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VGIF Launches New Fund! Central/South America/Caribbean Regional Endowment

Maggie Ford, Convener Development Committee

VGIF is launching a new fund in response to member interest in supporting projects in specific areas of the world. It's called the Central/South America/Caribbean Regional Endowment (CSACRE) fund.

CSARCE funds will be used to support qualified projects from any of 40 countries that comprise Central and South America, and the Caribbean. This is a part of the world from which we have traditionally received few project grant applications. It is a part of the world where VGIF membership has been small. We would like to increase participation in both.

The fund, unlike most other VGIF funds, will have both a current and an endowed component. This means that, as funds are received each year, 15% will be available for

grant awards immediately and the balance will be invested to grow for the future.

How can you be involved? Become a Founder of the Central/South America/Caribbean Regional Endowment. Make a contribution of \$100 or more before April 2007 and you will be counted among a very special group of people. Or make a gift of any size and know that your donation will help support new project grants. Recruit new members in any of the 40 countries in the region. Identify potential grant applicants from Antigua to the Virgin Islands, from Belize to Venezuela. Because all of VGIF's administrative costs are covered by another fund, you can be confident that 100% of your contribution will be directed toward project grants.

***Make a leadership contribution today...
help make a better world for women tomorrow.***

#2070 Kager Self Help Group, Nyangweso, KENYA Funded in 2005, this unique and creative project (left) introduced the use of bicycles to 84 women group members for the purpose of getting produce to market in a more efficient and swift manner.

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Perspectives

by Barbara Carey, President, 2005-2008



We want to meet you.

During the year ahead members of the VGIF leadership will participate in gatherings of other groups to meet our contributing members and encourage their continued support of VGIF. We will explain the 23 new projects funded for a total of over 101,000 USD this year. We will describe successful projects funded in the past – now

over 1 million USD - and share the results of on-site visits recently made by VGIF supporters who have volunteered their service. We will describe the four endowment funds specifically established to stabilize the funds available to support the projects, including a new endowment especially for projects in the Central/South America/Caribbean Region.

We want to know who you are and why you are willing to support this work year after year. Our Marketing Committee is developing ways of talking about VGIF to attract a larger, more stable donor base, and to persuade those who contribute to increase their support.

Why do we need to do this? This year's Project Grants Committee began its process with over 450 applications. With determined and conscientious culling by 11 previewers, the full committee considered 40 of these grants, all worthy, for final deliberations at the Annual Meeting. You can quickly see that this is almost double the number we were able to fund. Enabled by your generosity, VGIF has more than tripled the amount of money granted during the last several years. We must continue this growth.

The need is great, as is fully evident when the catastrophic conditions facing so many people worldwide are considered. Improved communication means that the number of worthy applications VGIF will receive annually will continue to increase.

We want to know to what new groups we may appeal. Your connections in the larger world can assist this process. Groups interested in the welfare of women and children, those with international sensibility, those whose members are traditionally charitable - all of these are needed. Please help us. Talk to us. If you are willing to talk to others on behalf of VGIF, we need to know that, too.

Thank you so much for all you already do – it makes a wonderful difference. Please help VGIF to do more.

ON-SITE VISIT PROGRAM

Evelyn Cumming, Convener

The On-Site Visit Committee, established to arrange visits to VGIF project venues and to report on them, appreciates the members and colleagues who have volunteered to participate in the visit program.

Ati Blom and Marian Nauta, en route from the 2004 International Federation of University Women Conference in Perth, Australia, traveled through Thailand. In Bangkok they visited with Professor Bisalputra (Project Grant #2168, 2005, promoting women as trainers and leaders in sustainable self-sufficiency in agriculture, nutrition, home economics, and budgeting) who had established numerous projects to benefit women and girls throughout Thailand. They toured a catering project that was run out of the professor's home in a Bangkok suburb, and learned of her foundation's other projects focusing on poor women and their families. Ati and Marian were impressed with the organization and efficiency of the foundation.

