



FOUNDATION FOR RURAL
EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

annual report

*Promoting programs and activities that improve
rural educational, social and economic conditions.*

2001



Welcome Message

from FRED's President

The 2001 Foundation for Rural Education and Development (FRED) Annual Report details some exciting developments that I am proud to present to you.

Over the past year, the FRED Board and staff worked hard to create new programs that will benefit OPASTCO members and the rural areas they serve. Our Rural Development Achievement Award program evolved into the new Ethyl Grant Program, which provides more members with funding for community development projects. To support rural schools, we introduced two new programs, the Teacher Education Grants and Technology Grants for Rural Schools. In 2002, we plan to introduce new opportunities in youth development and lay the groundwork to increase our support of rural communities.



This year we also launched a new fundraising initiative, the Annual Giving Campaign. The response from the OPASTCO membership was so overwhelming that we raised the funds needed to help support many new FRED programs, including the Ethyl Grants. The funds, contributed by Telco Members, along with the loyal support of Associate Members, guarantees that FRED will be able to continue its important role in rural development.

One of the highlights of my presidency occurred when I had the opportunity to welcome FRED's 2001 Rural Round-trip Ticket Scholarship recipient, Andrew Schornack, to the OPASTCO summer convention. Andrew is from Perham, Minn. and delighted the membership with his future educational plans and thanked them for their support of the scholarship program. Andrew and our other scholarship winners are the future of rural America.

As I complete my term as FRED president, I look back and feel honored to have been a part of helping OPASTCO members and their communities. In January 2002, I will hand over the reins to Hank Buchanan from Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative (RTFC). Hank has been a member of the FRED Board for over seven years and I have every confidence in his ability to lead this great organization to a level much higher than the founding fathers even imagined. I would like to personally thank Hank and the other Board members with whom I have worked. I look forward to continuing my service next year as FRED's past president.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Blum". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Andy Blum
FRED President

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2001 FRED Scholars

Since its inception in 1992, the FRED Scholarship Program has provided over \$300,000 to help 278 rural students continue their education. This year, thanks to the participation from 66 OPASTCO members from the U.S. and Canada, the Foundation received over 180 applications. From this group of exceptional students, the FRED scholarship committee awarded \$60,000 to 68 students.

A highlight of the OPASTCO convention in Minneapolis was the appearance of Andrew Schornack, recipient of the 2001 Rural Round-trip Ticket Scholarship. Andrew spoke about the importance of FRED scholarships and thanked OPASTCO members for their support of this program.

Congratulations Andrew and all of the 2001 FRED Scholars!

Rural Round-Trip Ticket

(up to \$20,000 over four years)

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Telecommunications Internship

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(\$1,000)*

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Wood County Telephone Company

2001 FRED Awards

Rural Development Achievement Award

Sponsored by Siemens

Great Plains Communications, Inc., of Blair, Neb., was the recipient of the 2001 Rural Development Achievement Award. Great Plains has demonstrated high quality initiatives to improve the economic development in their communities, schools, and local businesses, including a scholarship program for local students and efforts to draw businesses to their communities.

During the OPASTCO winter convention in Puerto Rico, Tom Roberts and Ronald Kandall of Siemens presented Mick Jensen, CEO of Great Plains, with a check for \$10,000. This money will be used to further the economic development efforts in Great Plains' service areas.

2001 marked the tenth and final year for the Rural Development Achievement Award. The program was replaced by FRED's Ethyl Grant Program.

2001 FRED Ethyl Grants

Sponsored in part by Siemens

FRED's new Ethyl Grant Program provides grants to enhance both the economic conditions and quality of life in rural communities served by OPASTCO members. The program provides matching grants ranging from \$500 – \$2,500 to telephone companies that are working to promote activities that positively and directly affect the lives of the people who live and work in their communities. In 2002, FRED will provide Ethyl Grants bi-annually in May and October.

Congratulations to the 2001 Ethyl Grant Recipients:

Cambridge Telephone Company, Cambridge, Ill., \$2,500 grant

The grant will be used to aid in the completion of the Cambridge Veterans Memorial. The construction of the Veterans Memorial has helped revitalize the community. The Memorial changed an unused and unattractive park into a site where community members can honor and remember area veterans. Phase two of the project, which includes adding walkways, signage, and general cleanup efforts will be completed by May 2002.

Geneseo Telephone Company, Geneseo, Ill., \$1,849.50 grant

The grant will be used to purchase new permanent greenery and lighting for the Christmas season and the annual holiday Victorian Walk. This event brings 10,000-12,000 visitors to Geneseo and is a big economic boost to the town.



FRED President, Andy Blum (L) and Siemens' Tom Roberts (R) award First Ethyl Grants.

