An enduring commitment to improving the lives of older people

For more than 40 years, RRF Foundation for Aging, formerly known as The Retirement Research Foundation, has been dedicated to one thing—improving the quality of life for all of us as we age.

FOUR FUNDAMENTAL PRIORITIES

Today, RRF Foundation for Aging continues that commitment and is focusing its grantmaking on four priority areas—caregiving, economic security in later life, housing, and social and intergenerational connectedness. Each of these inter-related issues is fundamental to our ability to age in community—that is, to live well and fully, wherever we prefer, for as long as possible:

CAREGIVING

Ensuring that caregivers are informed, well-trained, and supported, while providing care to older people in community settings

ECONOMIC SECURITY IN LATER LIFE

Valuing the dignity of older people through efforts that ensure and protect their economic security and well-being

HOUSING

Promoting efforts that make housing more affordable and provide coordinated services that enable older people to live safely in community settings

SOCIAL & INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTEDNESS

Strengthening social bonds through efforts that promote meaningful connections, including those that span generations

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A CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO INNOVATION
One of the first private foundations devoted exclusively to aging issues, RRF Foundation for Aging pursues a highly integrated approach to its grantmaking. This strategic philanthropy reflects our role as an agent of change and is designed to lift up innovative ideas, support their application and dissemination, and drive needed improvements in practice and policy.

SEEKING STRATEGIC PARTNERS
The work of RRF Foundation for Aging depends on finding the best possible partners—grantees, philanthropic collaborators, thought leaders, and others—dedicated to advancing the field. Since our inception, we have made grants worth nearly $240 million. We fund a variety of types of activities addressing our four priority areas and enhancing the lives of older people. While these priority areas reflect RRF’s primary funding interests, we remain open to supporting other important projects (on a selective basis) and to developing the partnerships needed to meaningfully improve the quality of life for all of us as we age. This includes support for advocacy, direct service, research, and training, in addition to building the organizational capacity of Illinois nonprofit organizations. We are eager to work with new and varied partners as we move forward in our new direction.

A YEAR OF CHANGE
In addition to our funding priorities, other changes at RRF include:

Our new name—RRF Foundation for Aging—pays tribute to our history and signals a bold new direction for our future.

Our new logo captures the spirit of collaboration, connection, and momentum that drives us forward, along with the five mission-critical facets of the work we support: advocacy, direct service, research, training, and organizational capacity building.

Our new website spotlights what we’re learning from grantees and provides a platform for ideas and issues that matter to the aging field. Visit: rrf.org.

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