Anita Thomas visited Project Grant #1733 in Chennai, State of Tamil Nadu, India in August 2005. This project, successfully completed in 2003, involved training in health education and awareness of women's rights and gender equity, and was directed by the Integrated Women Development Institute (IWDI). The original 50 women in the training program continue to meet with IWDI and provide updates about the progress of their work in their communities. Ms. Thomas visited the training facility where work continues with women from surrounding villages, giving her an understanding of the continuing work of IWDI and the organization's value in the community.

Beatrice Duran visited the Philippines in April, 2006 and followed up on Project Grant #380 Project Stir! (1993) This project involved the purchase of a computer, printer, and interactive computer materials, still in use by students. Different activities were conducted such as demonstrations of the hands-on science exhibits to public schools around Leyte. The project was turned over in 1996 to the Leyte Institute of Technology (now Eastern Visayas State University), discontinued after loss of staff support. Construction of a new Science and Technology Center by the local government will house some of the exhibits from Project Stir!

If you will be traveling near one of the 2005 or 2006 Project Grant locations we would appreciate your adding a venue visit to your itinerary. VGIF policy directs the organization to use its funds for the worthwhile projects it supports. Financial assistance cannot be provided for visits. Please contact: VGIF, 3 West 29th Street, Suite 1002, New York, NY 10001 U.S.A., vgif@vgif.org with details of your travel. VGIF Executive Secretary Fay Kitelson will make contact with project directors. Please allow ample time for arrangements to be completed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Betty Bayless, Convener

We distributed the April 2006 edition of the *VG Flash* to all 2005-2006 contributing members who have e-mail addresses in the VGIF database as well as to subscribers. Each month we will share the *VG Flash* via e-mail and will continue to post it on the VGIF web site. If you wish to receive this electronic newsletter, subscribe online at www.thegildersleeve.org/newsflash.

Do you have ideas or articles for the *VG Flash*? Please submit them to vgflash@vgif.org. We welcome your input!

UN NEWS

*Leslie Wright,
VGIF Representative to the United Nations*

HIV/AIDS Special Session

A recent three-day special session of the UN General Assembly again confronted this dread disease. As the Political Declaration approved by Heads of State notes, "AIDS has inflicted immense suffering on countries and communities throughout the world.

- . More than 65 million infected
- . More than 25 million dead
- . 15 million children orphaned
- . Millions made vulnerable to infection
- . 40 million people living with HIV and AIDS, more than 95% from developing countries"

Governments of the world cannot stand by and watch – they must do something and do it now. The shift of the disease to women and girls was recognized, and a commitment made to do something about it. Women now represent more than half of all people living with AIDS. Half of all new infections are among children and young people under age 25, and there still is a lack of information about the disease among young people. The fact remains that too little has been done, and it is too late for many. More needs to be done to get anti-retrovirals to infected persons, particularly mothers as the disease is passed on to succeeding generations through breast milk – mother to child transmission. While a lot has been done, a lot remains to be done. For further information, please see www.unaids.org.

Dates to Remember

2006
VGIF MidYear Meeting: October 27-28, VG Office, New York

2007
VGIF Annual Meeting: April 27-28, VG Office, New York
AAUW Convention: June 29-July 2, Phoenix, Arizona
IFUW 29th Triennial Conference: August 10-16, Manchester, England

MEMBERSHIP

Claire Stein, Convener

As your new Convener of the VGIF Membership Committee allow me to welcome you to the 2006-2007 year. While the committee is made up of ten hard working women, as contributors to VGIF, you are all members of the committee. By funding educational activities, leadership training, and community development and by advancing international understanding and cooperation, each contributor furthers the mission of VGIF.

