

2004-2005 FCBA Foundation Annual Report

The Federal Communications Bar Association Foundation had another spectacular year, serving as an important charitable resource supporting education and children's issues, primarily in the District of Columbia. These important public service goals could not have been continued without the generous continued support of individual FCBA members and their firms and companies. The Foundation's official mission remains to:

Support worthwhile educational and communications-related projects, particularly those directed toward students and younger children in the District of Columbia, through financial contributions and volunteer services; and Foster greater public awareness and understanding of the development of communications technology, resources and law, and the role of communications law practitioners.

During the past year, the Foundation served these goals in numerous ways. It awarded \$135,000 in college scholarships to students from four public high schools in the District of Columbia. The Foundation also awarded \$16,600 in stipends to four law students working in summer internships at government communications agencies. In addition, Foundation volunteers each month made meals for the homeless at Martha's Table, and to deliver meals to the homeless through McKenna's Wagon. Foundation volunteers also arranged outings with the Martha's Table Youth Group.

TRUSTEES

A Board of Trustees from the FCBA membership governs the Foundation. This year, our Trustees were **Paula Boyd, James Coltharp, Diane Davidson, Scott Delacourt, Joe**

Di Scipio, Praveen Goyal, Dee May, Ruth Milkman, Maureen O'Connell, Loretta Polk, Mark Van Bergh, Cara Voth, and myself, **Greg Vogt.** **Mark Van Bergh** was Chair-Elect and Treasurer; **Scott Delacourt** was Secretary. **Joe Di Scipio** served as Assistant Treasurer and **Paula Boyd** served as Assistant Secretary.

Stan Zenor and **Heidi Kurtz** continued to provide excellent support for the Foundation.

FCBA President **Harry Martin** and Treasurer **Jim Blitz** were invaluable in their steadfast support of the Foundation's work.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

As noted above, the Foundation awarded \$135,000 to eleven college scholarships this year to students from four D.C. public high schools. This year's recipients are identified in the attachment. Through generous donations from member companies and firms, the Foundation was able to provide a laptop computer to these scholarship winners as well.

The Foundation's college scholarships are awarded based upon a number of criteria, including the student's ability to succeed in college, past academic success, attendance record at school, participation in school activities, service to the community and financial need. Each year, a group of Trustees interview candidates in person before selecting scholarship winners. **Diane Davidson**, was the head of the Foundation's Scholarship Committee, who oversaw the entire scholarship award process.

The Foundation also continued its mentoring program for scholarship winners. Each scholarship recipient was paired with an FCBA member as his or her personal mentor. These mentors are available to help support these students in their transition to college. The program was administered this year by **Scott Delacourt.** Mentors are volunteers from FCBA members, who

ably help to shepherd these students through their higher education experience.

STIPENDS FOR SUMMER INTERNS

As noted above, the Foundation also awarded \$16,600 in stipends from the **Chairman Robert E. Lee Scholarship Fund** for four law school interns in unpaid government positions over the summer. This year's recipients are **Marla A. Hackett** of Washington and Lee University School of Law, who will be working in the Policy Division of the FCC Media Bureau; **Matthew Gregoline** of Indiana University School of Law - Bloomington, who will be working in the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Telecommunications and Media Section; **Alexis Sáinz** of George Washington University Law School, who will be working in the Organismo Supervisor de Inversión Privada en Telecomunicaciones (OSIPTEL), the Peruvian national telecommunications regulatory agency, in the Office of Policy Regulation and Strategic Planning; and **Christy Schinka** of the Tulane University Law School, who will be working in the FCC Wireline Competition Bureau in the Telecommunications Access Policy Division. Each law student will receive a stipend in the amount of \$4,000.00 to help defray his or her expenses during their summer internship. In addition, the Foundation selected **Ms. Hackett** to receive this year's **Max Paglin Award**, representing an additional stipend of \$600.

Praveen Goyal headed up the internship program. Over 20 applicants were screened by a Foundation committee before the final four were selected based on financial need, work for a communications-related agency, academic achievements, community service.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Continuing a long-standing tradition, the Foundation sponsored numerous volunteer events for FCBA members over the past year. Volunteers continued to make meals for the

homeless at Martha's Table each month. In addition, volunteers organized to deliver meals to the homeless in the District each month through McKenna's Wagon, a mobile soup kitchen operated by Martha's Table.

The foundation also conducted a donation campaign to assist in the relief efforts of the Indonesian Tsunami that occurred in December 2004. Donations went to Save the Children earmarked for the tsunami relief effort.

FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

At the luncheon on June 6th, **Diane Davidson** was recognized as the Foundation's Volunteer of the Year. As noted above, Diane was instrumental in organization and running the college scholarship process. She has spent countless hours supporting Foundation programs. Through her dedication, and building on contributions from past Board Members, she has ensured that the college scholarship program is administered in a professional and accountable manner.

FUNDRAISING

The Board of Trustees maintained its commitment to fund scholarships each year out of current donations rather than drawing down the Foundation's reserves. As a result, fundraising was critical to fulfilling the Foundation's mission. **Ruth Milkman** took the lead in a fundraising effort that resulted in a record level of donations to support scholarships in a single year. Special thanks go to the following organizations for endowing specific named scholarships for high school students: **BellSouth** (\$10,000); **Comcast** (\$10,000); **CTIA the Wireless Foundation** (\$10,000); **Lucent** (\$8,000); **Microsoft** (\$8,000); **Motorola** (\$16,000); **News Corp.** (\$15,000); and **Sprint** (\$8,000). The Foundation would also like to thank the substantial undesignated contributions to the scholarship fund made by **CBS, Cingular, Cox Enterprises, T-Mobile, Verizon, Verizon Wireless, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, Fletcher Heald & Hildreth PLC, Lampert & O'Connor**

PC, Lawler Metzger & Milkman & Keeney LLC, Morrison & Foerster LLP, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, and Swidler Berlin LLP. Microsoft provided free software for the laptops provided to these scholarship winners.

Through the generous support of the **Comcast Corp.**, the Foundation filmed a video of this year's college scholarship winners.

FCBA members generously donated over \$3,200 to our annual giving campaign and contributed nearly \$9,000 through the membership dues check-off.

The Foundation also benefited from the 18th Annual Chairman's Dinner honoring FCC Chairman **Michael K. Powell** which was held on December 2, 2004 at the Washington Hilton's International Ballroom. This year's special guests included FCC Commissioners **Kathleen Abernathy, Kevin Martin, and Jonathan Adelstein**, as well as Ambassador **David Gross** and Assistant Secretary **Michael Gallagher**. The event raised \$39,500 for the Foundation's Scholarship fund.

The FCBA was able to raise over \$4,000 this year from holding a Casino Night at the annual FCBA Seminar at Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Virginia. The Foundation also benefited greatly through the efforts of the **Young Lawyer's Committee** for their initiative in selling FCBA Polo Shirts to benefit the Foundation.

Due to the efforts of **Joe Di Scipio**, for the first time in the fall of 2005, the FCBA Foundation will be eligible to receive contributions from the Combined Federal Campaign, the annual charitable giving program sponsored by the federal government that allows government employees to contribute to any organization on the list of approved charitable organizations.

The 9th Annual FCBA Foundation **Honorable Robert E. Lee Memorial Golf Tournament** was held on Monday,

June 20, 2005. The group returned to **Bull Run Country Club** in Haymarket, Virginia, raising nearly \$20,000 for the FCBA Foundation's Scholarship Fund.

The tournament is named in memory of former Federal Communications Commission Chairman, Robert E. Lee, who passed away in April 1993 after serving on the FCC for almost thirty years. The Golf Tournament planning committee, chaired by **Alan Campbell**, made the event another success this year.

The 2004 Charity Auction held on November 18, 2004, was the most successful to date, raising well over \$70,000 for The Charitable Coalition for Children with Cancer.

The **Charitable Coalition for Children with Cancer** is comprised of four non-profit organizations with the shared goal of meeting the needs of children with cancer and their families in Washington, D.C. The four organizations that form this coalition are: Teardrops to Rainbows; the John Quadrino Foundation; The Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children Pediatric Oncology Fund; and The Make-A-Wish Foundation. These organizations provide financial and emotional support to children with cancer and their families through a variety of programs and services.

The planning committee co-chairs were **Pam Slipakoff** (chair), **Ryan Wallach, Jason Friedrich, Steve Hitchcock, David Don, Cara Voth, Jason Scism, Edgar Class, and Jennifer Tatel**.

The 2004 Charity Auction Sponsors were: CTIA - The Wireless Association™, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, Intelsat, Hogan & Hartson, LLP, Leucadia National Corporation, Lockheed Martin Corporation, NeuStar, Inc., Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, LLP, and Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.

CONCLUSION

Thanks to the incredible dedication and generosity of FCBA members and the

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hard work of the Foundation Board of Directors, FCBA again made a definite difference in the lives of students and children. The FCBA Foundation looks forward to the continued involvement of FCBA members in the Foundation's efforts to give back to the community in which many of us work and earn our livelihoods.