Henry County Communications, Inc., Annawan, Ill., \$2,500 grant

The grant will be distributed to the Annawan Community Economic Development Corporation for the purchase of new playground equipment for the community park.

Home Telephone Company, Inc., Galva, Kans., \$2,500 grant

The grant will be used to build playground equipment for a new day care center in the area. The day care center provides much needed child care services for the community and the potential for 10–15 new jobs.

Lafourche Telephone Company, Larose, La., \$2,500 grant

The grant will be used for a computer, printer and software for CASA HOPE, a substance abuse center.

Loretto Telephone Company, Loretto, Tenn., \$2,500 grant

The Ethyl Grant will be used for the beautification of a lot and park, which once was the site of a dilapidated building. Loretto Telephone Company and the Loretto Lift Up Committee have worked to remove the dangerous building and create a better environment in the town. A new building is being built on the lot and will serve as the location for community events such as dances, lectures and meetings. The site will also provide additional downtown parking.

Middleburgh Telephone Company (Midtel), Middleburgh, N.Y., \$2,500 grant

The grant was distributed to the Middleburgh Library Association. Midtel is assisting with the construction of a new library. The Ethyl Grant will be used to purchase a large screen monitor and other equipment to support distance learning for area residents.

Nexicom Telephones Inc., Millbrook, Ont., Canada, \$2,500 grant

The grant will be distributed to the Church Bell Restoration Steering Committee for restoration of the community's bell tower. The bell tower of Keene United Church has been both a beacon and landmark in the community since 1884. The building also serves as a meeting place for senior citizens, youth organizations, voters, community care workers and fund raisers.

Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association, Lake Mills, Iowa, \$2,500 grant

The grant to Winnebago was used for renovations to the Civic Center, which is used for a variety of functions including the Congregate Meals and the Meals-on-Wheels programs.

Rural Teacher of the Year in Telecommunications

Sponsored by Nortel Networks

Mr. Paul Mudie of Westport, N.Y., was the 2001 recipient of the Rural Teacher of the Year in Telecommunications Award. Mr. Mudie, sponsored by Chazy & Westport Telephone Corp., was presented with a \$5,000 check to his school from the award sponsor, Nortel Networks, during the OPASTCO summer convention in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Mudie teaches students in junior high school and high school at Westport Central School in Westport, New York. He plans to use some of the \$5,000 grant to expand the school's Computer-Aided Design Program.



OPASTCO President Jim Forcier (L) presents award to Mr. Mudie and his wife, Kathy.

Teacher Education Grants and Technology Grants for Rural Schools

Sponsored by Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative (RTFC)

In 2001, FRED introduced two new programs that benefit OPASTCO members: Teacher Education Grants: Helping Rural Teachers Become Training in Technology and Technology Grants for Rural Schools: Closing the Digital Divide in Rural America. The grant programs, funded by the Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative (RTFC), were created so that the quality of education, particularly in the area of technology, may expand and improve in rural areas. The goal of these new programs is to provide a means for FRED and OPASTCO telephone companies to work in cooperation to support rural teachers and schools. In 2001 over \$60,000 was awarded for Technology and Teacher Education Grants.

Congratulations to the 2001 Teacher Education Grant Recipients

Danielle Hollas

and other Clearwater Teachers

Clearwater Unified School District 264

Sponsored by Southern Kansas Telephone Company

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Congratulations to the 2001 Technology Grant Recipients

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Ronan High School

Ronan, Mont.

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Leadership Through Learning Program

Sponsored by National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA)

In October 2001, FRED introduced the Leadership Through Learning Program, sponsored by National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), which brings 20 high school juniors from across the United States to Washington, D.C., for an all expense paid educa-

tional trip to our nation's capital. FRED, in conjunction with the Close Up Foundation, is providing students in rural America the opportunity to take a first hand look at the government. Students will spend their days visiting Washington, D.C. landmarks, participating in seminars with national leaders and taking part in social activities with other students from around the country. In addition, the 20 students chosen by FRED will spend an afternoon learning about telecommunications and its importance in rural areas. The program will be held from April 21–27, 2002.

Hometown Heroes Campaign and Rural Outreach Program

As part of National Small Telecommunications Week (NSTW), FRED and OPASTCO's Hometown Heroes Campaign recognized local individuals who gave their time and talents to making rural communities a better place to live. From service clubs, churches, youth organizations and elder care providers, to civic groups, local councils and community protection activists, these individuals genuinely make a difference. Thanks to all participating telcos.