When you attend meetings throughout this year of other organizations, conferences, programs of all sorts, or a friendly get-together, speak out about VGIF. Spread the word by inviting others to join our endeavor. Share the brochure, the *VG UPDATE*, and our web site address, www.vgif.org. Make use of the various media materials available to us all. Get the word out about VGIF. If we all work in tandem, we can certainly reach our goal of 2,000 contributors or more this coming year. Please feel free to contact the Membership Committee with any ideas or suggestions you may have to further our membership by e-mailing the committee at vgif@vgif.org.

IT HAPPENED AT THE BOARD MEETING April 2006

- Confirmed new committee appointments; reconfirmed all special committees and members.
- Approved the amended Strategic Plan
- Directed that a policy be developed for VGIF membership in other organizations.
- Confirmed the establishment of a new Central/South American/Caribbean Regional Endowment Fund
- Approved the addition of \$400 to the 2006 budget for the purpose of conducting conference calls for the Global Network Committee.
- Created a Special Committee to explore the realignment of the Global Network and Membership Committees.
- Approved expenditure to insert VGIF materials in tote bags for 2006 AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.
- Approved the funding of 23 grants for a total of 101, 957 USD.
- Selected 2 grants for special solicitation support by the Development Committee.
- Recommended that the committee conveners meet together as a group at each semi-annual meeting.
- Agreed to send the *VG Flash* to members with e-mail.
- Approved the application to become a member of the NGO Committee on UNICEF and its Working Group on Girls.

GRANTS FUNDED 2006*Eileen Menton, Project Grants***#2236 Teblahun Community Agricultural Development Association, SIERRA LEONE**

This project aims to implement a 12-month agricultural project in 5 villages with 3,226 women and 2,524 men to restore food resources. Women farmers will be educated in agricultural procedures, health risks, and benefits related to food production, and provided with material and equipment to implement farming initiatives. Funds will purchase tools, seed, and fertilizers. **4,784 USD**

#2237 Huruma Women's Group, KENYA

Safe and accessible water for bathing, drinking, and cooking will be provided for women. They are seeking assistance to build ferro-cement tanks at 16 group members' homes. Funds will purchase materials for 16 10,000L water tanks and labor. **1,730 USD**

#2261 St. Boniface Haiti Foundation, HAITI

This program offers women a chance to achieve functional literacy by attending a three-year program that builds from the alphabet to full reading comprehension. This ability will advance the honor and dignity of the women and promote the education of children. Funds will be used for rent, literacy materials, and teacher expenses. **4,500 USD**

#2275 Fundación Léer, ARGENTINA

The objective of this project is to strengthen children's literacy in order to improve their preparation and opportunities for entering the formal education system. The project will work with the community's only kindergarten and childhood center, run by a 15 year-old women's organization to provide training, resources, and techniques. It hopes to establish a reading corner with new children's books. It expects to be sustainable, with the vision of establishing similar activities once this project is completed. **5,000 USD**

#2304 Association of Kvemo Kartli "The Woman and the World", GEORGIA

This project will train a diverse community of 20 Georgian, Armenian, and Azerbaijani women in sewing over a 6-month period. Funds will provide for three types of sewing machines and textiles. **4,555 USD**

#2332 Women Promotion Centre (WPC), TANZANIA

The eradication of illiteracy through education and vocational training for women in sewing, embroidery, and knitting in Kigoma, one of the poorest regions, is the aim of this project. Funds will provide sewing/embroidery equipment, desks, fabrics, and evaluation. **4,910 USD**

#2350 Women Support Co-operative Ltd. (WSC), NEPAL

This project targets approximately 2000 rural women living below the poverty line in the Kathmandu district. These women, who are currently involved in micro-credit programs, will increase their self-confidence and self-reliance through non-formal education (NFE), leadership, and skill development training. **5,000 USD**

