KEEPING AN EYE ON FLORIDA
Dear Friends and Supporters of the Florida Humanities Council:

There seems to be little doubt that 2008 will be one of those years history will remember. The campaign that culminated in the election of our first African-American president will certainly be talked about, studied, and scrutinized for years to come.

Last year will also be remembered as a time of economic crisis, with few states harder hit by the housing recession and the subprime mortgage crisis than Florida. The national press seemed eager to write Florida’s obituary. In late 2007, a front page article in the Wall Street Journal asked the question “Is Florida Over?” In mid-2008, Time magazine published an equally bleak assessment headlined “Is Florida the Sunset State?” We know better!

It seems clear that Florida is entering a new era, and no organization is as well positioned to help Floridians think about the future of their state as the Florida Humanities Council. Through the hundreds of public programs we funded and created across the state during 2008 we examined a variety of Florida topics, both past and present. Our statewide magazine FOrUM explored Florida’s relationship with the Caribbean, the efforts to “build community” in our state, and the wide array of books that won the annual Florida Books Awards competition.

K-12 teachers studied Florida topics through our Teachers Center seminars, which served 540 teachers in 2008 and, by extension, the many thousands of students they teach. Our broadcasts carried by public-radio stations throughout Florida provided informative features on such topics as new urbanism, immigration, and the environment to hundreds of thousands of listeners. Our Prime Time reading program helped 100 low-literacy families bond over a love of books.

As the chair of FHC’s Board of Directors I invite you to participate in one of the many programs we sponsor each year exploring the events and issues that have shaped our past and will affect us for years to come.

The future of our state depends on it.

Sincerely,

Frank Billingsley
Chair of the Board
Florida Humanities Council

**Teachers Center**

Our 2008 professional-development seminars on topics related to Florida history and culture provided strong curriculum content, provocative ideas, and lots of inspiration to 540 Florida teachers from 79 elementary, middle, and high schools in 37 counties. In addition, with a competitive grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, FHC conducted three weeklong seminars for 120 teachers who traveled from 31 states to learn about the life and work of Florida literary great Zora Neale Hurston.

**Grants**

In 2008, we awarded more than $400,000 in federal funds to support humanities projects in nearly 100 towns and cities across Florida. These grants leveraged an additional $400,000 in local matching funds from the more than 80 nonprofit groups that created and executed the projects. The individual FHC grant awards—ranging from $25,000 to less than $1,000—helped nonprofit groups bring in speakers for public programs; conduct research into local history; and create local heritage programs, exhibits, oral history projects, lecture series, and much more.

**Road Scholars**

Our Road Scholars crisscrossed the state in 2008, bringing thought-provoking public programs to thousands of Floridians at community centers, libraries, theaters, schools, and other public venues in nearly 150 towns and cities.

**FOrUM**

FOrUM, our award-winning statewide magazine, provided in-depth looks at three topics of statewide interest in 2008: A sense of community amid modern-Florida sprawl development; Florida’s longstanding historical and cultural ties with the Caribbean region; and winners of the second annual Florida Book Awards. Each issue of FOrUM, the magazine for thinking Florida, reached an estimated 50,000 readers.

**Radio**

Our lively five-minute broadcasts about Florida history and culture were aired twice monthly on public-radio stations across the state. More than 100,000 listeners heard each program, featuring interviews and reports about the people, places, and events—both past and present—that have shaped Florida.

**Prime Time**

Our family literary program helped 100 English/Spanish–speaking parents bond with their children through reading. The families participated in our free, six-week programs at public libraries in Clearwater, Clewiston, LaBelle, and Plant City. Storytellers and scholars led discussions about the underlying themes and insights in children’s books dealing with historical subjects, fairy tales, and folklore from around the world.

**The Gathering**

Our cultural heritage tours explored two distinctive areas of the state in 2008: the Everglades in South Florida and the historic Gulf port town of Apalachicola on Florida’s “Forgotten Coast.” The 2008 Gathering outings—guided by pre-eminent scholars, local leaders, and longtime community residents—helped introduce 91 Floridians to what makes Florida special. This revenue-generating program also encourages and helps the host communities to celebrate their unique heritage.
Our programs touched cities and towns in every region of Florida during 2008. This map shows the communities that received our grant awards and were host to Road Scholar presentations, teacher seminars, Gathering heritage tours, and family reading programs. In addition, our reach extended statewide with our twice monthly public-radio programs and FORUM magazine, published three times per year.
# Financial Report

## Extracted Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2008

### Balance Sheet

**Assets**
- Cash and Investments: $817,061
- Grants Receivable: $715,026
- Prepaid Expenses: $30,336
- Contributions Receivable: $284,218
- Fixed Assets: $147,221

**Total Assets** $1,993,862

**Liabilities & Fund Balance**
- Accounts payable and accrued expenses: $63,439
- Grants Payable: $335,028
- Deferred Revenues: $12,510
- Net Assets
  - Unrestricted: $571,211
  - Temporarily Restricted: $997,589
  - Permanently Restricted: $14,085

**Total Liabilities & Fund Balance** $1,993,862

### Statement of Revenue and Expenses

**Revenue & Released Assets**
- NEH General Support: $856,650
- NEH Competitive Grants: $561,412
- State of Florida: $269,679
- Contributions, Memberships, and Fees: $352,124

**Total Revenue & Released Assets** $2,039,865

**Expenditures**
- Program Services: $1,631,778
- Management: $413,332
- Fundraising: $135,618

**Total Expenditures** $2,180,728
Celebrating our Growing Support

The Florida Humanities Council (FHC) would like to acknowledge the generous support of the National Endowment for the Humanities; the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs; and the many individuals, corporations, and foundations that made contributions during our 2008 Fiscal Year (11/1/07 – 10/31/08). Thank you!

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- **$10,000**
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- **$2,000–$6,000**
  - The New York Times Company Foundation, Inc./The Gainesville Sun—*Teachers Center*
  - Polk Education Foundation—*Teachers Center*
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  - St. Petersburg Times Fund—*PrimeTime*
  - Target—*PrimeTime*
  - University Press of Florida—*Road Scholars*

- **$500–$800**
  - Flagler County Education Foundation—*Teachers Center*
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  - Illinois Humanities Council—*Civic Reflection*
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