

The Year 2010 in Review

The economy of Southeast Texas continued to improve, and that improvement was reflected by the Foundation. The total market returns for 2010 were almost 12 percent, and we added one new fund. Even with the improvement of the economy and the growth of its invested assets, the Foundation could only pay out grants to a small group of designated nonprofits from its endowed funds. Other endowed funds were still below their historical values from the losses of 2008 and 2009. This was especially difficult for those local nonprofits that depend on the Foundation’s yearly grants to assist in fulfilling their missions. All nonprofits in Southeast Texas continued to be negatively affected by the economy. Individual donors were reluctant to give because they were unsure of their own financial stability. Foundations, including the Foundation for Southeast Texas, were still recovering from their losses and industries continued to recover from economic slowdown. The Board of the Foundation believes in its mission of “making a positive difference in the lives of the people of Southeast Texas” and made the courageous decision to draw a large amount from its reserves to fund the Competitive Grant Program. Additionally, the donors of the non-endowed donor advised funds were generous in their grants to numerous nonprofits.

The total amount of grants awarded in 2010 was \$261,162 as compared to \$62,808 in 2009. Since 1998 the Foundation has given almost three million dollars to our community.

Board member Ross Smith and his wife Eva established a new donor advised fund. Before the end of the year several Orange County nonprofits in dire need were assisted by grants from the Ross and Eva Smith Donor Advised Fund. Additions were made to other funds and the Foundation received various gifts to its unrestricted Community Opportunity Fund honoring and memorializing individuals.

The investment managers at Capital One Asset Management once again outperformed the benchmark established by the Board. The Foundation’s assets are conservatively invested with a mix of 50% in equities and 50% in fixed income.

The Foundation’s building is leased to capacity with a waiting list of nonprofits desiring office space and the meeting rooms provided for our tenants. With the assistance of a grant, we added a sound system to the auditorium, more outside lighting, a security camera system and updated our office equipment. Our goal for 2011 is to update our web site and use other new technology to better serve our donors and the nonprofits.

The success of the Foundation depends on the quality of its board. In 2010, the Foundation elected outstanding, new board members from all sectors of the community. The new board members are: Rod Carroll, CPA and public information officer for the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office; Robert Edgar, partner Edgar, Kiker and Cross PC, CPA; Shawn Oubre, City Manager of Orange and Mary Ann Reid, president of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce. The officers elected were: President, Charles Cox, Executive Vice President of Commercial Lending at Community Bank; Vice President, Nancy Vincent, Senior Vice President of Orange Savings; Treasurer, John Wasser, community leader and secretary, Tammy Kotzur of Port Arthur Convention and Visitors Bureau. Dean Robinson, Evelyn Lord and Peg Towers, charter board members, who had served the maximum number of terms, were elected to the advisory board. Sadly, during the year 2010 two board members, Ouida Edwards and John Wasser passed away. Both were active, committed members and have been missed.

Grants Awarded in 2010

Many nonprofits of our community received grants from the various funds of the Foundation.

A total of \$261,162 was awarded. A total of \$117,840 was awarded to organizations listed below from designated, donor-advised and scholarship funds.

Organization Name:	Amount of Grant
★ First Presbyterian Church of Orange.....	\$50,000
★ Southeast Texas Arts Council.....	9,000
★ Humane Society of Southeast Texas	1,000
★ Sewanee University of the South	5000
★ Photo Fest – Literacy thru Photography.....	5000
★ The Jung Center	300
★ The Big Thicket Association	2150
★ Salvation Army of Orange.....	17,500
★ Salvation Army Texas – Haiti Relief Fund.....	2000
★ Children’s Learning Center Houma Louisiana	2000
★ The Haven.....	1000
★ Toros Baseball Team of Sugar Land.....	500
★ National Parks Conservation Association.....	300
★ Sugar Land United Methodist Church	8500
★ Boys and Girls Club of Collin County.....	500
★ Council on Foundations	590
★ Sugar Land Sharks.....	500
★ Foundation for Southeast Texas.....	10,000
AB² Memorial Scholarship Fund Awarded To:	
★ Brittany Jeanis	Texas A & M University 1,000
★ Joseph Villarreal	Texas A & M University 1,000

Competitive Grants Awarded 2010

A total of \$153,322 was awarded to 59 local nonprofits listed below.

