

# Stephen & May Cavin Leeman Foundation, Inc.

## Annual Report

July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

This year we would like to highlight two outstanding organizations to which we have just made our tenth consecutive annual grants.

The **Andrew Glover Youth Program** was founded in 1977 by Robert Siegal and Angel Rodriguez as an advocacy program for Lower-East-Side youths in trouble with the law. Mr. Rodriguez has served as Executive Director since 1979. The program states that its primary mission has been to “keep kids out of prison,” both by giving “a second chance” to juvenile offenders who agree “to take responsibility for their actions” and by providing similar, and equally needed services to “other kids who have been identified as at risk.” These services are individually tailored to the needs of each young person, and can include advocacy in court, counseling with personal and family problems, job training, and tutoring, among other things. Since 1985 the Program has operated a youth center in the Lower East Side, and, since 1998, a second youth center in East Harlem. It has an outstanding track record, with a 3-year re-arrest rate of only 18% for all clients enrolled since 1994 because of an arrest. For the 65% of such clients who stay long enough to complete their program goals, the 3-year re-arrest rate is extremely low, only 7%, in contrast to 75% for juvenile offenders discharged from the custody of the New York State Division for Youth. These dramatic results are accomplished at an annual cost per teenager of \$2,500, compared with an annual cost of \$150,000 to keep a teenager in a New York State facility. The Leeman Foundation is proud to have contributed \$140,000 over the past ten years in support of Andrew Glover’s excellent work.

**Global Kids** was founded as an independent nonprofit organization 1993 by Executive Director Carole Artigiani. Its mission is “to transform urban youth into successful students and global and community leaders by engaging them in socially dynamic, content-rich learning experiences.” It does this not only through a variety of in-school and after-school programs, but also by partnering with New York City in operating the High School for Global Citizenship. The agency’s “flagship program,” The Power of Citizenry Leadership Program,” includes “workshops on international and public policy issues, training in leadership and peer education,” and a variety of educational trips. Central to the Leadership Program is an Annual Youth Conference on some aspect of world events, planned, developed, and implemented by students in the Program for approximately 600 high school students and educators. The Leeman Foundation proudly supports this Conference, including all aspects of preparing for it, and is pleased at its success both in developing well-informed, effective student leaders and in enriching the educational experience of the students who attend the Conference from all over the City. Last year, over 95% of the seniors in the Leadership Program, many of whom were once identified as “at risk of school dropout,” graduated from high school, and the vast majority are now enrolled in higher education. The Foundation has contributed \$173,250 to the Annual Youth Conference over the past ten years.

It has been a successful year for the Foundation. Our endowment’s continuing recovery from its low point four years ago has enabled us to donate a total of \$142,500 this year, more than in any of the last three years. In spite of this increased giving, at the end of the year the value of the endowment was up 9% over last year, but it still is 13% smaller than at its peak seven years ago.

Our mode of operating remains unchanged. We continue to provide ongoing support to a limited number of relatively small agencies that perform a variety of high-quality services for needy children and young adults in New York City. We took on no new grantees this year.

We continued the series of our Annual Grantees' Breakfast Meetings, to keep our grantees in touch with one another, and to facilitate the exchange of ideas, the identification of common issues, and the exploration of new ways in which all of us can help one another. The Ninth Annual Meeting, held in February 2007, again was well attended, with a highly interactive discussion.

### **History and Mission:**

The Stephen and May Cavin Leeman Foundation is a family foundation established in 1969 by Stephen and May Cavin Leeman. It was originally called the SEARCH Foundation (Science, Education, Art, Research, Conservation, and History), reflecting the broad interests of the founders.

In its early years, the Foundation focused its activities in Rockland County, NY, the founders' home community. Significant projects included the preservation of the birthplace of Edward Hopper in Nyack, NY, the development and publication of a historical **Portrait of West Nyack**, the giving of Nyack and West Nyack Community Awards, the promotion of a Rockland County anti-litter campaign, and the support of a Bias Awareness Workshop in Upper Nyack.

From 1988 to 1994 the Foundation funded a free cardiovascular screening program operated by Nyack Hospital, and from 1991 to 1994 the Foundation supported the Fellowship of Reconciliation, based in Rockland County, in several of its peace-promoting activities, including the establishment of the F.O.R. Peace Library.

Following the deaths of Stephen Leeman in 1993 and May Cavin Leeman in 1995, the leadership of the Foundation passed to the next generation of the family. The headquarters of the Foundation were moved to New York City. The Directors decided to shift the Foundation's focus to programs serving needy children and youths in New York City, with an emphasis on relatively small agencies, with grants for projects where we believe that our limited resources can make a tangible, demonstrable difference.

