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Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, (RFB&D®), a national volunteer nonprofit organization is the nation's educational library serving people who cannot effectively read standard print because of visual impairment, dyslexia or other physical disability.



Established in 1951, the Rocky Mountain Unit of RFB&D operates a Denver studio where nearly 200 local volunteers produce textbooks to support students in Colorado and nationwide. Last year our educational outreach program served 1,594 Colorado students in 514 schools.



Our mission is to create opportunities for individual success by providing, and promoting the effective use of, accessible educational materials. Our vision is for all people to have equal access to the printed word.

## 2004 Record-A-Thon Set for April 19-23

The Ninth Annual Record-A-Thon is underway with goals of 225 recorded hours to boost the production of audio textbooks and \$30,000 in donations for the operation of the Rocky Mountain Unit.

First Lady Frances Owens is serving as honorary chair of the event and will lend her voice to reading a textbook while Mayor John Hickenlooper will launch the recording of *Peace Like A River*, the book chosen for the One Book One Denver initiative. They will be joined by readers from the media including Ed Sardella, Adele Arakawa, Mike Nelson, Tony Zarrella, Jim Benemann, Mike Landis, Dick Kelsey and Joyce Meskis of Tattered Cover Bookstore.



Dottie Listom, left, and Sally Campbell enjoyed the lunch offered at each session. Carman and Ray Skeehan provided all of the home baked breads and desserts served the entire week of the 2003 R-A-T.

Last year's event successfully raised \$28,012, exceeding the goal of \$26,200, to support the programs and services of the Unit. Donations received during April and May are part of the Record-A-Thon figures including dollars raised by volunteers who seek donations from friends and family, the silent and eBay auctions, matching gifts and any special mailings related to the annual event.

The studio is now completely converted from analog to digital technology for the production of recorded textbooks. Digitally recorded textbooks on CD provide members with unprecedented navigation and convenience. The contents of a standard textbook can be contained on a single CD that students navigate by page, chapter or section. RFB&D AudioPlus® textbooks can be played on standard multimedia PCs or specialized portable players. Also, volunteers report the digital process makes recording textbooks easier.



Each recording break features a prize drawing. Jessica Saika decides on her choice from the assortment as Bob Writz, left and Bud King wait for Production Director Jim Elliott to draw the next name at 2003 R-A-T.

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## LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Dear Friends:

We are proud to report while our Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic Unit has seen many changes this past year, we have made significant progress and have realized a number of important achievements.

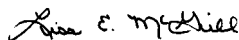
With the resignations in September of Nirene King, executive director and in December of Jim Elliot, production director, we lost two valued and dedicated employees. Their years of service included transitioning the recording at our unit from analog to digital-audio and moving our unit into one of the top producers of books in the country. While we were sad to see them leave, we understand their desire to pursue professional and family interests and wish them well with their new endeavors.

In response to staffing changes, the production department has been reorganized with Robert 'Bob' Janowski promoted to Production Director and Rita Baysinger hired as Assistant Production Director. In addition, after a long search for just the right person, we hired a new Executive Director. Our new Executive Director is Elizabeth 'Betsy' Boudreau. Betsy has an extensive background in working with non-profits and is well known throughout the Denver Community. Betsy brings a wealth of experience to our unit as well as an enthusiasm for our mission – providing access to the printed word. Congratulations to all our new employees!

Even with the staffing changes this year, our unit continued to be one of the most productive of the 28 RFB&D units in the country. Our volunteer corps now utilize seven digital-audio booths to record materials from novels to medical textbooks. Since our volunteers possess a diverse and extensive educational expertise, we have one of the highest numbers of technical readers in the country.

As we prepare for the Record-A-Thon, April 19-23, 2004, we are working hard to spread the word that while we have achieved many accomplishments, our Unit currently faces a very significant financial challenge. Over the past few years, we have not been able to maintain a balanced budget. We have relied on our reserves to cover ongoing operating deficits and are now in danger of depleting these funds. Please let your family, friends and acquaintances know about the difference our organization makes in the lives of persons with disabilities. The Record-A-Thon, typically our most productive fundraiser of the year, is the perfect opportunity to speak proudly of RFB&D's contribution to the lives of our members and expand the participation of our community members.

On behalf of the Rocky Mountain Unit for Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, I thank you for your hard work and generous support. Your efforts have provided equal access to the printed word for approximately 120,000 persons with disabilities.



Lisa E. McGill  
Board Chairperson



Robert Silber celebrates his 96th birthday with RFB&D in December 2003. A lawyer, Bob started recording legal textbooks in January 1952 and still volunteers in the studio weekly. Board Chairperson Lisa McGill helps with cutting the cake.

