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FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

The ARMA International Educational Foundation (AIEF), a non-profit organization dedicated to funding research and education in the records and information management field, is dependent on its endowment fund. All initiatives funded by the AIEF Endowment come from the interest proceeds of the endowment contributions of individual records and information management professionals, ARMA Chapters and vendor partners who recognize the importance this work.

FOCUS ON RESEARCH REPORTS – Articles that CFCs can use

One of the primary benefits that the AIEF brings to RIM professionals is the collection of research reports that are paid for by the Foundation (often with the assistance and support of local ARMA chapters and regions). These reports deal with topics of current interest to the RIM community and are made available without charge from the Foundation's website. To increase awareness of this resource, Pilar McAdam, coordinator for the Chapter Foundation Champions (CFCs), will write a series of articles for distribution to the CFCs that highlight the available research reports. These articles can then be included in chapter newsletters, posted to chapter websites, or sent out via email to chapter members. The first article should be distributed by the end of March.

IS THE CFC ASSIGNED TO YOUR CHAPTER CORRECT?

Chapter Foundation Champions (CFCs) are the representatives, supporters, boosters, and cheerleaders for the AIEF at the local level. The Foundation relies on our network of CFCs to receive and distribute AIEF news and information, and to promote Foundation activities and goals. If your chapter doesn't have a CFC – or if the CFC assignment has changed but we don't know about it – AIEF communications may not reach chapter members. To find out if your chapter has the correct CFC assignment, contact Pilar McAdam at cat_o_saurus@yahoo.com. (<http://www.armaedfoundation.org/cfc.html>).



“OPRAH’S BIG GIVE”

IS OPPORTUNITY FOR FOUNDATION SUPPORTERS TO DONATE TOO!

The philanthropic community is buzzing with the ABC network’s new show, *Oprah’s Big Give*. More than 15 million people tuned in to watch the premiere, in which contestants work to change people’s lives and “give big or go home.” Visitors to Oprah.com and ABC.com are also given the opportunity to “give big at home,” and are directed to the Network for Good Web site. Network for Good, GuideStar’s long-time partner, is a Web site where users can donate to their favorite charities. The ARMA International Educational Foundation is connected to the Network for Good through GuideStar, (GuideStar.org is a database of non-profit organizations).



Watch Our Foundation Grow!

Foundation Net Assets (Total pledge payments, operating funds from ARMA and one-time gifts from chapters and members) Less funded Projects and expenses:
\$335,971

If you want to be a part of this excitement and “give big” to help fund research and scholarship activities benefiting records managers, go to the Oprah’s Big Give web site: http://www2.oprah.com/about/about_oprahbiggive.jhtml. On the right side, there is a box for Network for Good. Check the “I want to donate” box and click Network for Good. Type AIEF as a keyword and click Search. The window that opens will have two charities: National Relief Charities and ARMA International Educational Foundation. Click “Research” for detailed information about the foundation or “Donate” to make a donation to the foundation. Your donations help fund important research and scholarship programs for the foundation.

GRADUATE LEVEL SCHOLARSHIP

There is still time to submit applications for the ARMA International Educational Foundation Graduate Level Scholarship. Applicants for the \$3,000 award must have a relevant undergraduate degree and will be entering the second year of a records and information management related graduate program. Please encourage interested students in your area to apply. **Applications are due by April 30, 2008.** For more information and application materials, please go to <http://www.armaedfoundation.org> and click on Grants/Scholarships.

SILENT AUCTION

The ARMA International Education Foundation will once again hold a Silent Auction at the ARMA International Conference and Expo in Las Vegas this coming October. AIEF Treasurer Phil Albert is heading up this event for the foundation. Look for information about how you can donate or bid on items in the near future or contact Phil Albert at pkalberts@verizon.net or Preston Shimer, Foundation Administrator at pwshimer@comcast.net if you, your chapter, or other chapter members would like to donate items or assistance to the silent auction.