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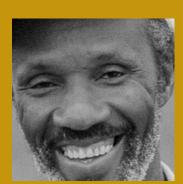
2003 Annual Report





INDEPENDENT

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who we are and what we do

Who We Are:

INDEPENDENT SECTOR is committed to strengthening, empowering, and partnering with nonprofit and philanthropic organizations in their work on behalf of the public good. Its membership of nonprofit organizations, foundations, and corporate philanthropy programs collectively represents tens of thousands of charitable groups serving every cause in every region of the country, as well as millions of donors and volunteers.

What We Do:

INDEPENDENT SECTOR works to promote a just and inclusive society of active citizens, healthy communities, and a vibrant democracy by:

- Creating a meeting ground for nonprofit and philanthropic leaders to take collective action on issues that have an impact on the independent sector and its work;
- Promoting policies that enable nonprofits to advocate and engage with public officials on a nonpartisan basis;
- Encouraging the sector to meet the highest standards of ethical practice, value, and effectiveness;
- Analyzing and interpreting relevant research and other data concerning the voluntary sector; and
- Serving as the voice of the independent sector to the media, government, business, and international voluntary communities.

Our Vision:

A just and inclusive society of active citizens, vibrant communities, effective institutions, and a healthy democracy.

Our Mission:

To promote, strengthen, and advance the nonprofit and philanthropic community to foster private initiative for the public good.



INDEPENDENT SECTOR and the independent sector

The INDEPENDENT SECTOR name celebrates the vast network of voluntary organizations, foundations, religious congregations, social welfare groups, and corporate giving programs working together to improve the lives of people across the United States and around the world. These groups are collectively referred to as the "independent sector," to emphasize their unique role in society, distinct from business and government. Most people recognize the different educational, religious, arts and cultural, and health and human services organizations that improve their lives every day. The reality is that the organizations of the independent sector—and the people who give and volunteer through them have a tremendous and irreplaceable impact on the quality of life in the United States and beyond.

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The 2003 Annual Report chronicles the beginning of an exciting new chapter in INDEPENDENT SECTOR's illustrious history. This year has been marked by new professional leadership and a concentration on some of the major issues affecting the voluntary sector and the people it serves.

This report offers a brief summary of INDEPENDENT SECTOR's programming efforts and their impact on the work of our sector. A significant number of INDEPENDENT SECTOR members, along with those in the sector at large, faced possibilities of substantial losses in revenue streams precipitated by a sluggish economy, growing government deficits, and public officials' preoccupation with other issues. INDEPENDENT SECTOR convened members to begin a conversation about how best to address these issues and find ways to support the essential work undertaken by charities and philanthropies to serve the common welfare.

We worked vigorously on ways to encourage member organizations to demonstrate sound governance practices of the highest ethical standard that were also transparent to board members, donors, consumers of service, lawmakers, the media, and the public. Toward that end we worked closely with members to develop a Code of Ethics and Statement of Values to serve as a model for the sector. We also talked frequently with the press about sound practices on a range of issues. As part of this work, we reached out to congressional leaders to convey our commitment to ethical conduct, transparency, and accountability and to encourage them to work with us as they contemplate their own responses to these issues.

Last November, our 2003 Annual Conference provided a public opportunity for IS to share some ideas about new directions. Since then, we have continued to develop and encourage solutions that help our communities and organizations to be effective. As we move forward, we remain committed to encouraging members to operate with openness, transparency, and effectiveness.

All of our work is a product of our partnership with our members. Please accept our deep appreciation for your contributions in strengthening INDEPENDENT SECTOR over the past year, and for your continued interest and support for our work. Now more than ever, IS's mission to promote, strengthen, and advance the nonprofit and philanthropic community and promote the public good is critically needed. Our members and colleagues are crucial and valued partners in this task, and we will continue to seek your guidance and enlist your support.

We are pleased to present this report, which highlights our work throughout 2003 and celebrates the achievements our membership has built together.



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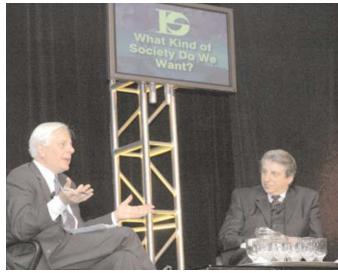
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Benjamin R. Barber (*right*), *author*, Jihad vs. McWorld *and* Strong Democracy, *answers the question*, "What Kind of Society Do We Want?" during the closing plenary of the 2003 IS Annual Conference. Kevin Klose, president and CEO of National Public Radio and an IS board member, moderated the session.



