



*helping families
homeschool
through hard times*



Annual Report 2012

Fiscal Year April 2011-March 2012

From the President

This past year saw an encouraging amount of growth specifically with the launch of our nationwide Ambassador Program and the new Homeschool Freedom Fund.

Our Ambassador Program is a volunteer network spread all across the country. The mission of this program is to meet the needs of struggling families in practical ways, through HSF gifts and the resources of the local community. Through fund-raisers and service projects, Ambassadors are making a difference in personal, tangible ways in their own homeschool communities.

Our Ambassadors have helped families who have lost a parent to cancer, families who have lost their home in a fire, single moms who needed work done around their home, just to name a few. The program continues to grow, and we are excited to see where God takes it this next year!

Another fund that has really taken off this last year is the Homeschool Freedom Fund, which helps support Home School Legal Defense Association

litigation work and education of the public. Since HSF is the charitable arm of HSLDA, this fund provides a great way for people to support the vital legal work of HSLDA above and beyond memberships. Thanks to this fund, HSLDA has been able to protect more

Our Mission:

To bless homeschoolers and the cause of homeschooling

and more families' right to homeschool.

We don't know what the future will hold for our economy. What we do know is that God provides for our needs and one way is through HSF and our donors' faithful giving. Jim Elliot, a missionary who was murdered on the mission field, said that a man is not a fool who gives what he cannot keep to obtain what he cannot lose. Giving with the right motive lays up treasure in heaven. We thank our donors who understand and follow this truth in their lives and make it possible for us to help homeschoolers in need.

May God continue to bless the Home School Foundation.

Our Vision: To be a tool increasingly used by God both to address the financial hardships that hinder families from homeschooling and to bless the homeschool community.

Financial Summary

The Home School Foundation received \$1,620,225 during the 2011-2012 fiscal year and disbursed \$1,554,644 in grants and other expenses. We were blessed to be able to help hundreds of families continue to homeschool in these ongoing tight economic times.

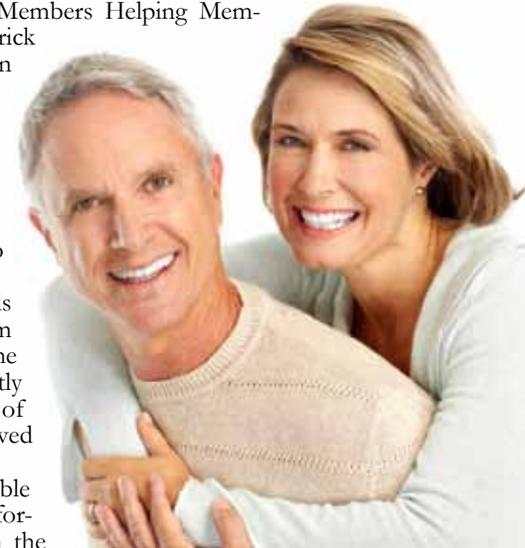
Of overall revenues, 35.9 percent or \$561,067 was received into the Compassion Fund. This fund and its related programs gives grants to homeschool families in need and to homeschool support groups across the nation.

The rest of our income was raised and disbursed through a number of other distinctly focused funds: Widows, Special Needs Children, Children of Single Parents, Curriculum Relief, Members Helping Members, Homeschool Freedom Fund, Patrick Henry College Scholarships, Generation Joshua, International Fund, Emergency Response, and our brand new Military Fund.

Of these funds, the Widow's Fund continues to pull strongly on people's hearts. In 2011-2012, we received \$307,916, and gave \$233,262 in grants to widows and widowers.

Another fund that noticeably grew this past year, is the Homeschool Freedom Fund. This fund helps support Home School Legal Defense Association's costly litigation work and crucial education of the homeschool community. We received \$312,460 into that fund this year.

We have been greatly blessed to be able to help so many families, and we look forward to serving even more families in the coming year.



