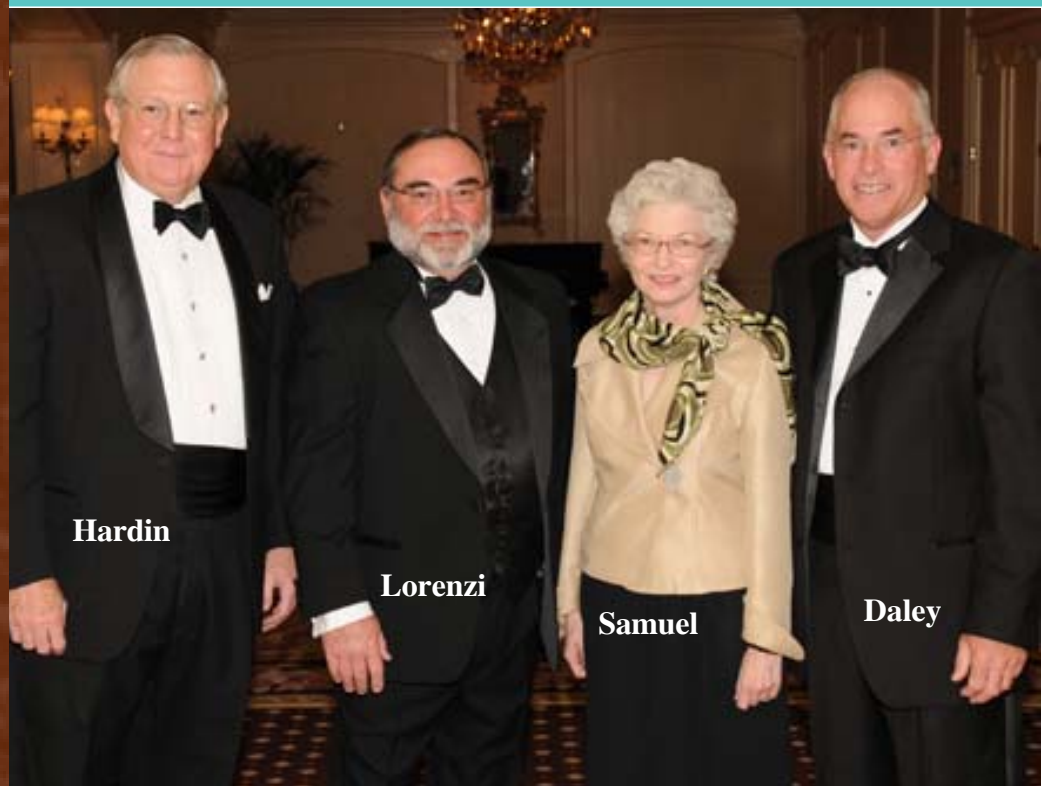
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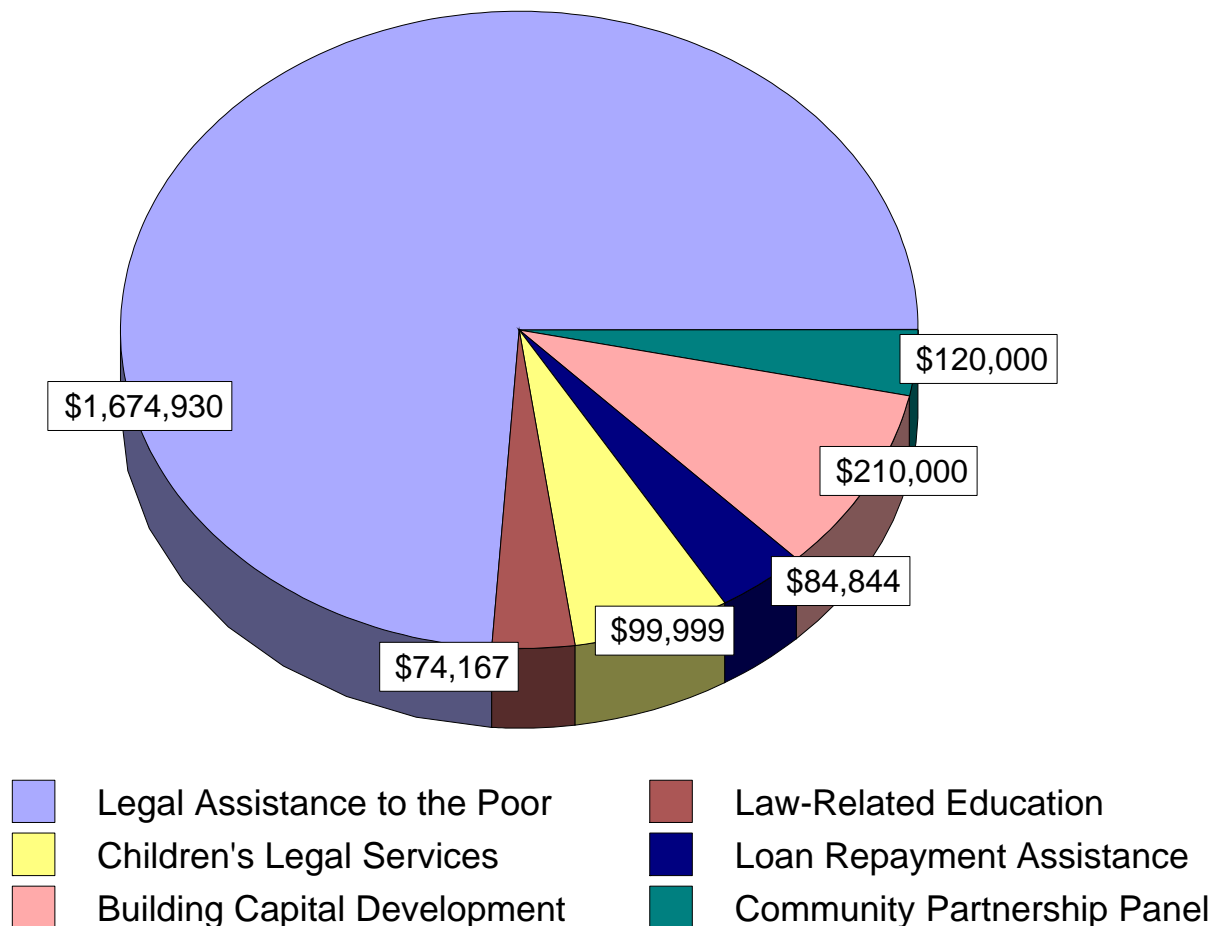
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# 2008 Funding Programs

