



Building Momentum to Better Health



Administration Letter

The theme of this year's annual report is "Momentum." We are pleased to report that the Foundation's momentum continues to grow. Strategic plans are under development for each of the goals in our new strategic framework. We are proud and excited to be working with our many partners to improve the health of the residents in our region.

In an effort to make substantial impact on improving health, the Foundation has:

- Provided several major grants;
- Continued its efforts to curb smoking (particularly among children and youth);
- Continued to focus on sexuality education;
- Continued to fund child abuse prevention programs; and,
- Funded entities to provide access to children for the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

In addition to funding, the Foundation has focused on its responsibility to become a regional health leader. During this past year, the Foundation Staff and Board have worked with area partners to establish a Regional Health Planning Committee and a Funders Group. Foundation representatives have met with numerous elected officials to explain our mission and to offer help as a resource on preventive health issues. We prepared a research brief on smoking for our State legislators, and we made several presentations to clubs and organizations in the region.

During this economic downturn, the Foundation Board confirmed that it will honor our commitments to current grantees, while maintaining efficient operations.

We look forward to another year of building momentum with strong partner relationships, a commitment to lead, and a strong determination to leverage other funds to this region. We appreciate your support. Thank you.

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Board Chairman

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President/CEO