# VIRGINIA REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, INC.

## FOUNDATION BACKGROUND

The Virginia Rehabilitation Association began the Grant-in-Aid Program with the establishment of an endowment fund in 1985 with an amount of \$1,000. Contributions continued to enhance the fund until by action of the September 1988 VRA Board the endowment was topped off at \$10,000 from VRA general funds. All funds received after that date is an addition to the \$10,000.

The committee began to administer the program in the academic year of 1988-89 and continued under the direction of the VRA Board until the Foundation was established.

By action of the VRA Board in September 1988 the committee was to refrain from soliciting the VRA exhibitors and advertisers, but continue a low-key annual drive of the VRA Board and the Chapter membership.

#### MISSION OF THE FOUNDATION

The mission of the Foundation is to increase excellence in personal living and upward mobility of members of the Virginia Rehabilitation Association through educational assistance as they provide advocacy for the disabled population of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

#### **GOVERNANCE**

The Foundation is governed by the Board of Trustees as appointed by the Virginia Rehabilitation Association. The organization consists of three officers and four additional members.

#### **FUNDING**

The Board of Trustees is responsible for an annual low-key event to solicit the VRA Board and its membership toward increasing the endowment.

### **PUBLICATION**

The Foundation may organize, create and publish projects unique to the Foundation in soliciting funds and/or soliciting applications for grants. The Foundation may utilize the VRA NewsNotes in either program.