Congratulations to the 2001 Hometown Heroes:

Jeanette Finkelstein

Chesnee Telephone Company

Mike Quintero

Oregon-Idaho Utilities

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Compensation Survey

In July, the 13th annual Small Telecommunications Compensation Survey was published. Dr. Robert L. Mathis, FRED Board member and professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, prepared the survey by compiling data from questionnaires completed by small telecommunications companies in the United States and Canada. The survey addresses both executive and administrative operations compensation practices of small telecommunications companies and includes regional classifications of respondents, participant profiles and position descriptions for 53 jobs.

In January, Dr. Mathis presented FRED with a check for \$21,000 which represented the proceeds from the sale of the 2000 Small Telecommunications Compensation Survey and the Benefits Survey. The Benefits Survey is produced bi-annually and will be available in 2002.

Annual Giving Campaign

The Annual Giving Campaign began in 2001 as an effort to raise money for FRED programs, particularly the new Ethyl Grant Program. In its inaugural year, the campaign received an overwhelming response from OPASTCO members who donated over \$20,000. A special thanks goes out to the FRED and OPASTCO Boards who participated in the Annual Giving Campaign's Board Challenge. Both boards participated at 100 percent and contributed over \$7,000 to the campaign.

FRED thanks all OPASTCO members who donated to the Annual Giving Campaign.

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**Linda Buckley, Kristin Coulter,
Mick Jensen, Floyd Olson, and John Rose**
Donation from Martha and Everette Kneece,
PBT Telecom, Inc.

2001 FRED Events

FRED Carnival at the OPASTCO 38th Annual Winter Convention Presented by Alcatel USA and Communications Data Group

Las Croabas, Puerto Rico – January 15, 2001

OPASTCO convention attendees were living *la vida loca* in Puerto Rico at the FRED Carnival. Games, food, prizes and entertainment lit up the night with enthusiasm. Some of the night's attractions included a tattoo booth, fortunetellers, caricatures and a variety of carnival games. The event was a great success and raised over \$40,000 for FRED programs.

Carnival Night Sponsors

Alcatel USA and Communications Data Group

Underwriting of Carnival & Co-Sponsors

Rural Telephone Finance Corporation (RTFC)

DJ, Stage Production and Lighting

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Centerpieces

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Nortel Networks

Carnival Program

Carnival Activities

National Farmers Union Property and Casualty Companies

Caricaturist

Sierra Telephone

Popcorn Stand

Loretto Telephone Company

Tattoo Booth

Mid America Computer Corporation

Fortune Teller

General

Badger Communications Corporation

Carnival Games

Blue Earth Valley Communications

Balloon Pop Dart

TCA Inc. — Telcom Consulting Associates

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Pica

Competitive Communications Group

Tropical Golf



FRED Baseball Game with the St. Paul Saints at the OPASTCO 38th Annual Summer Convention

Presented by Communications Data Group and Alcatel USA

Minneapolis, Minn. - July 24, 2001

FRED Night with the Saint Paul Saints was a night to remember. OPASTCO convention attendees were treated to crazy antics, including “Kevin Bacon” the Saints’ pig mascot and a between-inning convoy of pick-up trucks. Troy Jensen of Great Plains Communications battled for and won the distinguished title of “Midway Stadium Mayor.” The evening began with a delicious BBQ dinner and tailgating party outside of the stadium and continued inside with the Saints baseball game. Although the Saints lost to the Schaumburg Ill. Flyers, the zany entertainment kept the crowd excited. The night was a great success and helped raise \$30,000 for FRED programs.

FRED Baseball Sponsors

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Underwriting of Baseball Game

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Rural Leadership 2000

Bringing the Best Back Home

The Rural Leadership 2000: Bringing the Best Back Home Capital Campaign began several years ago as an effort to increase funding to the Scholarship Endowment Fund. In 2000, the campaign reached its goal of \$1 million in donations and pledges. This achievement ensures that FRED will be able to continue providing scholarships to students sponsored by OPASTCO member companies. FRED would like to thank all of the OPASTCO members who have pledged to the capital campaign and highlight the members who have paid their pledges in full.

OPASTCO companies who have completed their pledges:

Alcatel USA
Anne H.S. Fraser P.C.
Bay Springs Telephone Company
Beacon Telecommunications Advisors
Big Sandy Telecom, Inc.
Blue Earth Valley Telephone Company
Blue Stem Telephone Company
Canadian Valley Telephone Company
Carnegie Telephone Company, Inc.
Central Oklahoma Telephone Company
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The following organizations have provided grants or donations to the Foundation in 2001.

Association of Communications Engineers (ACE): *\$5,000 Donation*

Eddy Family Foundation: *\$3,000 Donation*

Lukas, Nace, Gutierrez & Sachs: *\$250 Donation*

National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC): *\$10,000 Donation*

Power & Telephone Supply Company Charitable Fund: *\$2,800 Donation*

Jay Preston, Ronan Telephone Company: *\$500 Donation*

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