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**Dear Friends of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation,**

Greetings! When fiction first entered the categories of literature, many in the intelligentsia attacked it as a development that would further dumb down the populace. This class of individuals would now be in rapturous delight were sales of Charles Dickens dramatically to increase. Why, even more reading of Danielle Steele (an alumna of my college, which dedicated the cover story of its magazine to her advice on the art of writing) might spark a smile – at least if it accompanied a decline in the watching of TV and DVDs and the playing of video games.

Not only do most people receive their information these days in different forms from those of yore, they do so with the help of media that are, in the main, more conducive to retaining theories and data as well as being open to changing casts of mind and opinion. No less a luminary than Harvard Medical School now reports (in writing!) that “memories are best created and then strengthened when information is processed as an association that involves all of your senses.” Reading and writing, however illustrious, illustrative and Joyce/Faulkner’ian, are essentially abstract and literally linear. Conferences and films provide, even bombard, us with data simultaneously, and they engage more of the senses. Al Gore’s “An Inconvenient Truth” may contain more than a couple of “convenient untruths”, but he deserved his half of the Nobel Peace prize for energizing the populace to take the scientific evidence seriously and to create a mass movement to counter global warming.

And this is an RSF year-end fund-raising letter because....? Because, although the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation is perhaps best known as a publisher and purveyor of the writings of Henry George and his followers through time – and this work is and ever shall be important to our mission and institutional identity – we have always been engaged in much more besides. Indeed, the RSF accomplishments in 2007 of which I am most proud are the Scranton Conference on “Two Views of Social Justice: a Catholic/Georgist Dialogue” and more – lots more – progress on our film now tentatively titled “Access Denied”.

Partnering on the formal program with CGO and Scranton University, we have widened both our audience and our perspectives by speaking and listening to such scholarly and convivial Catholics. The University of Scranton is expected to publish a conference volume based on the proceedings, but even the best editor cannot convey with sufficient success either the energy in the room during the presentations or the interactions they inspired. Gathering together adds significant value to even the most intellectual of enterprises.

A product of our partnership with Cinema Libre Studio and its award-winning director Philippe Diaz, “Access Denied”, I am convinced, will touch the hearts and open the minds of a broad spectrum of viewers. Why do the equity of equal access to Nature’s bounty and the economics of taxing rent matter so much? Because without them, we have poverty, the crime and casualty of massive poverty. We want to change the world. This film can help us. Its searing and human portrayal of poverty in the midst of plenty can bring people to our books. And, in doing so, it can create a global movement for change.

Please use the following form to help us with our global mission by contributing as you can. We are grateful for your financial support and the important incentive your interest gives us to keep moving forward.

Best wishes for 2008,



**Adele Wick**  
RSF President

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