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Kathleen W. Buechel, president of the Alcoa Foundation as well as an IS board member and chairperson of John W. Gardner Leadership Award Committee, with the 2003 honoree, Robert L. Payton, professor emeritus of philanthropic studies at the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy and a champion of education and research in philanthropy worldwide.

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activities and achievements

In 2003, extraordinary challenges to nonprofit and foundation accountability and financial strength have underscored the critical need for collective action by all of us in the nonprofit and philanthropic community. As we forge ahead in 2004 and face the tests and opportunities we embrace together, let us celebrate highlights of our coalition's work:

New Leadership—The INDEPENDENT SECTOR Board of Directors appointed a new president and CEO to lead our coalition. Immediately Diana Aviv set out to meet members, hear their concerns, and share her thoughts about the role IS might play in strengthening the work of the sector.

Progress on Charitable Giving Legislation—For the first time in two decades, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives both passed bills (S. 476 and H.R. 7) by overwhelming margins that would establish additional tax incentives for charitable giving. Notwithstanding this great support from Congress, the future of these incentives is uncertain due to the impending elections and serious budget issues.

Debate on Foundation Administrative Expenses—

A provision in the House of Representatives (part of the charitable giving legislation in H.R. 7) prompted vigorous debate about what administrative expenses should count toward a foundation's required 5-percent grantmaking payout. IS worked closely with its members, the Council on Foundations, and others to ensure a responsible outcome to the debate.

Supreme Court Ruling on Fundraising—With 55 member organizations as co-signers, IS filed a "friend of the court" brief in the U.S. Supreme Court case of *Madigan v. Telemarketing Associates*, striking a balanced position between protecting the rights and responsibilities of both donors and charities. In its ruling, the Court opinion cited IS's brief and affirmed our position that states should be free to prosecute fraud cases but that fundraising costs alone do not equate with abuse.

Code of Ethics—In the midst of strong media scrutiny of foundations and nonprofits, IS introduced a model Code of Ethics for use by the entire sector. The model has been widely distributed, and members are weighing in on the prospect of requiring a code of ethics as part of IS membership.

Sarbanes-Oxley Act and Implications for Nonprofits-

New legislation affecting governance standards for publicly traded corporations, known as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, is setting a new standard for financial oversight for all organizations, nonprofits included. In a widely disseminated publication, IS and BoardSource offered recommendations on how nonprofits can voluntarily follow guidelines from the new law to strengthen their governance and accountability practices.

IS President **Diana Aviv**, with Senator **Rick Santorum** (R-PA), addresses the media at a Capitol Hill press conference celebrating Senate passage of the CARE Act.



Insights on Giving and Volunteering—As part of the *Giving and Volunteering in the United States* Signature Series, sponsored by the MetLife Foundation, new IS research highlighted the strong effect of personal economic concerns on charitable giving, demonstrated the impact of tax policy on contributions, explored the giving and volunteering habits of Americans 50 and over, and examined regional differences in involvement.

Spring Research Forum—Leading researchers and practitioners shared new findings on the role of faith-based organizations in the social welfare system at the IS Spring Research Forum, held in conjunction with the Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy at the Rockefeller Institute of Government.

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Signature Series

Anti-Terrorism Giving Guidelines—Working with InterAction and other members particularly concerned with their work abroad, IS advised the IRS on appropriate and responsible approaches for preventing charitable funds from being diverted for terrorist activities, while not unreasonably interfering with the important work undertaken by foundations and nonprofits.

Protecting Advocacy Rights of Charities—In concert with others, IS worked to persuade the IRS to halt improper auditing of charities that reported lobbying activities well within their rights.

Win on Fax Restrictions—In response to IS's work and that of other coalition members, the Federal Trade



Jim Towey, director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives; **Rev. Donna L. Jones**, pastor of Cookman United Methodist Church, and **Laura Skaff**, director of research and evaluation at Volunteers of America, discuss "The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in the Social Welfare System" during INDEPENDENT SECTOR'S 2003 Spring Research Forum in March.

Commission dropped a "do not fax" proposal for nonprofits, giving time for further study into the recordkeeping requirements the new law would impose.