#2369 Ibdaa Cultural Center's Ibdaa Health Committee, Bethlehem Area

This four month program aims to ensure that Palestinian children at risk of abuse live in safe and nurturing homes by providing prevention and intervention services, which are currently lacking in the Bethlehem area. A total of 40 adults and 40 children and youth living in a refugee camp will participate in parent education, parent support groups, and home visits. Therapeutic services such as mental health counseling and psychiatric treatment for abused children and youth and non-offending parents will be offered on an ongoing basis. The funds will be used for social workers, supplemental psychiatric services, printed materials and transportation. **3,800 USD**

#2371 Project for the People of Paraguay (PPP), PARAGUAY

This project aims to provide women with a constant food source and income. The women will be trained to raise livestock and, at the conclusion, some of the livestock will be equally divided among the women. The funds will be used to purchase sheep and cattle. **5,000 USD**

#2398 Grand Bay Village Council, DOMINICA

This agricultural project aims to provide women in the community with a regular income. It will serve as a model to encourage other women to get involved in agriculture. The funds will be used to build a greenhouse for growing a variety of vegetables, as well as producing seedlings for use by the women and by other vegetable farmers. **3,818 USD**

#2408 Apolima-uta Primary School Committee, SAMOA

This project aims to improve the overall quality of education provided at Apolima-uta Primary School with enhanced educational materials. Teachers will be trained in locating resource materials that can legally be copied for use in the classroom and in preparing engaging and long-lasting study-aids. The funds will be used to acquire a copier and supplies. **5,000 USD**

#2417 Bogiakumu Village Women, KENYA

This project aims to create a group of women and girls in the community who will advocate against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and to have support from men

in eliminating all types of violence against women and girls. The funds will be used for project meetings at six schools, where dances with an anti-FGM message will be performed; speeches will be given by medical experts on the adverse effects of FGM; group discussions in 4 groups (boys, girls, men, and women) will be conducted; and testimonial sessions will be held. **5,000 USD**

#2469 African Action on AIDS Inc., CAMEROON

Children and youth orphaned by HIV/AIDS in 175 villages will be taught that clean water and sanitation facilities are essential to good health through inter-generational camps organized in schools. After the camp a Water Minder Committee will be established to define contributions, run the project, and manage finances needed. The requested funds will be used for one three-day camp and a well. **5,000 USD**

#2487 Silverline Development Initiatives (SDI), NIGERIA

The reduction of the level of maternal mortality among women of reproductive age who patronize Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) and midwives in the Mbiaso Clan is the goal. The project includes advocacy meetings with local government health supervisors, TBA and midwife leaders, and traditional policy makers; training 15 TBAs selected from the 24 villages which make up the Mbiaso Clan; and routine monthly monitoring visits to track the activities of TBAs and midwives. The requested funds will be used for advocacy meetings, training, and evaluation. **4,917 USD**

#2491 Social Education and Environmental Development Scheme (SEEDS), INDIA

The project will 1) establish community-based compost and compost-preparation units for self-employment/income-generation for women, 2) develop marketing strategies and capacities, 3) provide collective marketing and sharing of profits, and 4) provide educational support and monitoring to their children. Funds will be used for training, equipment, and educational support. **3,000 USD**

#2510 Turkish Association of University Women - Adana Branch, TURKEY

This project in cooperation with the Seyhan Adult Education Center (a governmental organization) will train 20 women over a four-month period (240 hours) to produce hangers and garment bags. Products will be sold to housewives in marketplaces and in garment stores, and to women participants of various associations/organizations. The funds will be used for supplies and materials. **2,500 USD**

#2514 Women Rights Action Group, TANZANIA

This program will increase primary school enrollment by providing teaching and learning materials, desks, and toilet

facilities. Funds will be used for textbooks and other reading materials and a computer for a library facility for the Pamela Primary School in the Kigoma district. **5,000 USD**

#2539 Women's Global Education Project, SENEGAL

Forty girls in their last year of elementary, middle, or high school will receive a high quality education through after-school tutoring for at least 6 months. The girls are preparing for grade level exams, which they must pass in order to continue their education. Funds will be used for tutoring and mentoring services. **4,900 USD**