Organization Name	Grant Purpose	Award
Ubi Caritas	Dental Supplies, materials etc for clinic	5000
Goodwill Industries of Southeast Texas	Attended Donation Center on Boys Haven	5000
Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeast	Computers, printers, toner, software & tech support	5000
Shorkey Center	Supplies for school for children with Down’s syndrome	5000
Advocates for Children, Inc.	Conference expenses - staff & volunteers	5000
Silsbee Little Theater	20 tables to furnish theater	4600
Port Arthur Helping Our People Excel (Hope)	Television, card, DVD player, anti virus & support	4500
Greater Orange Habitat for Humanity	Insulation, heating & air conditioning for 3 bedroom house.....	4422
Community Care Prayer Outreach	Literacy program supplies	4000
Southeast Texas Hospice	Cover costs of serving one family one month.....	3875
100 Black Men of Greater Beaumont	Support for student’s college entrance - books &	3600
Family Services of Southeast Texas	LCD television, DVD, projectors & laser printer	3500
The Arc of Greater Beaumont	Off-set cost one year of activities of Arc Social	3500
South East Texas Council on Alcohol & Drug	Replace a broken freezer	3475
Beaumont Art League	Expenses of competitions and exhibitions	3000
Fire Museum of Texas	Museum & accounting software, printer & digital	3000
91.3 KVLU FM Public Radio	Partial funding Classics for Kids.....	3000
CHRISTUS Health Foundation Southeast Texas	Purchase a portable vital signs monitor	3000
Southeast TX Arts Council	Promotion of Jazz & Blues Festival.....	3000
Performing & Visual Arts Council	Partial funds for major production in 2010-11	3000
Stable Spirit	20 Sessions of Equine Assisted Psychotherapy	3000
Junior Achievement of the Golden Triangle	Materials for classroom program	3000
Jefferson County Family Treatment Drug Court	Support (household items, clothing) & incentives.....	3000
Southeast Texas Food Bank - School Tools	Purchase books for local elementary school	3000
Kirby Hill House Museum Educational	Various electronic equipment	2995
Some Other Place, Inc	Server and workstations.....	2830
Community Retirement Home, Inc.	Dampers, ducts, grills & thermostats	2750
Southeast Texas Nonprofit Development	Subscription-Foundation Center Coop Collection & books for library	2564
Nederland Parks & Recreation	Repair and landscape two city parks.....	2500
House of Destiny	Laptops, modems & printers	2500
Anayat House	Cover cost of overnight stay	2500
Hardin County Genealogical Society #1	Partial restoration-glass and awning.....	2225
Rape & Suicide Crisis of SE TX, Inc.	Clothing & personal affects for victims.....	2100
Communities in Schools, SE TX Inc	Supplies for Fun, Family Reading Nights	2100
Port Cities Rescue Mission Ministries	Computers, GED components & software	2000
AARP & Turning Point	Assist in funding “sports day” for handicapped.....	2000
Mothers Against Drunk Driving	Travel for volunteer training	2000
The Lions Club - Kountze	20 solar powered lights for Kountze City Park.....	2000
Garth House	Shaken Baby Syndrome prevention supplies	2000
Hardin Co. Forest & Ag. Youth Assoc.	Wash rack	2000
Young Audiences of Southeast Texas	After school programming - arts.....	2000
Triangle AIDS Network	Chairs, DVD/TV, Brochures, rack & DVD’s	1928
Orange Community Players, Inc.	Six wireless head microphones.....	1882
Camp Fire USA Southeast TX Council.	Camp scholarships for economically disadvantaged	1800
Friends of Kountze Public Library	Server computer system	1778
Lamar State College-Orange	Tuition assistance for disadvantaged -Youth camp	1750
Catholic Charities Of Southeast Texas	Educational play items for Elijah’s Place.....	1619
Vidor ACE After School Program	Supplies & transportation for arts after school	1602
Christian Loving Care Center	Two computers & windows 7 Operating system	1500
Alzheimer’s Association	Copier/printer, portable projector and display board	1450
United Way-Beaumont & N. Jefferson Co.	Lap top computer & accessories.....	1117
Girl Scouts of the San Jacinto Council	Teleconferencing pod for Beaumont Service	1100
Beaumont Community Partners for Children	Upgrade computer software, children supplies	1010
Friends Helping Friends & Benefit Thrift Shop,	Computer and external hard drive	1000
Mental Health Association in Jefferson County	Fund facilitators for support group sessions.....	1000
Christian Women’s Job Corps of Southeast	GED tests, fees, supplies.....	1000
Nutrition & Services for Seniors	Pans and coolers	900
CASA of Southeast Texas	Mid- range multi-media projector.....	750
Silsbee Ice House & Cultural Museum	Pay Director/Teacher for summer program	600