### **Guidelines for Applicants:**

#### **Fields of Interest:**

Our focus is on programs serving needy children and youths in New York City. Consideration also may be given to programs in the arts and humanities; education; environmental preservation; health and human services, especially biomedical ethics and palliative care; and peace. Relatively small programs in the New York metropolitan area are favored.

#### **Restrictions:**

No grants are made to individuals.

#### **Application Information:**

A new Application Form is being developed. Meanwhile, the Foundation will still accept applications submitted on the New York/New Jersey Common Application Form of the New York Regional Association of Grantmakers, as modified by the Foundation. A prospective applicant should submit a preliminary letter of interest. Since decisions on grants are made throughout the year, there is no deadline for applications. Reports are expected from grantees at least once a year, and there may be other requirements.

#### **Directors, Officers, and Administration:**

Cavin P. Leeman, M.D., President, Treasurer, and Director; Diane L. Zimmerman, Esq., Vice-President, Secretary, and Director; Gina Trent, Director; Gina Holland Waldo, Administrator.

**Donors:**

Stephen Leeman and May Cavin Leeman (both deceased).

**Regular Grants Made During The 2006-2007 Fiscal Year (7/1/06-6/30/07):**

**Andrew Glover Youth Program, New York, NY** **\$15,000**

A tenth-year grant to support alternatives to incarceration for youthful offenders as well as crime-prevention programs for at-risk youths from New York's Lower East Side and East Harlem neighborhoods.

**Association to Benefit Children, New York, NY** **\$15,000**

A sixth-year grant to support Fast Break, a mobile mental health program for children.

**Bard College Clemente Course, Annandale-on-Hudson NY** **\$7,500**

A sixth-year grant to support a college-level course in the humanities, offered this year to high-school students in New York City.

**Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture, New York, NY** **\$15,000**

A sixth-year grant to support a program of mental health and social services to children in New York City who are victims of torture and other human-rights abuses, and their families.

**The DOME Project, New York, NY** **\$15,000**

An eighth-year grant to support the Juvenile Justice Program, providing services for severely at-risk youths, including youths involved with the courts.

**Fresh Youth Initiatives, New York, NY** **\$15,000**

An eighth-year grant to support a community youth development program in New York's Washington Heights and Inwood neighborhoods.

**Friends of the Children New York, New York, NY** **\$12,500**

A second-year grant to support an intensive professional mentoring program for the most highly at-risk children.

**Global Kids, New York, NY** **\$15,000**

A tenth-year grant to support the annual citizenship conference of this program which promotes academic achievement, global awareness, and leadership skills among inner-city high school students.

**The Grace Opportunity Project, New York, NY** **\$15,000**

A seventh-year grant to support a remedial education program for needy elementary school children.

**The Teak Fellowship, New York, NY** **\$15,000**

A sixth-year grant to support a program which helps low-income, high-achieving public school students to get into and succeed at top public and independent high schools.

<b>Total</b>	<b>10 regular grants</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>
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**Mini-Grants Made During the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year (7/1/06-6/30/07):**

<b>Children’s Health Fund</b> , New York, NY	<b>\$1,000</b>
A second-year grant to support Operation Assist, a program which provides medical and mental health care to children in Mississippi and Louisiana victimized by Hurricane Katrina.	

<b>Compassion and Choices of New York</b> , New York, NY	<b>\$500</b>
A sixth-year grant to support the New York affiliate of Compassion and Choices Federation, which provides information, counseling, and support for terminally ill adults.	

<b>Peace Action Education Fund</b> , Silver Spring, MD	<b>\$1,000</b>
A one-time grant to support an educational campaign to prevent war between the United States and Iran.	

<b>Total</b>	<b>3 mini-grants</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13 grants</b>	<b>\$142,500</b>
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**Summarized Financial Information for Fiscal Year 2006-2007:**

<b><u>Value of Endowment at Beginning of Year:</u></b>	<b>\$2,717,066</b>
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**Income:**

Dividends and Interest	\$ 113,843	
Net Gain from Sale of Assets	135,379	
Unrealized Appreciation of Assets	<u>223,747</u>	
Total		\$472,969

<b><u>Subtotal:</u></b>	<b>\$3,190,035</b>
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**Grants and Expenses:**

Grants	\$ 142,500	
Ninth Annual Breakfast Meeting	1,157	
Other Administrative Expenses	40,938	
Investment-related Expenses	<u>29,227</u>	
Total		\$213,822

<b><u>Value of Endowment at End of Year:</u></b>	<b>\$2,976,213</b>
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