
DEVELOPMENT

The Council relies on charitable contributions from individual, corporate, and institutional donors to help support its programs and to launch new initiatives. Maintaining the quality and variety of the work and programs for which the Council is known requires ongoing support from many sources. The Council receives grant support from foundations and other outside sources for special activities. In addition, the Council welcomes contributions for general support through its Annual Fund; for specific programs such as Task Forces or roundtables; to the Council's unrestricted endowment fund; or to endow a specific chair, fellowship, or program. Endowment gifts can also be made by bequest or other testamentary gift to ensure the Council's permanence, independence, and excellence for the future.

The Council extends its sincere appreciation to the donors and volunteers who have demonstrated their support of the Council in this tangible way.

THE 1921 SOCIETY

The 1921 Society (commemorating the year the Council was founded) was established last year to honor and acknowledge those who have made the future vitality of the Council an important part of their legacy. All those who confirm in writing that they have included the Council in their wills or as a beneficiary in any other disposition of assets are enrolled as a member of the 1921 Society. A number of members have responded positively to this essential initiative.

THE ANNUAL FUND

To help meet its financial needs, the Council relies on the generosity of members who contribute to the Annual Fund over and above their membership dues. These unrestricted dollars provide a critical piece of the Council's overall funding, helping to support major programming and annual operating expenses. In fiscal year 2005, 1,877 members gave close to \$4,300,000 to the Annual Fund—representing an increased number of donors (approximately 44 percent of the membership) and the highest dollar amount contributed on record. This year, 52 members increased their gifts through corporate or foundation matching gift programs. The Council's Harold Pratt Associates, each of whom gives \$10,000 or more each year, increased to 211 members, 52 of whom gave at the \$25,000+ Chairman's Circle level. This year, in response to a special appeal, a number of the Council's most generous Annual Fund donors increased their support to help fund Independent Task Forces and other programs. Many term members volunteered in the fund-raising effort by either writing to their colleagues or making follow-up calls. They were among the 47 percent of term members who participated in the Annual Fund this year. A special listing of term members who contributed this year appears on page 50. All donors to the Annual Fund are listed on pages 59–64.