#2556 Sacred Heart Sisters of Kitintale, UGANDA

Training in practical tailoring skills will be given to Sebey girls who are ostracized and alienated by their parents or guardians for refusing to undergo FGM. Goods produced from tailoring may be sold to earn more income for the project. Funds will be used to purchase sewing and knitting machines. **5,000 USD**

#2595 Gagaemalae Primary School, SAMOA

This project aims to improve the overall quality of education provided at Gagaemalae Primary School with enhanced educational materials. Teachers will be trained in locating resource materials that can legally be copied for use in the classroom and preparing engaging and long-lasting study-aids. The funds will be used to acquire a copier and supplies. **4,545 USD**

#2606 Latin American Office of French NGO C.I.E.L.O., CHILE

This project aims to strengthen the skills and knowledge, to increase the exchange of experiences, and to provide continuing education for 22 grassroots toy librarians from Chile, Colombia, Bolivia, and Ecuador who are members of the C.I.E.L.O. network. They will participate in a 3-day workshop in September 2006 in Santiago, Chile. The main topic of the workshop will be toy library sustainability. The funds will be used to pay for transportation and lodging costs, as well as workshop planning. **5,000 USD**

#2636 ANKUR, BANGLADESH

Non-formal basic education through 5 education centers will be given to 150 disabled children, who will receive incentive funds for their activities. 100 of the disabled children will be given skill training in sewing, mat making, small trades, and carpentry by expert local trainers. The funds will be used for educational materials, rent, teachers, incentive support, and related expenses. **4,998 USD**

International Federation of University Women (IFUW)

Reserved funds for anticipated request for the upcoming triennial conference in Manchester, England, 2007. **5,000 USD**

UPDATE OF GRANTS PREVIOUSLY FUNDED

Fay Kittelson, Executive Secretary

#1980 Action for Women and Children Organization (AWCO) - Benue State, NIGERIA

VGIF funding provided for the establishment of a women's cooperative and the purchase of two cassava/maize grinding machines and one garri-grating machine for use by 75 women beneficiaries. The positive monthly income from the cooperative was distributed as income among the participants in addition to providing for the educational and medical needs of orphaned children. With the successful continuation of this project it is hoped that educational support may be extended beyond six primary grades into the secondary school level.

#1983 Muslim Women Action Against Traditional Practices - Tamale, GHANA

This organization, funded for the second time by VGIF, continues its commitment to reproductive health and human rights issues in the prevention of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). A basic education program focuses on the physical, mental, and social well being of women and children with workshops reaching 40,000 men and women in the Northern Region of Ghana. VGIF funding provided for workshops, advocacy training, information campaigns, and reproductive health and skills training.

#1992 People's Association for Rural Development (PARD) – Madurai, INDIA

This project targeted 100 disadvantaged women of the cobbler community in Madurai through training in the production of footwear and assisted them in marketing the products to local cooperatives and showrooms. In addition, books and reading and writing materials were distributed to 67 cobbler community children. Funds were used for skill-training expenses, purchase of raw materials, and educational support for the children.



Disadvantaged women receive training in footwear production and marketing in MADurai, India.

#1995 Wahanda Women Development Group - Sondu, KENYA

An integrated fish farm project educated a total of 250 women on the nutritional value of fish. It also provided for the construction of two fishponds stocked with fingerlings, and purchased nets and a refrigeration/storage container. Participant comments described the positive benefits of the project as income-generation for the members, improved food security for the community, and increased employment possibilities. Funds from VGIF were used to purchase construction materials, five nets, a refrigerator, two donkeys, and provide two training workshops.



Children in Suriname are taught Dutch to stimulate their language development.

#2013 Stichting Kraktie – Binnenlanden, SURINAME

VGIF members attending the Annual Meeting were treated to a presentation on this project by VGIF member and project facilitator, Audrey Kuhler-Oostra. Funding provided for the training of teachers, parents, and community participants in six remote villages in the Innerlands of Suriname. Pre-school children ages 3-6, are taught Dutch to stimulate their language development and thus provide increased opportunities for these children to succeed in school, improve their lives, and contribute to the Suriname community in general.

