



Rochester  
Area Foundation

# Community Ventures Fund

Prospectus



# WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY VENTURES FUND?

The Community Ventures Fund (the "Fund") was established by action of the Board of Trustees of the Rochester Area Foundation at its meeting on December 12, 2005. All proceeds received from the purchase of shares in the Fund will be designated as unrestricted assets of the Fund. The proceeds shall all be placed in a Fund endowment, created to provide "dividends" for the Rochester area in perpetuity, in keeping with the Principal Investment Strategies of the Fund.

## How will the Fund be used?

The Fund intends to invest the dividends of the Fund throughout the Rochester community. The Fund will address community needs through processes adopted by the Rochester Area Foundation and its Distribution Committee and Board of Trustees.

## Who manages the Fund's portfolio?

All principal assets of the Fund shall be invested as a part of the investment portfolio of assets managed by the Rochester Area Foundation. Earnings available for distribution in the community shall be in accordance with the spending policies recommended by the Investment Committee and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Rochester Area Foundation.

## What are the Fund's principal investment strategies?

The Fund intends to address issues, concerns, and needs in the Rochester area in a strategic framework. Priority in funding will be given to programs that are vital to the social and cultural fabric, infrastructure, and educational needs of the community. These investments will help Rochester prepare and maintain itself as a city and area of choice where people choose to live.

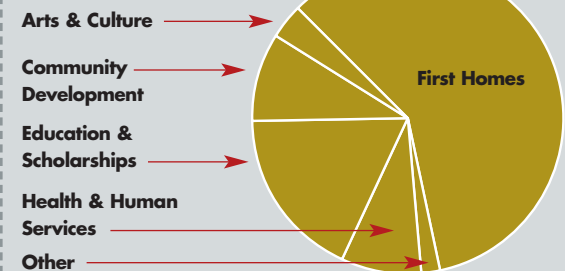
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# RESULTS

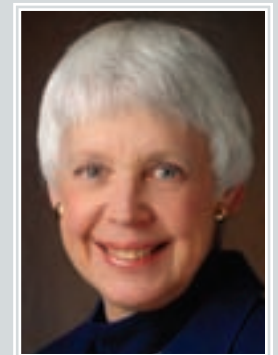
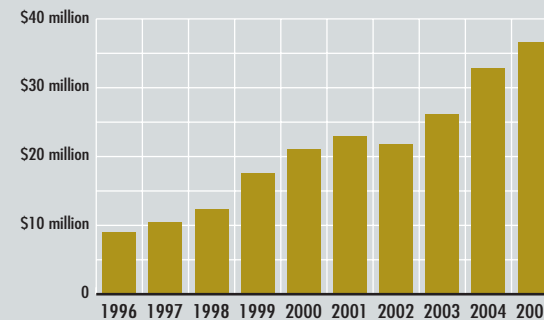


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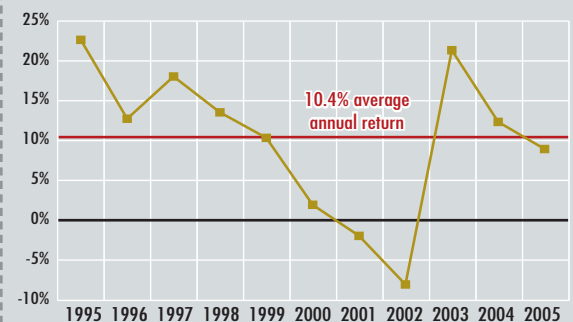
**\$13 MILLION**



## Assets



## Investment Returns



# VISION

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## Will my donation be tax-exempt?

Contributions of principal for "investment" in the Fund are fully deductible by the shareholders for federal and state income tax purposes. Shareholders should consult with their tax advisors relative to the timing and utilization of these tax deductions to achieve maximum shareholder benefit.

Federal and state law allow all of the income of the Fund to be exempt from tax as long as it is utilized for charitable purposes consistent with the 501(c)(3) status of the Rochester Area Foundation.

## What is the duration of the Fund?

This Fund will exist in perpetuity. If, for any reason, the Rochester Area Foundation is liquidated, the Fund and any accumulated income shall be distributed to a qualifying 501(c)(3) organization with the same or similar objectives of the Rochester Area Foundation.

## Grants from Community Ventures Fund

All shareholders shall be entitled to have their name affixed to grants made in the community from the Fund. This will give recognition of the investment by the shareholder in the Rochester area community. Any shareholder shall have the right to decline attribution for any grant awarded from the Fund.

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## OTHER POLICIES

### What else should I know?

Each shareholder shall also be eligible, invited, and encouraged to attend an annual meeting of the Rochester Area Foundation and the Community Ventures Fund.

Each shareholder shall receive a framed commemorative Investment Share similar to the one shown here.



All investments in the Fund shall be eligible for cumulative gift recognition in the Philanthropic Society of the Rochester Area Foundation.

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## PURCHASING SHARES

### How can I invest in the Fund?

You invest in the Fund by purchasing shares. Each share or unit may be purchased for \$25,000. Payment of shares may be spread over a period of five years with annual payments in increments of \$5,000.

**To Invest in the Fund, Please Contact:**

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**The Community Ventures Fund** of the Rochester Area Foundation is a long-term investment in the Rochester community for businesses and individuals committed and dedicated to the maintenance and enhancement of a superior quality of life for all residents.



THE MISSION OF THE ROCHESTER AREA FOUNDATION is to strengthen community philanthropy by promoting responsible and informed giving and to assist donors in meeting their charitable objectives. The Foundation is dedicated to using its resources to improve the quality of life, promote greater equality of opportunities, and develop effective methods to assist those in need in the Rochester area.





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