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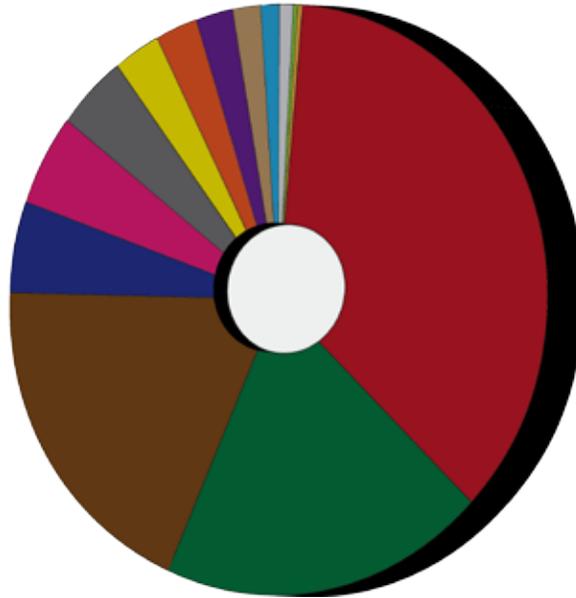
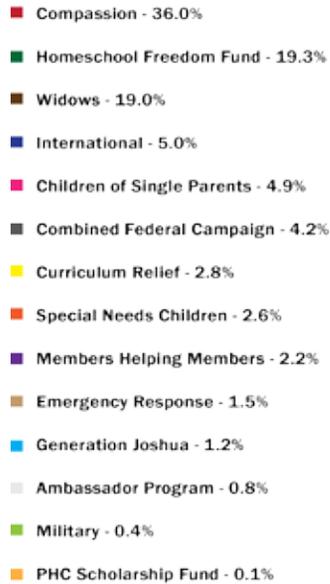
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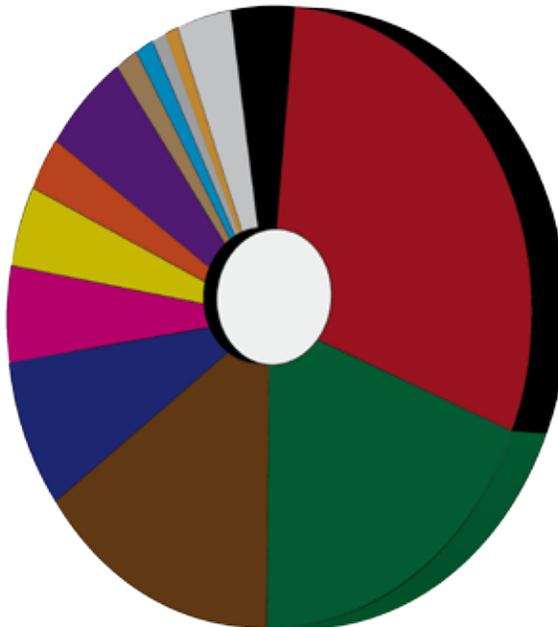
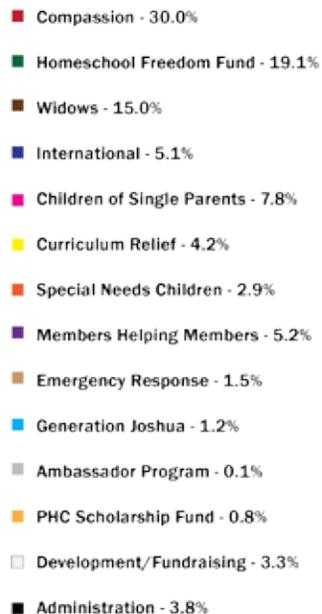
Overview of Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Funds listed clockwise by revenue

Revenues by Fund - totaling \$1,620,225



Grants & Other Expenses - totaling \$1,554,644



From the Director

We have a “prayer tree” at HSF that is filled with paper leaves from families who call us requesting prayer. We received a request recently with two very pointed phrases on it, “Please pray for strength to continue doing what God has called us to do—homeschool. And pray for God to provide for our financial and material needs soon.”

This dear lady’s request digs right in the soil where HSF has been planted to minister. Our underlying motivation is to allow families to pursue what they believe God is calling them to do—homeschool.

The families we serve are the ones who persevere with courage and faith in the face of great odds.

Numerous times we’ve heard from a widow who has told us that when her husband was alive they agreed to continue homeschooling—against all odds—because that’s what God wants them to do.

But she never anticipated doing it alone... without the help of her mate. Yet, the commitment stands. Thankfully, HSF has been able to help many moms honor with this commitment.

Over the years, we’ve helped over a thousand widows stay the course. We serve as a conduit for delivering hope into a seemingly hopeless situation; but the families we serve are the ones who persevere with courage and faith in the face of great odds. We salute them and we delight to help them honor their commitments!

But the struggle for these families is not a one-time event, it lingers for many years and is filled with numerous peaks and valleys.

In the second part of her request above, you can hear the urgency, “...pray for God to provide for our financial and material needs soon.”

Unfortunately, we can’t meet all their needs, just a small portion of what they need to help them homeschool. But we can encourage them by giving some small financial assistance and by praying for them. I think both are equally important and they complement each other. After all, “...faith without works is dead.” (James 2:26)

We thank all our donors for allowing us to demonstrate the faith of our prayers with accompanying “good works.”



Chuck Hurst, Executive Director

How We Help...



COMPASSION

Mission: To provide assistance to homeschooling families in need, award grants to homeschooling groups, and support the operations of the Foundation.

HOMESCHOOL FREEDOM FUND

Mission: To ensure that future generations can homeschool in freedom by supporting the Home School Legal Defense Association's litigation work and education of the public.

WIDOWS

Mission: To provide financial assistance so widows can continue homeschooling by helping them with the cost of curriculum and other emergency needs.

CHILDREN OF SINGLE PARENTS

Mission: To assist children of single parents who, through no fault of their own, experience financial hardship during their homeschooling years.

INTERNATIONAL

Mission: To promote homeschooling internationally by providing financial assistance to homeschooling families and organizations in other nations.

CURRICULUM RELIEF

Mission: To help provide curriculum to homeschooling families who are struggling financially to meet their children's needs.

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

Mission: To enable financially struggling homeschooling families to provide a quality education for their children with special learning needs.

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

Mission: To assist homeschooling families who cannot financially afford HSLDA membership.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Mission: To respond quickly to the financial needs of homeschooling families experiencing a sudden crisis.

GENERATION JOSHUA

Mission: To prepare future generations to defend parental liberty and homeschooling.

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Mission: The meet the needs of struggling homeschool families through HSF gifts and the resources of the local community.

MILITARY FUND

Mission: The assist military homeschool families who are struggling financially to meet their children's educational needs.

PATRICK HENRY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Mission: To reward academic excellence and exemplary leadership among HSLDA member students through tuition scholarships to Patrick Henry College.

DEVELOPMENT, FUNDRAISING & ADMINISTRATION

Through its unique relationship with HSLDA, the Home School Foundation's support costs are much lower than the national average enabling every dollar of revenue received to be maximized for the critical needs of homeschooling families.





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