#2022 Tajikistan Branch of International Association, "Women of Orient" – Sogd, TAJIKISTAN

This project was designed to increase the education of the female population of the remote district of Penjikent on reproductive health, including issues of family planning, reproductive rights, contraceptives, and sexually transmitted diseases. Twenty women, trained by doctors and experienced medical staff in 14 jamoats (collections of villages), are now conducting educational and informational activities

in their communities. Along with local government and health authorities, “Women of Orient” participated in a conference on reproductive health which was reported on local television. Funding provided for training and conference expenses and informational materials on all aspects of reproductive health.

#2070 Kager Self-Help Group – Nyangweso, KENYA

This unique and creative project introduced the use of bicycles to 84 women group members for the purpose of getting produce to market in a more efficient and swift manner. The women were trained in the maintenance and repair of the bicycles and by project end 85% had mastered the art of bicycle riding. The participants were also trained in business skills and enhanced income generation through food production. Income recorded in the first quarter improved by 10%. A comment from one of the group members showed the overall enthusiasm the project engendered ... *“This was the most exciting project and activity we have ever had in our lives.”*

#2161 Women’s Center Mansura – Urgench, UZBEKISTAN

The Women’s Center initiated an aggressive campaign to decrease the number of cases of domestic violence against women and children and to increase rights awareness through educational seminars, psychological/legal assistance, and the production of training manuals on women’s rights and legal questions. Questionnaires were produced, distributed, and tabulated from a sample of 350 women and men representing a cross-section of the community to advocate for gender equity and women’s rights and promote the fact that discrimination and violence in the family are not acceptable. VGIF funds were used to purchase a computer, printer, fax, copier, incidental writing materials, and publication expenses.

#2189 Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (NCW+) – Lagos, NIGERIA

NCW+ is effecting positive attitudinal and behavioral change towards women and children infected by HIV/AIDS in Nigeria by addressing the discrimination and stigma associated with it. The many-pronged initiative includes seminars and advocacy visits, neo-natal counseling, production of Behavior Change Communication (BCC) materials such as booklets, posters, stickers, T-shirts, and caps, and provides skill-training to 15 women in fashion design, pastries, and hairdressing. Enlisting the entire population of men and women, boys and girls, and tribal chiefs as stakeholders in its implementation has been crucial. VGIF funding for this ongoing project was used for seminar and advocacy expenses, production of BCC materials, and transportation costs.

#2195 Polytechnic Institute Tomas Katari (I.P.T.K.) – Sucre, BOLIVIA

I.P.T.K. initiated a project to train 101 poor migrant women in macramé, confectionary and cooking. Originally planned for five women’s centers, it was expanded to include nine centers. Participants were involved in the planning and ongoing evaluation of the program structure, with their commentaries forming the basis for the program’s development. Production units have been established and sales initiated in local neighborhoods and markets. VGIF funding provided for the primary material inputs, equipment, and some administrative expenses.

#2200 Association for the Development and Enhancement of Women (ADEW) – Cairo, EGYPT

VGIF contributed to ADEW’s domestic violence victim advocacy and listening service project based in the House of Eve shelter, Egypt’s first comprehensive shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Over 350 women who suffered from domestic violence participated in meetings. More awareness raising sessions are planned in addition to the publication of training manuals and resource guides dealing with domestic violence.

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT

Louise McLeod, Convener

If you are willing to spread the news about VGIF, there are recruitment materials available: project photos, more than a dozen slide shows in two formats, MS Powerpoint and Adobe PDF (requiring only the need for Acrobat Reader, downloadable free from www.Adobe.com), recruitment posters, a full color brochure (now in Spanish), and copies of the *VG Update* and the e-mailable *VG Flash*. We can also create slide shows on particular topics. Consult www.thegildersleeve.org for the complete list. While you’re at it, look at the Projects Grant Library to view all of the projects funded since 1969.

