



29 December 2014

Dear colleagues, collaborators, grantees, and friends,

We're writing now that we're about to move into a new year to update you on developments with the **WKf Fund**. Our strategy, since the fund's inception up to now has been to invest heavily in efforts to advance social justice, with a focus on improving the well-being of immigrants, particularly those who lack legal status and their families—through support for direct service and scholarships, assistance in applying for deferred action, pro-social media initiatives, policy analysis, and leadership.

Our initial funding, in 2010, was an endowment of \$2.3 million (thanks to our forbears for that marvelous surprise!). In the interim, we have supplemented the initial endowment and invested fairly aggressively, allowing us to make grants totaling a little more than \$3.3 million to a range of worthy organizations. Over the past 4 years, we have deliberately spent more per year than the fund's income—because we recognized there was an urgent need to take action now and, in particular, to help organizations prepare for immigration reform (and the welcome opportunity of President Obama's executive action program). So, at the present moment— 1 January 2015 – we have about only \$600,000 remaining.

We really have appreciated your work in 2014 as well as your marathon efforts both before this year and those you are undertaking beyond. We are very pleased to have been able to contribute even a little to your worthy and important efforts, and all your hard, hard work. However, we obviously will be able to offer only very limited funding in the future. We do look forward to ongoing collaboration in moving forward strategically to support social justice efforts and immigrants—but our investments will have to be few, modest and strategic. So, do keep in touch, and let us know how it's going, as we do plan to stay engaged in collective efforts on various fronts.

We remain optimistic and energetic about confronting the challenges and making good on the opportunities which emerge, and see your efforts as crucial catalysts in this regard. We will, by February, update our website so you can see what sorts of efforts the **WKf** funding has been able to support to date. We will also hope the economy and stock market provides robust growth of the WKf Fund in the coming year/s to enable us to go further. Meanwhile,....

Best of luck and prosperity to you and your staff, and warm wishes to you and your constituencies in this coming year!

Abrazos,

JoAnn and Ed