The Foundation for Southeast Texas is a community foundation with a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) status serving Hardin, Jefferson and Orange counties. Established in late 1996, the mission of the Foundation “is to make a positive difference in the quality of life in the area by encouraging philanthropic gifts and by assisting donors in achieving their charitable goals through the professional management and considered and caring distribution of such gifts.” The Foundation responds to continuously changing and emerging community needs by addressing the following areas of civic and social concerns: arts and culture, preservation, education and scholarships, health, social services, youth and elderly, economic development and civic affairs.

Funds in the Foundation

The Frances N. and Richard A. LeMaster Fund, an endowed, designated fund, was established in 1997 for the support of the First Presbyterian Church of Orange, Texas.

The Homer Walles Fund, an endowed, designated fund, was established in December 1996 for support of the Central Baptist Church of Port Neches, Texas.

The O.B. and Ethyl Sawyer Fund, an endowed, unrestricted fund, was given to the Foundation in December 1997 by the Trust Department of Texas Commerce Bank of Beaumont for the Foundation to distribute funds to philanthropic organizations.

The Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crawford Family Fund, a donor advised fund, was established in 1997. Distributions are made to charitable organizations with advice from the donors and approval from the Foundation Board of Directors.

The Steinhagen Fund, an endowed, designated fund, was given to The Beaumont Community Foundation in 1979 to provide discretionary funds for the United Way and to supplement United Way agencies. The Beaumont Community Foundation was merged with the Foundation for Southeast Texas in 1998.

The Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell Jr. Fund, an endowed, designated fund, was established in 1972 as a gift to the Beaumont Community Foundation to perpetuate their annual gift after their deaths. When the BCF merged with FSET in the fall of 1998, the Tyrrells graciously agreed to begin distributing the fund to the United Way beginning in January 1999.

The Memorial Fund, an endowed, designated fund, is directed to the United Way.

The Carol Tyrrell Kyle Fund, an endowed, designated fund, established in 1978 as a gift to the Beaumont Community Foundation to support the United Way after her death. The fund was merged with the Foundation for Southeast Texas in 1998.

The Community Opportunity Fund, an endowed, unrestricted fund, was established in late 1998 by the Foundation Board of Directors for distributions to philanthropic organizations in Southeast Texas. Competitive grants are made from this fund.

The Lamb Family Fund, a donor advised endowed fund, was established in December 1999 by Jane and Tom Lamb. Grants are made yearly to qualified charities with advice from the donors and approval from the Foundation Board of Directors.

The Laing Family Donor Advised Fund was established in December of 2003 by Linda and John Laing. Grants are made to qualified charities with advice from the donors and approval from the Foundation Board of Directors.

The Audrey P. and Edward M. Curtis Endowed Fund was received in April of 2005 as a gift from the estate of Jewel Curtis Spayth. For several years, two nonprofits will receive 50% of the determined payout and 50% of the payout will be unrestricted and distributed to nonprofits as competitive grants.

The Jo Anne and George Dishman Charitable Fund, an endowed, donor advised fund, was established in August of 2005. Grants are made yearly to qualified charities with advice from the donor and approval from the Board of Directors.

The Sarah Anne DeBlanc Donor Advised Fund for Battered Women was established in March 2006 by Ann Olliff for the benefit of qualifying charities to assist battered women.