Deaths Noted

Patience Aderibgbe, Nigeria
Catherine Sims Boman, GA, USA
Sally Boyd, Northern Ireland
Barbara Gordon, MD, USA
Alice Keljikian, MA, USA
Shirley Manion, Australia
Emily Mehlman, MA, USA
Jean Ray, MA, USA
Marie Yevak, NJ, USA

TREASURER'S REPORT

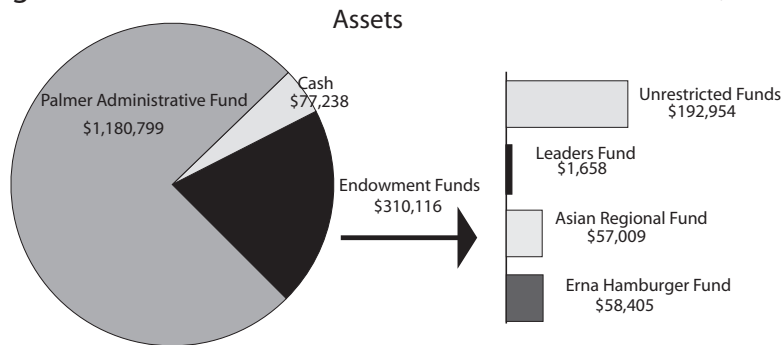
Margery Sullivan, Treasurer

Many thanks to the membership for their continued loyal support of VGIF. In 2005, we received 105,930 USD in contributions of which 1,944 USD was restricted to the Asian Regional Fund, 1,297 USD to the Erna Hamburger Fund, 2,591 USD to the Leaders Fund, and 1,816 USD to the Special Solicitation, Bangladesh Project. These funds will be used for awarding 23 grants in 2006. In 2005, VGIF awarded 116,080 USD in project grant allocations, exceeding the 2004 record for grants allocation of 99,970 USD.

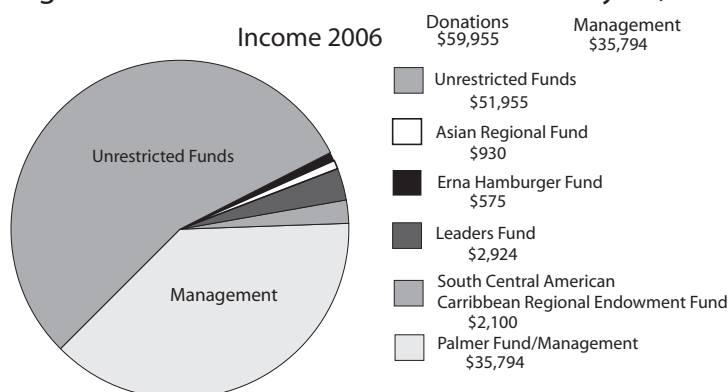
In 2005, the Endowment Fund returned 4.84% and the Palmer Fund returned 3.10%. The blended index we use as a benchmark returned 2.45% and the S&P 500 had a 3% return. Through the first quarter of 2006, both funds are up 1.8% and 0.98% respectively versus the blended index of 0.45%. Some may argue that these returns are not particularly stellar; however, the investment emphasis is on income generation, liquidity and accessibility of funds with the seeds planted for potential appreciation.

The Palmer Fund, with the added funds from the Claire E. Norton bequest, continues to fund the management expenses of VGIF. As a result all donations are used for grant awards.

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- THE ERNA HAMBURGER FUND: Supports projects encouraging education of girls in mathematics, science, or engineering.
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- THE LEADERS FUND: Supports cutting-edge, innovative, or entrepreneurial projects.
- CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA/CARIBBEAN REGIONAL ENDOWMENT: supports projects from any of 40 countries that comprise Central and South America, and the Caribbean.



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