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### Foundation Investment Results for the Period of April 1 through June 30, 2010

Sugar coating may be good on cookies but there are places where it's not appropriate. Reports to Foundation stake holders are one such place.

With little good news or sense of direction coming out of Washington, government spending, the budget deficit and national debt each being at all-time highs, continued high unemployment due to companies' unwillingness to hire in light of looming higher taxes and the as-yet-unknown costs of health insurance mandates, continuing weakness in the housing market, the ongoing southern coast economic crisis due to the oil spill, and the European financial situation, it's little wonder that consumer confidence is down and the investment markets had their worst 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter performance since 2002.

On the brighter side, one of the Foundation's investment portfolios remains in positive territory and the other two are down only slightly for the year, current stock prices have created a buying opportunity, and the basic market fundamentals remain strong.

The bottom line for investment markets is that much of what drives the American economy is in a state of flux, with seemingly little attention being given to providing positive direction and leadership at the top levels of government. As such, the markets have been left to fare for themselves in recent months, seeking a comfort level in the midst of a very uncomfortable and murky financial environment.

Until all things financial gain more solid footing, we will undoubtedly continue to see more pronounced spikes and dips in stock prices, stagnant economic growth, and low interest rates on fixed investments.

Patience continues to be a virtue and one of the keys to long-term investment performance. Following are the year-to-date **net** results for the Foundation's three primary investment portfolios:

Conservative Fund	+ .85%
Balanced Fund	-1.23%
Long-Term Growth Fund	-3.78%

Thank you once again for allowing the Foundation to serve you. Please call whenever you have questions or we can be of further service.

Continued Best Wishes,

Jim Heller  
Executive Director