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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

The year 2004 was a most productive one for The Allen Foundation. The trustees welcomed the expertise of two new trustees, Dr. Leslie A. Hildebrandt of Central Michigan University, and Dr. Patrick J. Oriel of Midland.

Dr. Hildebrandt's expertise is in nutrition science and Dr. Oriel is a microbiologist. Both have impressive resumes and bring to the Board of Trustees an enhanced ability to evaluate research grants. The board is grateful for their willingness to serve the cause of improving human nutrition.

Our second year of online grant submission has been very successful. Thanks to webmaster, Venkatram Gurumurthi, trustees are able to read and grade grant proposals in a more efficient manner than previously was possible.

The Allen Foundation became a member of the Council of Michigan Foundations by unanimous vote at the May meeting. The board is pleased to be a part of this key body of Michigan foundations.

Twenty-six grant proposals out of hundreds received reached the recommendation stage for consideration for possible funding. Nine proposals were funded, including the continuation of a past commitment to Michigan State University's Project Fresh, which makes fresh fruits and vegetables available to families in need, and new funding for a nutritional consultant for the snack bar at the Midland Ice Skating Complex.

I salute and commend our trustees for their donation of priceless time, energy and expertise to the efforts of the Allen Foundation. The Foundation reviews each year many hundreds of proposals for consideration for funding. The Foundation would like to be in a financial position to assist all of the excellent grant requests that it receives, but its resources are unfortunately limited and in many cases have already been committed. Consequently, applicants should never view possible refusals to fund proposals by the Foundation as judgments on the actual merits of their proposals.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2004

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES					
as of December 31, 2004					
Cash					
Corporate Stock Dow Chemical Co					
64,000 shares3,168,640					
Corporate Stock Chemical Financial					
15,443 shares					
Stock					
Corporate Bonds					
Government Bonds					
Total Assets					
Liabilities					
Grant commitments not paid					
Unrestricted Net Assets12,746,285					
Total liabilites and unrestricted net assets \$12,783,475					
REVENUES AND EXPENSES					
Revenues					
Interest					
Dividends					
Net realized gains on investments 314,984					
Net unrealized gains on investments 1,020,252					
Total Receipts					
Expenses					
Grants					
Other Expenses					
Professional Fees					
Administrative					
Total Expenses other than Grants 47,103					
Total Grants and Expenses\$406,665					
Increase in Unrestricted Assets \$1,260,318					

GRANTS MADE BY THE FOUNDATION

ORGANIZATION:	TOTAL:	IN 2004:
American Friends Service Committee	\$ 15,700	
Boy Scouts of America - Lake Huron #265	7,000	
Cedar Crest College	2,375,180	
Center for Science in the Public Interest	50,000	
Central Michigan University	216,466	33,000
Childrens Hospital of Michigan	43,720	
Community Partnership - Manistique MI	3,600	
Delta College	11,267	
Detroit Rescue Mission	1,000	
Eagle Boy's Village	28,937	
East Dallas Co-op Parish	8,665	
Family Planning Center, Inc.	10,000	
Farm Share, Inc.	12,150	
Fast Ice, Inc.	15,000	15,000
FSP/Vanuata County	15,000	
Girls Incorporated of St. Louis	5,000	
Gleaner's Community Food Bank - Detroit	5,000	
Grace Methodist Church - Dallas	5,000	
Holy Rosary School	4,090	
Home Gardening Project - Oregon	17,500	
Huntington's Disease Society of America, In	ic. 5,000	
Immaculata College	10,000	
Indiana State University	65,107	
International Medical Services for Health	30,875	30,875
Le Bonheur Medical Center - Memphis	4,990	
Lighthouse of Oakland County Inc.	1,200	
Loma Linda University	48,379	
Lutheran Social Services - California	300	
Mary's Center for Maternal & Child Care, I	nc. 25,000	
Matrix:Midland Festival	8,000	
Memorial Sloan Kettering	25,000	
Michigan 4-H Foundation	80,950	
Michigan Council of Foundations	10,500	
Michigan State University	281,730	
MidMichigan Alliance - Clare	8,900	
MidMichigan Regional Medical Center	200,854	
Midland Board of Education	570	
Midland Camping Council	22,330	
Midland County, Michigan	500	
Midland Foundation - Riverside Place	300,000	
Midland Foundation - Washington Woods	30,000	
	200	
Midland Presbyterian Church	200	

Total	\$8,236,916	\$359,562
YWCA of Lincoln	5,175	
Youth Living Centers - Inkster	10,000	
Woods Hole Marine Biology Laboratory	17,736	17,736
West Virginia Hospital Association	40,000	
West Midland Family Center	39,018	15,190
Washington University School of Medici	ne 128,950	62,950
Washington University	100,000	
Wake Forest University Health Sciences		22,000
Vanderbilt University Medical Center	22,266	
University of Wisconsin - Stout	9,374	
University of Wisconsin - La Crosse	5,083	,,,,
University of Minnesota	134,208	74,177
University of Cincinnati	52,380	
University of California - San Diego	99,121	
U.S. Committee for UNICEF	34,500	
Texas Agricultural Extension Service	36,800	
Texas A&M University	618,200	
Syracuse University	474,907	
Still Creek Boys Ranch	16,950	
State University of New York at Buffalo	45,000	
St. Mary's Medical Center - Saginaw	52,800	
Share Our Strength - Detroit	10,000	
Scripps Memorial Hospital	5,000	
Saranac Community Schools	624	624
Salvation Army - San Diego	15,000	
Salvation Army - Midland	45,850	
Salvation Army - Eastern Michigan	12,000	
Saginaw Valley State University	1,119,311	
Richland School District, SC	30,000	
Resources for Child Caring	4,000	
Public Health Fnd. Enterprises Calif.	21,931	
Project Concern International	199,671	
Progress Center	12,000	
Northwood University	30,700	
Northwestern University Medical School	1 100,000	
MSU Extension - Project Fresh	526,110	85,210
MSU Extension - 4H	35,891	2,800
Mother Waddles Mission	2,000	
Montessori Children's House	45,000	
Midland Preschool Center	24,700	

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GRANT APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Allen Foundation Inc. operates under the laws of the State of Michigan, with offices in Midland. In order to be considered for an Allen Foundation grant, you must be a non-profit organization, and be able to provide us with a copy of your Federal Internal Revenue Service certification of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Academic research under an Allen Foundation grant should be conducted under the leadership of a principal investigator who is a full-time regular faculty member with tenure or on tenure tract. The foundation does not directly administer the programs which it funds. Recipients are asked to submit yearly progress reports and a financial accounting concerning the expenditures of the foundation grant.

Grants are strictly limited under the terms of the charter to projects that benefit programs for human nutrition in the areas of health, education, training, and research. The Allen Foundation now requires electronic submission of all unsolicited applications for consideration for possible funding. Please go to the foundation website and follow the instructions for filing a grant application online. The next "deadline" for submission of proposals is December 31, 2005. This deadline means that any proposal submitted electronically on or after January 1, 2006, will be considered for review in 2007. The decisions of the board of trustees will be announced in June of each year. Because of the number of proposals received and the limited resources of the foundation, applicants should never view possible declinations to fund their proposals or delays in reviewing their proposals as judgments on the actual merits of their proposals.

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