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FROM THE FOUNDING CHAIRMAN

2005, our 50th year, gives us cause to reflect upon our purpose, mission, aspirations, successes and challenges.

Hopefully, we try to bind our community closer together and enable a better quality of life to emerge in the areas that we support.

Although we celebrate fifty years of our Foundation, our story begins well before 1955. Mayer Kaplan came from a humble working-class background with resolute strength and determination to endow me with a philosophy of “sharing and giving,” which led the Foundation to pass on its leadership to children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and in-laws who work closely with the staff.

Gathering as a family is the most profound aspect of our work. It has been a true gift to sit with my extended family three times a year to ponder on how to best husband our resources to meet the challenges of our time. We’ve played together, learned to love and respect each other, and remained together starting with three family members—which has now grown to thirty-five.

With each new generation, we’ve added fresh perspectives and have been aided by a compassionate and competent professional staff.

Replete with a sense of “history in our time,” the Foundation has grown and has developed appreciation of common bonds and family togetherness. We are grateful for the opportunities we all have to reach out with compassion for one another and to those who seek help.

It has been a privilege to work with all of our grantees over the last 50 years and we look forward to providing support and encouragement in the future.

MORRIS A. KAPLAN

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Mayer and Morris Kaplan Family Foundation is comprised of four generations of the Kaplan family and a dedicated staff of professionals.

Three times a year, the Kaplan family comes together from across the country to meet with the staff of the foundation to review grants, make site visits, and sustain a sense of family cohesiveness. Foundation meetings are a chance to get together and celebrate family, while working together in an effort to contribute to the betterment of Chicago.

We hope that through funding of our fields of interest—Education, Arts, Family, Community Organizing, and Jewish Tzedakah—we can ensure that Chicago remains a vibrant and world class city.

As a family we hope to pass on the values of Tzedakah from one generation to the next. As a foundation, we are proud to contribute to each organization listed in this report.

If you have any questions about our grantmaking, our guidelines or for our staff, please do not hesitate to contact us at 847.926.8350 or at the e-mail addresses found on the inside cover. You can also access information about the Foundation on our website at www.kapfam.com.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITIONS

(UNAUDITED)

	<i>As of December 31, 2004</i>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	(\$221,106)
Investments at fair market value	35,068,772
Other assets, net	6,284
Total Assets	<u>\$ 34,853,950</u>
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted net assets	<u>\$ 34,853,950</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 34,853,950</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (UNAUDITED)

	<i>Year ended December 31, 2004</i>
REVENUE AND GAINS	
Contributions	\$ 515,764
Net realized and unrealized gains	3,482,168
Dividends and interest	293,677
Other investment income, net	99,670
Total Revenues and Gains	<u>4,391,279</u>
EXPENSES	
Grants paid	2,880,275*
Operating and administrative	339,472
Investment expenses	284,979
Federal excise taxes	38,044
Other expenses	-
Total Expenses	<u>3,542,770</u>
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	848,509
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
Beginning of the year	34,005,442
End of the year	<u>\$ 34,853,950</u>

*Reported on a cash basis.

GRANT PAYMENTS

THE ARTS

About Face Theatre CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
Albany Park Theater Project CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
American Theater Company CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
The Athenaeum Theatre CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support and Dance Chicago</i>	\$ 15,000
aurorARTS alliance CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Ballet Chicago CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Black Ensemble Theater Chicago, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
Blair Thomas & Co CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Breakbone Dance Co CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Chicago Chamber Musicians CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Chicago Dramatists CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
Chicago Opera Theater CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Chicago Public Art Group CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Chicago Sinfonietta CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Chicago Symphony Orchestra CHICAGO, IL	<i>Payment 8 of 10-year \$250,000 grant</i>	\$ 25,000
Chicago Theatre Company CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000

Clinard Dance Theatre CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Columbia College Chicago, Center for Asian Arts and Media CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
Congo Square Theatre Company CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
Deeply Rooted Productions CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
Eclipse Theatre Company CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Famous Door Theatre Company CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
The Griffin Theatre CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Hedwig Dances CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
The House Theatre of Chicago CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
Hubbard Street Dance Chicago CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Hyde Park Art Center CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
The Hypocrites CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
International Music Foundation CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 46,000
Links Hall CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
Live Bait Theatrical Company CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Lookingglass Theatre Company CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
Lucky Plush Productions CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Luna Negra Dance Theater CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Melissa Thodos and Dancers CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000

GRANT PAYMENTS THE ARTS

Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
The Museum of Contemporary Photography CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Pegasus Players CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,000
Raven Theatre CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
The Renaissance Society CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Rivendell Theatre Ensemble CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
The Seldoms CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Three Walls CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Trap Door Theatre CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
Vector Theatrical Laboratory CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
	<i>Subtotal Arts</i>	\$ 418,000

GRANT PAYMENTS AUTOMATIC GRANTEES

These grants may not be applied for

Art Institute of Chicago CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Chicago Botanic Garden Glencoe, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Chicago Shakespeare Theater CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000

GRANT PAYMENTS AUTOMATIC GRANTEES

Court Theatre CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Dance Center of Columbia College CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
DePaul University CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Field Museum of Natural History CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Goodman Theatre CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
John G Shedd Aquarium CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Lincoln Park Zoological Society CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Lyric Opera of Chicago CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Museum of Contemporary Art CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Museum of Science and Industry CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Newberry Library CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Old Town School of Folk Music CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Steppenwolf Theatre Company CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Victory Gardens Theater CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
WBEZ Alliance CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
WTTW Chicago CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
	<i>Subtotal Automatic Grantees</i>	\$ 95,000