The Electronic Data Initiative for Nonprofits (EDIN)—The EDIN

coalition partners launched a new website and e-newsletter, and they worked with hundreds of nonprofit leaders, accountants, and software developers to pave the way for the IRS introduction of e-filing for the Form 990 in 2004.



for Nonprofits improving accountability through online technology

Fostering a State-National Policy Network—National nonprofits and state associations gathered in Washington, D.C., in July to share and develop strategies to address policy challenges facing nonprofits throughout the country. Hosted jointly by IS and the National Council for Nonprofit Associations, the meeting launched a new collaborative effort to begin to address property tax exemption challenges, state budget crises, and state and federal regulation of nonprofits.

"Building Value Together" by Enhancing Foundation-Nonprofit Impact—IS convened a group of foundations and their nonprofit grantees along with other leaders to examine ways that foundations and nonprofit organizations are changing some of their traditional practices to achieve improved outcomes.



Hilary Pennington (left), CEO of Jobs for the Future and an IS board member, and **Freeman McKindra**, former senior program officer of the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation and coach of the Mid South Delta Initiative at W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Annual Conference—In November 2003, more than 850 representatives from IS member organizations gathered in San Francisco to learn from each other and strategize together about the challenges facing our sector. In her inaugural address to members, "Purpose, Power, and Participation," President and CEO Diana Aviv shared her thoughts on the strengths of the nonprofit and philanthropic community, from sheer numbers to its diversity and history of accomplishment.

The Year at a Glance

Selected events and products that shaped the work of IS in 2003...

February—Diana Aviv named president

March—Spring Research Forum tackles debate over faith-based social services *Giving in Tough Times* published

April—IS and charitable community rally behind Senate passage of CARE Act

May—Supreme Court rules in charitable giving case, citing IS's brief

June—IS shares insights in debate on proposed new legislation on foundation administrative expenses Diana joins IS full-time

July—IS advises IRS on anti-terrorist guidelines and charitable giving

September—House passes H.R.7 with compromise on foundation payout rules

October—Code of Ethics released for member review Sarbanes-Oxley recommendations for nonprofits published in partnership with BoardSource

Building Value Together convenes grantmakers and nonprofits to talk about working together more effectively

November—Annual Conference in San Francisco breaks attendance records

Volunteering and Giving Among Americans 50 and Over released

December—American public and media focus on season of giving

GAO report on vehicle donations

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The IS Network of Nonprofit and Philanthropic Leaders

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"Purpose, Power, and Participation: Ideas for the Future of Our Sector" —INDEPENDENT SECTOR President and CEO Diana Aviv kicks off the 2003 Annual Conference in San Francisco by offering her perspective on the sector's many challenges and opportunities.



Brian Gallagher (*right*), president and CEO of United Way of America, discusses the challenges of managing organizational change in turbulent times with interviewer **Hodding Carter III**, IS board member and president and CEO of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

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INDEPENDENT SECTOR is a powerful advocate for member organizations. National, state, and local legislative, regulatory, and legal decisions can have both positive and negative impact—not only on the overall effective-ness of America's nonprofit and philanthropic sector, but also on how member organizations operate. IS understands this and works throughout the year to anticipate, analyze, and confront the important legislative, regulatory, and legal challenges facing member organizations. On policy issues ranging from advocacy rights and tax law to the economic viability of our members, IS is fighting to protect the interests of the sector.

INDEPENDENT SECTOR provides members with essential

knowledge. More than ever, timely, accurate information and balanced perspectives are essential to making good decisions. IS provides members with this knowledge through a number of communications that incorporate thought-provoking analysis, including late-breaking policy updates and the monthly *Memo to Members* newsletter.

In addition, members of INDEPENDENT SECTOR enjoy exclusive access to the "members-only" section of www.IndependentSector.org, offering tools and resources that help enhance ethical and effective practices in their organizations.

INDEPENDENT SECTOR offers members unparalleled networking opportunities. By including in its membership grantmakers, voluntary organizations, academic centers, and major corporations with traditions of philanthropy, IS creates a rich opportunity for intense dialogue and the sharing of new ideas. At INDEPENDENT SECTOR's Annual Conference, regional member events, and other briefings, members enjoy unparalleled access to leading CEOs in philanthropy, scholars, policy experts, top government officials, and emerging leaders within key grassroots constituencies. These networks ensure IS members are among the most well-informed in the field.



Lorna Bourg, president and executive director of the Southern Mutual Health Association—the human services group honored with the 2003 Leadership IS Award—is congratulated by **Skip Rhodes** (right), manager of corporate community involvement for ChevronTexaco, the organization that sponsors the award, and **Sanford Cloud**, **Jr**., president and CEO of the National Conference for Community and Justice and chair of the Leadership IS Award Committee.



