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Dear Friends of the Foundation,

Greetings! The responsibility for writing this December 2006 fund-raising letter for the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation (RSF) is one I relish as an ardent believer both in our cause and in the power of our foundation to further it. Mindful of the value of my readers' time, I am, however, "[r]educing to its most compact form" the approach and the accomplishments of RSF in Calendar Year 2006. In brief, we have been working to develop Georgist ideas from ever broader perspectives and to make certain they are communicated beyond our inner circle. The hows and the wherefores now follow in the description of three projects.

The Youth of Today (loosely defined as everyone at least a decade younger than I am) are apparently more intelligent but clearly less literate than the rest of us. They receive and process information in different ways. RSF's response has been two-fold. First, we have funded Bob Drake's modernization and condensation of ***Progress and Poverty***. And, second, we have moved, massively, into a new medium of communication – investing in probably RSF's biggest project ever, a film and DVD with the working title, "**Progress vs. Poverty**."

Drake's book releases Henry George's big ideas from the prose whose 19th Century elegance (that we love) has become (for others) 21st Century obfuscation. It will also be easier to translate into other languages, and a Spanish edition is already in the works. As you can see from the enclosed brochure, we have ramped up our promotional efforts; we hope you will help us continue them. Exposed to the ethics and economics of Henry George by RSF board members past and present, award-winning motion picture director Philippe Diaz has contracted with us to produce and distribute a documentary about the causes of poverty in today's world. Please visit www.cinematlibrestudio.com to see just how fortunate we are to collaborate with him and his company, Cinema Libre Studio.

RSF is also working more closely with like-minded organizations to broaden our audience by broadening our vision. The problem of social justice attracts hearts as well as minds. The implications of the Georgist perspective can and should be approached not just with the tools of economics but with those of the other social sciences and the humanities as well. We accordingly increased financial and professional support for a **joint conference** involving RSF, the Council of Georgist Organizations (CGO) and the University of Scranton (Pennsylvania), to be held in **Scranton on July 22-26, 2007**. We hope you will attend. The last half of the conference will feature a dialogue between Georgist and Catholic scholars on topics ranging from the philosophical (natural law, human nature, the nature of work) to the concrete (war, immigration, urban revitalization). The University of Scranton Press has expressed interest in publishing the papers and related commentary.

Of course, our most important audience remains you, our supporters. As the enclosed reply form indicates, this year we welcome not only your financial support but also your time. I am confident you will be generous with both. I have never (no, not even "hardly ever") met a Georgist with a heart less than two sizes too big – and a brain to match!

Sincerely yours,

Adele Wick
RSF President

ROBERT SCHALKENBACH FOUNDATION: 2006-2007 RESPONSE FORM

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