LBF Awarded More Than \$2.2 Million in Grants for 2008



## Legal Assistance to the Poor \$1,674,930

*Legal Assistance to the Poor grants support entities that provide free direct legal services to indigent clients, such as; domestic violence programs which enable people to leave abusive relationships and seek safety for themselves and their children; legal services corporations which provide civil legal services to the indigent in each parish of the state; other legal services which provide specialized legal services, such as immigration or health-related services; and pro bono projects, which utilize the local private bar to handle cases for the poor pro bono.*



***Domestic Violence Programs \$256,201***

Beauregard Community Concerns	\$13,000
Calcasieu Women's Shelter	\$15,000
Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Services	\$12,000
Catholic Charities / Project SAVE	\$26,500
Chez Hope	\$12,000
D.A.R.T. of Lincoln	\$13,000
Faith House	\$16,000
Family Counseling Agency / Turning Point Shelter	\$11,000
The Haven	\$13,000
Metropolitan Center for Women and Children	\$31,000
My Sister's House of the Felicianas	\$2,501
New Start Center	\$9,500
Project Celebration / Taylor House	\$9,600
Safe Harbour	\$9,600
Safety Net for Abused Persons	\$17,000
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program	\$12,500
St. Bernard Battered Women's Shelter	\$5,500
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$14,000
YWCA of Northwest Louisiana	\$13,500

