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Foundation Celebrates 10 Years!!!

September 3, 2007 marks the 10th anniversary of the FRPA Foundation. Begun by a small group of professionals with a vision, the foundation has grown from a single donation of \$1.00 to a \$120,000 endowment. Staying true to that vision, the Foundation has continued to provide funding for education, scholarship, leadership development, research and advocacy.

Hundreds of park and recreation professionals and supporters have rallied behind the vision donating their talents and treasure.

Through the years the two main fundraising methods of the Foundation have allowed many to contribute. These include direct pledges and purchasing items from the annual auction at the FRPA Conference.

These funds have allowed us to provide scholarships to students, matching grants to professionals, increase the visibility of the profession through advocacy, conduct research and enhance the educational offerings at conference for attendees.

The Board of Trustees looks forward to the next ten years and beyond. Thank you to all who have helped make this possible.



The first dollar donated to the FRPA Foundation bears the signatures of the founding members of the Board of Trustees; Mark Abdo, Ross Ferlita, Barbara Manzo, Steve Miller, Julia Recker and Eleanor Warmack.

FOUNDATION MILESTONES

1997

- Foundation formed

1998

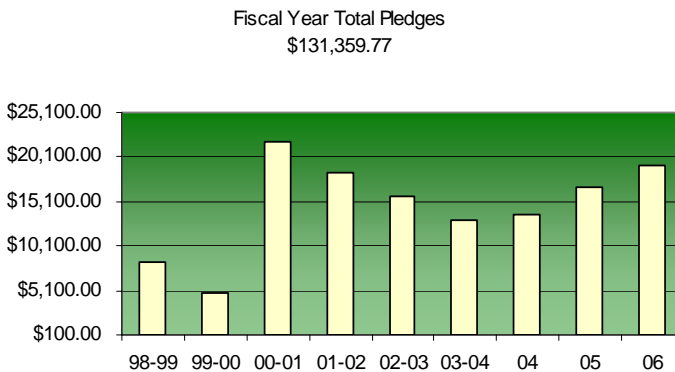
- Auction Nets \$7,197.54
 - First Leadership Institute Held
 - Initial Pledges Total \$8,225.00

2000

- First Research Grant Awarded to Develop Prevention Measurement Tool
 - Teen Conference Held

2001

- First Youth Grants Awarded



2002

- Trends Institute Held
 - Initated Financial Support of Conference Education Sessions

2004

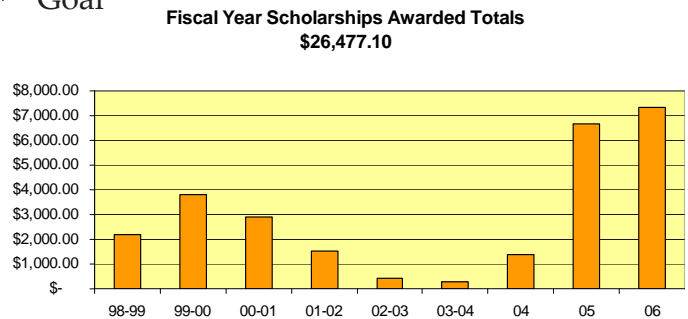
- Funding Provided for Marketing Project

2005

- Funding Provided for Advocacy Project
 - Record Setting Auction

2006

- Hosted First Ever Environmental Summit
 - Expanded Youth Grant Program to also award funding to support Youth Healthy Lifestyles Projects
 - Foundation Exceeds \$100,000 Endowment Goal



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Annual Auction Wednesday Night, 7:00 P.M.

Don't be late!!!! Wednesday night will be the annual auction and you don't want to miss your chance to bid on a number of great items.

Our premier sponsor, the **Lee County Sports Authority**, has once again set the tone for giving. We appreciate their continued support. Many thanks to everyone who donated items to be auctioned.

The Auction will be in **Caribbean Ballroom 1 & 2** with previewing beginning immediately following the general session. If you attended last year, you know how important it is to get there early. Some of the items up for bid are:

Vacation Stays in Crystal River, North Carolina, Italy, Boca Grande
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