INDEPENDENT SECTOR membership is open to foundations, corporations with giving programs, and nonprofit voluntary organizations with national and international interests and impact in philanthropy and voluntary action. To create a level playing field and to make membership affordable for organizations of all sizes, dues are based on annual salaries and benefits expenditures. For national voluntary organizations, dues are ^{1/4} of 1 percent of the organization's salaries and benefits. For grantmaking organizations, dues are ^{1/8} of 1 percent of the organization's annual grants. The current maximum annual dues are \$12,500, and the minimum annual dues are \$300. For a membership application, please visit www.IndependentSector.org or call the IS Membership hotline at 202-467-6161.



From left: **Robert Kuttner**, co-editor of The American Prospect; **Ignacio De La Fuente**, president of the Oakland (California) City Council, and **Anita Friedman**, executive director of Jewish Family and Children's Services of San Francisco, ponder audience commentary during the plenary, "Conquering the Fiscal Crisis: What Can Nonprofit and Community Leaders Do?" during the IS Annual Conference.

From left: **William E. Trueheart**, *IS board member and president* and CEO of The Pittsburgh Foundation, presides over the plenary, "Facing the New Accountability Challenge," featuring a keynote address from **Bill Lockyer**, attorney general of the State of California, and further input from *IS board member* **Paula Van Ness**, president and CEO of Make-A-Wish Foundation of America, and **Michael Klausner**, professor of law and Bernard D. Bergreen Faculty Scholar at Stanford Law School.

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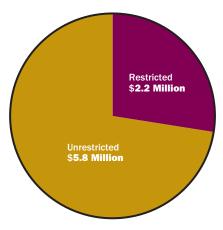
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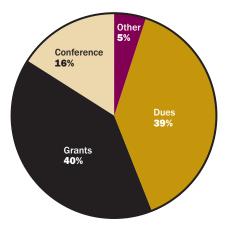
financial summary

INDEPENDENT SECTOR entered into 2003 facing significant financial challenges, in part caused by the external economic climate and by leadership transition, but concluded the year in sound financial condition. In February of 2003, following a seven-month search process, the board named a new president, Diana Aviv, who started full time in June. She immediately took steps to redeploy resources with a view to holding

Net Assets, Year Ended December 31, 2003 (\$8.0 million)



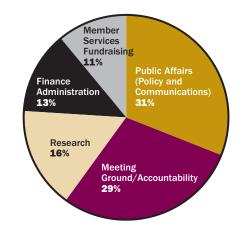




down costs until new support could be secured. Several funders generously assisted in the process of transition and assisted Diana in reaching new funders who shared the vision.

In 2004, INDEPENDENT SECTOR will crystallize its focus and evaluate structures and operations in order to deploy best possible uses of resources toward its mission. This will include a review of organizational practices, development of membership retention and recruitment, inviting the support of new donors, and convening members for policy discussion and action.

Expenses 2003 (\$5.5 million)



These figures provide a brief glimpse of IS's financial position. Please visit the IS website at <u>www.IndependentSector.org</u> to view the full audited financial statements, including information about IS's net assets, revenues, program and supportive services, and cash flows.

statement of activities

summary of revenue, expense, and change in net assets

Year Ended December 31, 2003

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Revenue			
Membership dues	\$ 2,195,711		\$ 2,195,711
Grants and contributions	567,579	\$ 779,049	1,346,628
Conference fees and sponsorships	871,422		871,422
Interest and dividend income	195,029		195,029
Publication sales and other	115,833		115,833
Net assets released from restrictions	1,681,796	(1,681,796)	
Total revenue	5,627,370	(902,747)	4,724,623
Expense			
Program Services			
Public affairs	1,689,906		1,689,906
Meeting ground/Accountability	1,343,090		1,343,090
Research	888,308		888,308
Strategic outreach	285,514		285,514
Total program services	4,206,818		4,206,818
Supporting services			
General and administrative	723,398		723,398
Membership development	326,835		326,835
Fundraising	267,359		267,359
Total supporting services	1,317,592		1,317,592
Total expense	5,524,410		5,524,410
Change in net assets before net gain (loss) on investments and grant cancellation	102,960	(902,747)	(799,787)
Net gain (loss) on investments	685,053		685,053
Change in net assets from operations	788,013	(902,747)	(114,734)
Grant cancellation	,	(125,000)	(125,000)
Change in net assets	788,013	(1,027,747)	(239,734)
Net assets, beginning of year	4,985,428	3,249,289	8,234,717
Net assets, end of year	\$ 5,773,441	\$ 2,221,542	\$ 7,994,983

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