***Legal Services Corporations \$980,038***

Acadiana Legal Services Corporation	\$274,411
Capital Area Legal Services Corporation	\$166,616
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$245,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation	\$294,011

***Other Legal Services Providers \$254,092***

AidsLaw of Louisiana	\$39,000
Arts Council of New Orleans	\$4,000
Catholic Charities / Immigration Legal Services	\$30,682
Catholic Legal Immigration Network	\$6,410
Innocence Project of New Orleans	\$60,000
Legal Aid Bureau	\$57,000
Louisiana Appleseed	\$3,500
Louisiana Civil Justice Center	\$16,000
Southwest Louisiana Legal Services	\$37,500

***Pro Bono Projects \$184,599***

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$25,000
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project	\$19,000
Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation	\$25,000
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$20,843
Northwest Louisiana Pro Bono Project	\$22,000
The Pro Bono Project	\$72,756

## Building Capital Development \$210,000

*Annual grants, up to \$25,000, are made to grantees for the purchase of an office building or renovation to existing space.*

Acadiana Legal Services Corporation	\$20,000
Calcasieu Women's Shelter	\$25,000
Chez Hope	\$25,000
Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation	\$25,000
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$15,000
Metropolitan Center for Women and Children	\$25,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation	\$25,000
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$25,000

## Community Partnership Panel \$120,000

*The Community Partnership Panels act as regional chapters of the Foundation which will identify unmet needs in their community and fund new or existing organizations to address those unmet needs. Each panel has an annual budget of \$15,000.*

### ***Acadiana***

Family Violence Intervention Program (FVIP)	\$5,400
Lafayette Bar Foundation	\$6,600
Cajun Area Agency on Aging	3,000

### ***Capital Area***

Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Center	\$10,803
Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge	\$4,197

### ***Central***

Central Louisiana Pro Bono	\$2,023
Alexandria Bar Association	\$1,977
La. Conference of the United Methodist Church	\$11,000

### ***Greater New Orleans***

CASA of Jefferson Parish	\$5,000
Pro Bono Project	\$5,000
Youth Empowerment Project Orleans Parish Teen Court	\$5,000

### ***Northeast***

CASA of Northeast La.	\$10,000
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$5,000

### ***Northshore***

Southeast La. Legal Services	\$15,000
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### ***Northwest***

Training, Education, and Mediation for Students	\$15,000
Southwest	
CASA of Family & Youth	\$7,500
The Whistle Stop	\$7,500

## Children's Legal Services \$99,999

*Children's Legal Services grant program helps to provide legal assistance to needy children in areas of law which affect their safety, well-being, and future development.*

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation Teen Court	\$2,000
CASA of Natchitoches	\$10,000
CASA of the 16th JDC	\$7,510
CASA of the 18th JDC	\$3,897
CASA of West Cenla	\$6,943
Iberia Teen Court	\$15,000
Mental Health America of Louisiana	\$48,000
Plaquemines Community Care Centers	\$2,000
Teen Court of Morehouse	\$4,649

## Loan Repayment Assistance Program \$84,844

*The Loan Repayment Assistance Program provides one-year loans, up to \$5,000 to public interest attorneys with law school debt employed by LBF grantees. Participants are eligible for five years of funding. The loan is forgiven after completion of 12 months of employment with the grantee. Twenty-four grants were awarded for 2008.*

## Law Related Education \$74,167

*Law-related education programs teach legal rights, responsibilities, and the role of the citizen by bringing together teachers, community leaders, and legal professionals.*

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$6,000
Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation	\$5,000
Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education	\$34,667
Louisiana Justice Coalition	\$15,000
LSBA Young Lawyers Section	\$10,000
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$3,500

**To date the LBF has distributed more than \$35 million\* throughout Louisiana to help address the legal needs of indigent citizens, provide a basic understanding of the law, and assist with improvements to the justice system.**

\* includes 2009 grant awards



# Foundation Programs and Projects

The **Access to Justice Program** is a cooperative venture of the Louisiana Bar Foundation, the Louisiana State Bar Association, and the Louisiana legal services programs to assist legal services providers in their efforts to provide legal help to the poor.

Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Attorneys work with LSU and Southern law school students and community providers to develop quality pro bono opportunities through the **Equal Justice Works AmeriCorp Program**.

The **Distinguished Lecture Series** is a project of the LBF's Judicial Liaison Committee. This project promotes study and research in the field of law and brings together the practicing bar and judiciary.

The inaugural Distinguished Lecture took place on Friday, October 19 at the Louisiana Supreme Court building. Professor Drew S. Days III spoke to an audience of lawyers, professors, judges and justices on "The First Amendment in the Time of War: Civil Liberties in Troubled Times."



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# Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts Program

**The Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Program is a unique partnership with the banking community that enhances the Foundation's ability to meet Louisiana's growing need for free civil legal services to the poor.**

**On January 3, 2008, the Louisiana Supreme Court granted the petition filed by the Louisiana Bar Foundation amending the LSBA Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.15 Safekeeping Property, IOLTA Rules. The new rule was effective on April 1, 2008.**

## Prime Partners

**Prime Partners are financial institutions that pay a net yield of 60% of the Federal Funds Target Rate, referred to as the "safe harbor rate". They are committed to ensuring the success of the IOLTA program and increased funding for legal aid.**

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## Kids' Chance Scholarship Program

Kids' Chance awards scholarships to children of Louisiana workers killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal workers compensation act or law. In the 2007-08 academic year \$ 32,000 in Kids' Chance scholarships were awarded to 19 deserving students.



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Casey Todesco, Metairie  
Savannah Walker, Deville

*“The assistance that Kids’ Chance has afforded our family is priceless. I would like to thank the Louisiana Bar Foundation for considering the children of injured workers. Often we are forgotten—you did not forget about them, and for that we are very grateful.”*

Sandra LaGrange,  
mother of recipients  
Brandon and Bryce LaGrange



## Golf Tournament Benefits LBF Kids' Chance Program

The Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation (LWCC) held its annual golf tournament on October 15, 2007 donating all proceeds to the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship Program.

At a ceremony prior to the golf tournament, Elwood F. Cahill, Jr., LBF President presented mock checks to scholarship recipients and a certificate of appreciation to Kristin W. Wall, President and CEO of LWCC.

For four years the LBF Kids' Chance Program has been the recipient of the LWCC golf tournament proceeds. All money raised goes to the Scholarship Fund.



*Jarrett Marchand, a 3<sup>rd</sup> year scholarship recipient, participated in the golf tournament.*



*LBF Past President Marcel Garsaud, Jr. and current LBF President Elwood F. Cahill, Jr. at the golf tournament.*

For more information on Kids' Chance or to find out how you can make a donation to the Kids' Chance Scholarship Fund, contact Dennette Young at (504) 561-1046 or [dennette@raisingthebar.org](mailto:dennette@raisingthebar.org) or visit [www.raisingthebar.org/kidschance](http://www.raisingthebar.org/kidschance).

## Special Thanks to the 2007-08 Kids' Chance Fund Donors

*The Winning Way*

**LWCC**<sup>®</sup>  
*How Workers' Comp Is Supposed to Work*

**LUBA**   
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Kids' Chance of Louisiana is a member of the national organization of Kids' Chance programs.

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Educating Children of Injured Workers



*2008 Annual Gala Co-Chairs Beth Abramson and Valerie Bargas with President Elwood F. Cahill, Jr.*

The Education Committee produces a continuing series of **Oral Histories** of retiring judges, bar leaders, and other legal personalities. The series systematically broadens the LBF's work to preserve the history, culture, and flavor of Louisiana Law.

During a two year term, an LBF selected scholar serves as the **Scholar-in-Residence** (SIR) producing an academic work. Lance Arnold, chairman of Broadcast Journalism at Nicholls State University is the 2006-08 SIR. Arnold's topic focuses on collecting and archiving data on the impact of hurricanes Katrina and Rita upon the legal system and the response of lawyers and courts to the challenge of providing legal services in the wake of the hurricanes.