GRANT PAYMENTS

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

TRAINING GRANTS

Chicago Safe Start CHICAGO, IL	<i>for community organizer training</i>	\$ 1,500
Inner-City Muslim Action Network CHICAGO, IL	<i>for community organizer training</i>	\$ 2,000
Kenwood Oakland Community Organization CHICAGO, IL	<i>for community organizer training</i>	\$ 2,500
LeClaire Courts Community Development Corporation CHICAGO, IL	<i>for community organizer training</i>	\$ 1,000
MAGIC CHICAGO, IL	<i>for community organizer training</i>	\$ 1,000
Target Area DevCorp CHICAGO, IL	<i>for community organizer training</i>	\$ 2,000
Chicago Community Organizing Awards CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Chicago Community Organizing Capacity Building Initiative CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 50,000
Albany Park Neighborhood Council CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Blocks Together CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Chicago ACORN CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI) CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Developing Communities Project CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000

GRANT PAYMENTS COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

Northwest Neighborhood Federation CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Organization of the NorthEast CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Pilsen Alliance CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Southwest Organizing Project CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Target Area DevCorp CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
	<i>Subtotal Community Organizing</i>	\$ 290,000

GRANT PAYMENTS EDUCATION

21st Century Urban Schools CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Alternatives CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Anchor Graphics CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Art Resources in Teaching CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 6,000
Asian Human Services CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Barrel of Monkeys CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
Bethany Brethren Community Center CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Changing Worlds CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Chicago Academy for the Arts CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Chicago Communities in Schools CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000

GRANT PAYMENTS EDUCATION

Chicago Foundation for Education CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
The Chicago Multi-Cultural Dance Center CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
Community Film Workshop CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
Community Youth Creative Learning Experience CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
Daniel Murphy Scholarship Foundation CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 25,000
Free Spirit Media CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Free Street CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Future Teachers of Chicago CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Girls in the Game CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
High Jump CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
HighSight CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 25,000
Horizons for Youth CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Marwen Foundation CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Music Theatre Workshop CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Noble Street Charter High School CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 40,000
North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 50,000
Partnership to Educate and Advance Kids CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
The Peach Club CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000

The People's Music School CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Perspectives Charter School CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 30,000
Pros Arts Studio CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Reading in Motion CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 30,000
The Right Angle Educational Foundation CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Rochelle Lee Fund–To Make Reading a Part of Children's Lives CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
St Agatha Family Empowerment CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Street Level Youth Media CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
The Suzuki-Orff School for Young Musicians CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Target HOPE CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Teach For America CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 50,000
Umoja Community Development Corporation CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 30,000
Urban Solutions CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Visitation Scholarship Program CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
West Humboldt Park Center for Performing Arts CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 7,500
Young Chicago Authors CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
	<i>Subtotal Education</i>	\$ 703,500

GRANT PAYMENTS

ENVIRONMENT

Archi-treasures CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Friends of the Chicago River CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
Openlands Project CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
The Trust for Public Land CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
	<i>Subtotal Environment</i>	\$ 60,000

GRANT PAYMENTS FAMILY

Apna Ghar CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
Association House of Chicago CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Cambodian Association of Illinois CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Carole Robertson Center for Learning CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 30,000
Casa Central CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Center on Halsted CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Centro Romero CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
Chicago Abortion Fund CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Chicago Abused Women Coalition CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Chicago Commons Association CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Chinese Mutual Aid Association CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 12,500
Ethiopian Community Association of Chicago CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
Family Focus CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 5,000
Family Matters CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 25,000
Family Rescue CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000

GRANT PAYMENTS FAMILY

Gads Hill Center CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
House of the Good Shepherd CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
Howard Area Community Center CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health CHICAGO, IL	<i>for the Real Truth campaign</i>	\$ 50,000
Korean American Women In Need CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Latinos Progresando CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Mary Crane League CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Mujeres Latinas En Accion CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
Northwestern University Settlement House CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 20,000
Ounce of Prevention Fund CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 25,000
Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 45,000
Rainbow House/Arco Iris CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
The Roger Baldwin Foundation CHICAGO, IL	<i>for support of the Reproductive Rights Project</i>	\$ 30,000
	<i>Subtotal Family</i>	\$ 517,500

GRANT PAYMENTS

JEWISH TZEDAKAH

The Ark CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 30,000
Chicago Action for Soviet Jewry HIGHLAND PARK, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
Jewish Council on Urban Affairs CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 40,000
The New Israel Fund ISRAEL	<i>for projects in Israel</i>	\$ 175,000
Shalva CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
Tel Aviv Foundation TEL AVIV	<i>for support of Hemda Science Center</i>	\$ 30,000
	<i>Subtotal Jewish Tzedakah</i>	\$ 320,000

GRANT PAYMENTS

SPECIAL INITIATIVES

Chicago Community Loan Fund CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 15,000
Donors Forum of Chicago CHICAGO, IL	<i>for membership support</i>	\$ 5,211
Interfaith Youth Core CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Marshall Center for the Arts MARSHALL, MI	<i>in memory of Lucy Franke</i>	\$ 10,000
Neighborhood Writing Alliance CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
Public Allies CHICAGO, IL	<i>for general operating support</i>	\$ 10,000
<i>Subtotal Special Initiatives</i>		\$ 60,211

GRANT PAYMENTS

OTHER GRANTS

The Foundation made 190 discretionary grants to organizations based upon the recommendation of the members of the Board of Directors totaling \$665,775

Foundation Total Grants 2004	\$3,129,986
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For more information on applying for a grant, please check the Foundation's website at www.kapfam.com for current guidelines.