

Development

In the wake of September 11, the Council appealed to members, foundations, and corporations to support its efforts to produce problem-solving ideas and information to help our country and the world in a timely, relevant, and useful way. The response was both prompt and significant—generous gifts and grants enabled the Council to move quickly to expand its key programs and launch new initiatives. New and ongoing support provided financial backing for our other work as well, which has resulted in policy-oriented studies, meetings, and publications on a variety of topics that matter greatly over the long run. The Council is deeply grateful to all donors and volunteers whose support made this possible.

The Annual Fund

Each year members contribute to annual giving—the Independence Fund—over and above membership dues. The unrestricted dollars from annual giving provide a critical piece of the Council’s overall funding, helping to support key programming and annual operating expenses. This year 1,626 members (approximately 41 percent of the membership) gave \$3,184,880, the highest Annual Fund revenues ever recorded. Sixty-one members increased their gifts through corporate or foundation matching gift programs. The Harold Pratt Associates (HPAs), who give \$10,000 or more each year, grew to 156 members, of whom 34 gave at the \$25,000+ Chairman’s Circle level. Efforts to increase the number of HPAs were aided by volunteers from the Council’s Corporate Affairs and Development Committee. The Washington Program Committee led an effort to increase annual giving by Washington members. Term member giving rose to 41 percent of term members participating. Juju Chang and Daniel Prieto cosigned an appeal letter to their colleagues, and a large team of volunteers made follow-up calls. Donors to the Annual Fund are listed on pages 73–79.



Harold Pratt Associates Edward Bleier, Sherman R. Lewis Jr., and Daniel Rose at the July 10, 2002, Meeting, “New York’s Olympic Plan.”