The **Secret Santa Project** pairs needy children with local attorneys who buy presents from the child's holiday wish list. In 2007 the Secret Santa Project paired more than 400 members of the legal community with over 900 children.

Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Attorneys work with LSU and Southern law school students and community providers to develop quality pro bono opportunities through the **Pro Bono Legal Corps** program.

## 2007-08 Committee Chairs

**Annual Gala**  
Beth Abramson  
Valerie Bargas

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Drew A. Ranier

**Development**  
Mathile Abramson

**Education**  
Hon. Tom Daley

**Executive**  
John W. Scott

**Governance**  
John W. Scott

**Grants**  
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Herschel E. Richard, Jr.

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Tina Crawford White

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Charles R. Davoli  
Gary Knoepfler

**Nominating**  
Elwood F. Cahill, Jr.

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# Awards

## 2008 President's Award



Marta-Ann Schnabel received the LBF's prestigious President's Award. Schnabel was selected by Elwood F. Cahill, Jr., 2007-08 LBF President, in recognition of her outstanding support, volunteer service and dedication to the mission and goals of the LBF. For the past three years she has actively served on the LBF Board and was instrumental in helping the Foundation work toward achieving rate comparability serving on various committees and as the liaison between the LBF and LSBA Boards.

## Grantee Excellence in Service and Programming



The LBF awarded the Grantee Award for Excellence in Service and Programming to The Pro Bono Project. Post-Katrina, The Pro Bono Project worked to engage the services of law students, law professors and out of state volunteer attorneys to provide legal services to returning residents and newcomers within two months of the storm. The Pro Bono Project succeeded in turning a natural disaster into an opportunity to tell its story and engage nationwide volunteers to come to New Orleans to help fulfill The Project's mission.



## Horn Blower



The Horn Blower Award is given to a partner organization in recognition of outstanding support and leadership in assisting the Louisiana Bar Foundation in advancing an initiative, project or program. The 2008 Horn Blower Award was given to Tim Averill, General Counsel for the Louisiana Supreme Court.

## Outstanding Law Student Volunteer

Earlnisha D. Williams is the 2007-08 Pro Bono LegalCorps Outstanding Law Student volunteer. Earlnisha has demonstrated a strong interest in pursuing a career in public interest by completing over 350 hours of pro bono service over the course of her law school career at LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

## Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award



Phillip A. Wittmann received the 2008 LBF Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award. Wittmann was selected for his long-standing devotion to excellence in trial practice and for upholding the standards of ethics and consideration for the courts, litigants and all counsel in his practice of the law. He received a plaque signifying the honor bestowed to him. In addition, the award carries a \$1,000 cash stipend, which was donated to the New Orleans Bar Association in his honor.

**LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

June 30, 2008

**ASSETS**

		<u><b>TOTAL MEMORANDUM ONLY</b></u> <u>June 30, 2007</u>
Cash	\$ 836,317	\$ 1,538,539
Investments	5,994,599	5,469,612
Receivables		
Pledges, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$10,400	61,351	92,532
Other	<u>5,100</u>	<u>8,969</u>
	<u>66,451</u>	<u>101,501</u>
Prepaid lease payments	142,049	157,317
Prepaid expenses and deposits	3,336	6,733
Property and equipment-at cost		
	<u>36,772</u>	<u>45,141</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,079,524</u>	<u>\$ 7,318,843</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 21,165	\$ 1,077
Grants payable	<u>1,160,967</u>	<u>934,608</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,182,132</u>	<u>935,685</u>
Commitment		
Net assets		
Unrestricted	982,279	1,431,828
Temporarily restricted	4,359,488	4,386,486
Permanently restricted	<u>555,625</u>	<u>564,844</u>
Total net assets	<u>5,897,392</u>	<u>6,383,158</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 7,079,524</u>	<u>\$ 7,318,843</u>