Gregory J. Vogt
Chair, 2004-2005
FCBA Foundation

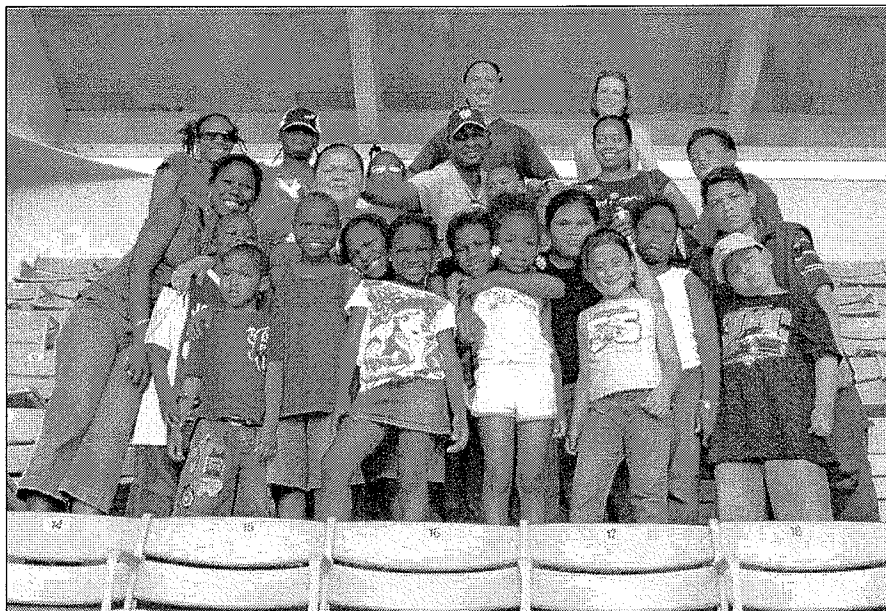
McKenna's Wagon Seeking Volunteers for August 28

McKenna's Wagon is a mobile soup and sandwich wagon that goes "on location" to deliver food to the needy. For those who have volunteered, it has been a wonderful experience and a great way to help the needy in the D.C. community.

The Wagon is a white van that is loaded up with sandwiches, snacks and soup. We meet at Martha's Table at 4:45 pm in comfortable clothes and shoes. Martha's Table is located in a yellow building at 2114 Fourteenth Street, NW, in the District, near the intersection of 14th and U Streets. On-street parking is available.

Upon arrival we get assignments (some of us will distribute snacks and sandwiches, others will serve soup), and put on aprons before we depart in the van to 5th and New York Ave., NW (near the new Convention Center). We are driven by one of our experienced volunteers and the trip to distribution location takes about 10-15 minutes.

We serve about 30-75 people per visit including a few mothers who come for food for their families. The area is well patrolled by police. The food distribution is conducted in an efficient, calm and orderly fashion and many of the people we serve are quite appreciative of our efforts. Once we serve all of the food, we do a clean up of the immediate area. Total time for the distribution takes about one



The Young Lawyers Committee recently took the kids from Martha's Table to a Nat's baseball game.

hour and we usually return to Martha's Table by or before 6:30 pm.

We would love to have you join us on one of our upcoming food runs: 9/25, 10/23, 11/27 and 12/25. If you are able to volunteer for one of these dates, please send an e-mail to caravoth@fcc.gov or tvanzwazer@sidley.com.

Volunteer Outreach for Martha's Table – August 28

Many of us are stretched for time these days, but why not consider spending a few hours on a Sunday to help the FCBA Foundation's partner charities? For several years now, the FCBA has been providing volunteers to Martha's Table and McKenna's Wagon. These organizations rely on the good work of our members each month, so grab a friend, colleague or family member and join your fellow FCBA volunteers!

Martha's Table feeds hundreds of hungry, homeless adults and children on the streets of Washington daily, through its mobile soup kitchen. Children and friends are also welcome. We will begin at

10:00 am and work until 1:00 pm. Martha's Table is located in a yellow building at 2114 Fourteenth Street, NW, in the District, near the intersection of 14th and U Streets. On-street parking is available. Volunteers are asked to bring sandwich fixings (bread and sandwich meat) with them, as the center often runs out of donated food.

Future dates include September 25, October 30, November 27, and December 25, so mark your calendars now. For more information, contact Howard Weiss at 703-812-0471 — weiss@fhhlaw.com or Heidi Kurtz at 202-293-4000 heidi@fcba.org.

Scholarship Recipient Success Stories

The FCBA Foundation is pleased to share some of our 2005 graduate's success stories.

Noemy Contreras graduated from Cardozo Senior High School in June, 2001. She began her studies that Fall at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD. On May 22, 2005, she