The AB² Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in June of 2006 in memory of Ashley Brown and Alicia Bonura. Donations for the fund were from the West Brook Soccer Booster Club and from many individuals from Southeast Texas. The fund will provide a scholarship for all the girls who survived a bus accident and, in the future, for a soccer player from West Brook High School meeting the qualifications established by the scholarship committee and the Foundation.

The BEFF Family Endowed Donor Advised Fund was established in December of 2006 by a family whose name will remain anonymous. Grants will be made yearly to four separate social service nonprofits.

The Walter J. Crawford Jr. Family Donor Advised Fund was established by Walter Crawford Jr. in December 2006. Grants will be made to qualified charities with advice from the donors and approval from the Foundation Board of Directors.

The Evelyn and Sam Lord Endowed Fund was established in January 2007 to benefit specific local charities. Distributions will commence after the death of both Evelyn and Sam.

The Garth House Endowment Fund was established by the board of the Garth House and the Mickey Mehaffy Children’s Advocacy Program, Inc. to assure future operating funds for the Garth House.

The Gisela Houseman Donor Advised Fund was established in December 2007 by Gisela Houseman to benefit various charities as advised by Houseman and approved by the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

The Friends of CASA was established in December 2007 by the board of Court Appointed Special Advocates of Southeast Texas for restricted program support of CASA.

The Maurine Gray Endowment for the Beaumont Public Library System was established October of 2009 by the estate of Maurine Gray for the purchase of large print books for the Beaumont Public Library.

The Maurine Gray Endowment for Four Footed Furry Friends was established in October of 2009 by the estate of Maurine Gray for the benefit of the Humane Society of Southeast Texas.

The Ross and Eva Smith Donor Advised Fund was established in July of 2010 to benefit various charities as advised by Eva and Ross Smith and approved by the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

New Gifts and Additions Funds to the Foundation in 2010

A total of \$149,204.66 was added in new gifts and additions were made in 2010.

New Fund:

Ross and Eva Smith Donor Advised Fund

Additions to Funds:

The Audrey P. and Edward M. Curtis, Sr. Endowed Fund

From: the Community Foundation Serving Richmond and Central Virginia

The Gisela Houseman Donor Advised Fund

Ross and Eva Smith Donor Advised Fund

The O.B. and Ethyl Sawyer Fund

From: mineral earnings

The Community Opportunity Fund:

From:

Lauren Books

Peg Towers

Carol Flatten

Ed Curtis

Dr. and Mrs. Jan Shook

Gail Shook and Airport Travel Agency

In memory of:

Lee Bourdier

Marjorie Eldredge

Marjorie Eldredge

Josephine Grado

John Wasser

Loreta Tardy

Other gifts to the Community Opportunity Fund:

From:

John Wasser

Mineral earnings

Kathleen Hardey

Total Petrochemicals

Summary Financial Information (unaudited)

Statement of Financial Position • December 31, 2010

ASSETS	
Current Assets-cash & equivalents	\$ 241,786
Fixed Assets-building, equipment, land	2,426,472
Endowment Investments	
Cash & equivalents	299,758
Fixed Income	3,293,720
Mutual Funds	1,668,689
Corporate Stocks	2,445,814
Total Endowed Investment	7,707,982
Total Assets	\$10,376,241
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Funds held as agency endowments	275,578
Total Liabilities	275,578
Equity	
Perm Restricted Net Assets	6,143,769
Temp Restricted Net Assets	2,856,404
Unrestricted Net Assets	387,096
Opening Bal Equity	(38)
Retained Earnings	162,859
Net Income	550,572
Total Equity	10,100,663
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$10,373,241

Statement of Activities (unaudited)

December 31, 2010

REVENUE AND SUPPORT	
Contributions	\$ 147,780
INVESTMENT INCOME	
Interest and Dividends	201,781
Realized Gains	63,615
Office Rental	64,877
Oil and Gas leases	1,425
Management Fee	70,835
Total Income	\$ 550,313
EXPENSES	
Operations	\$ 76,544
Grants	261,162
Foreign Taxes, Trust Management, Management	110,169
Total Expenses	\$ 447,875
Net ordinary income	\$ 102,439
Unrealized Gains or losses	\$ 453,179
Construction-furnishing and Equipment	\$ 5,586
Net other income	\$ 448,134
Net income	\$ 550,572

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