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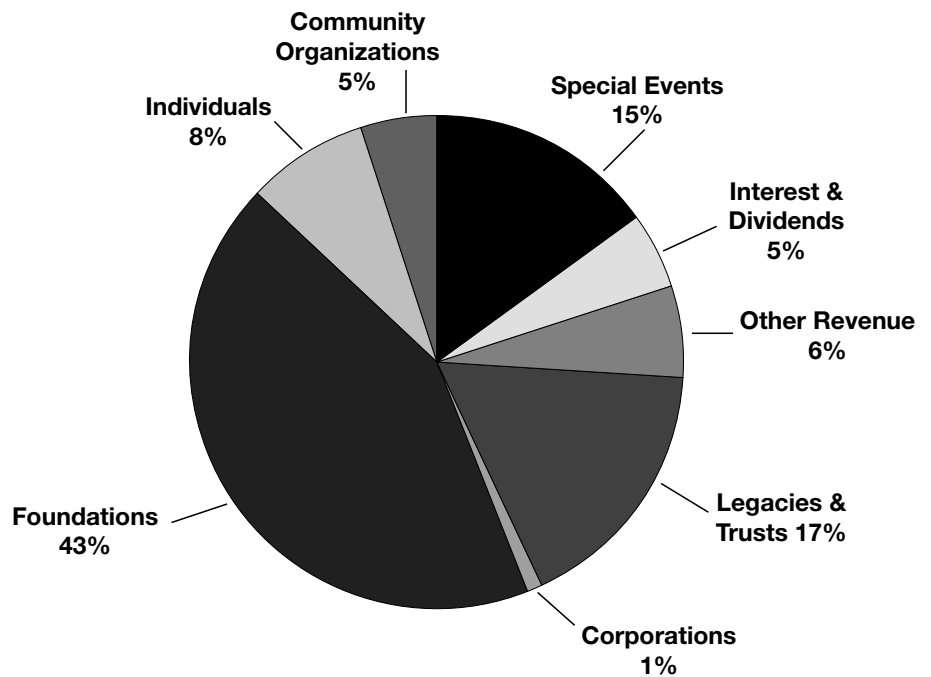
Catherine Sheehan, right, accepts her Chick-fil-A sandwich coupon from Development Director Judith Grant. All 2003 R-A-T volunteers received a free sandwich coupon.

*Every effort has been made to list donor names accurately. Any omissions or errors are genuinely inadvertent. Should you have any questions or comments about this listing, please call RFB&D's Rocky Mountain Unit office in Denver at 303-757-0787.*

# Burt Foundation Offers Challenge Grant

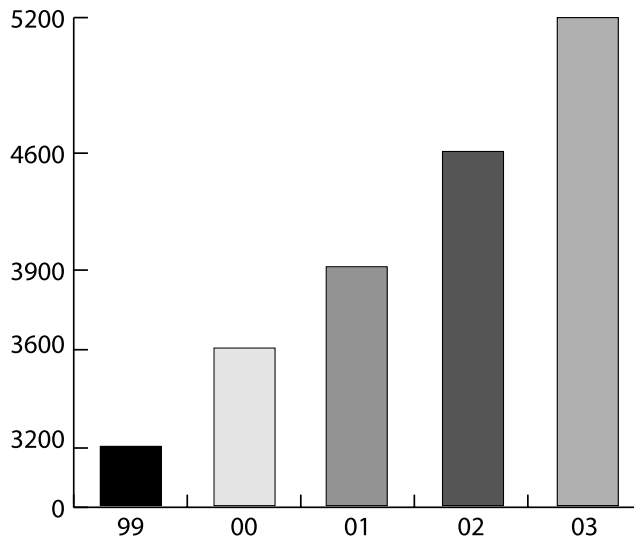
The Rocky Mountain Unit has been awarded a \$2,000 challenge grant by the Nathan B. and Florence R. Burt Foundation. This means that when the Unit raises \$2,000 in an effort devoted specifically to meeting the challenge, the Foundation will provide the matching \$2,000. If you would like to participate in helping RFB&D reach the \$2,000 goal for this effort, please use the enclosed envelope. Donations must be received by May 31, to apply towards this challenge. The Burt Foundation is a long time supporter of the Unit, so we are pleased to be offered this challenge.

## Sources of Revenue - 2003



## 5 Year Production Totals

Recorded Hours



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Again this year a silent auction will be held in the studio along with an eBay auction to add interest. A wide variety of items including restaurant visits, personal services, art items, golf outings and Bronco tickets will be displayed in the studio for two weeks allowing people to make bids at a convenient time. The eBay items will appear the week of April 17. Volunteers at each recording session will again be treated to a free sandwich coupon from Chick-fil-A restaurants and local businesses have provided a variety of items as gifts for drawings and as prizes for production goals and funds raised.

Thanks to the volunteers and donors who helped make Record-A-Thon 2003 a success! Plan now to participate in this year's event. Drop by during Record-A-Thon between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. to bid on some great auction items!

## Donation of Auction Items Welcome

Donations for the Record-A-Thon auction are especially appreciated. This year we will hold a silent auction in the studio and place additional items on eBay for a wider audience. Donation ideas include art works, jewelry, collectibles, recreation packages or individual experiences, restaurant and spa gift certificates and theme designed "baskets." These baskets might feature food, beverages, garden items or other creative ideas. The studio is open for donations Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday until noon if you have items to deliver. Please call 303-757-0787 if you would like more information on the silent auction or eBay auction.

## Your Support Makes the Difference

There are many ways you can help the Rocky Mountain Unit.



- Check/cash provides an outright gift with an immediate impact on our services.
- Credit Cards can be used for convenience, saving you postage and time. Credit card donations may also be arranged on a monthly or quarterly basis.
- Matching Gifts can double your donation as it directs your current or former employer to match your contribution to enhance our programs and services.
- In-Kind Gifts allow you to make a donation of products that support the operation of the Rocky Mountain Unit without affecting your immediate cash flow.
- Donate a Car, Truck, Motorcycle or RV to the Rocky Mountain Unit. You will receive free towing and a tax deduction.
- Stock Gifts, bequests and annuities are other ways in which your generosity can make an important contribution to the future of the Rocky Mountain Unit.
- Adopt-A-Text gifts provide an acknowledgement of your generosity with a recorded message at the beginning and end of each textbook.
- Memorial/Honor Gifts commemorate any occasion. Your thoughtfulness will be communicated to those you are honoring without the amount of your charitable gift being disclosed.

**For additional information or for a confidential discussion to explore giving opportunities, call 303-757-0787, extension 19.**