

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation promotes excellence in journalism worldwide and invests in the vitality of 26 U.S. communities where the Knight Brothers owned newspapers.

The foundation, headquartered in Miami, was established in 1950. It has always been independent of the Knight brothers' media enterprise that later became Knight-Ridder (Knight-Ridder was sold to the McClatchy concern in 2006).

Journalism

As the nation's leading journalism funder, Knight's priority is to help lead journalism to its best possible future in the 21st century. Knight has:

- Advanced journalism excellence and freedom of expression worldwide with nearly 1,000 grants totaling nearly \$400 million since 1950.
- Improved journalism education with permanent programs at more than 25 top universities, including major fellowship programs at Stanford, Michigan and Harvard and 22 Knight chairs with endowments totaling more than \$50 million, and through the Carnegie Knight Initiative for the Future of Journalism Education.
- Helped journalism nonprofits become more self-sufficient by bringing more than \$50 million into journalism programs through challenge grant campaigns, and through the four-foundation partnership in the Challenge Fund for Journalism.
- Trained more than 100,000 journalists worldwide through a variety of specialized programs, from the Knight International Press Fellowships to NewsUniversity.org, and launched new journalism organizations throughout Latin America through the Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas.
- Launched the Knight News Challenge, a \$25 million contest rewarding digital innovations that better inform and inspire communities.

Communities

Knight is committed to strengthening the vitality of the 26 communities – from Aberdeen to Akron and Macon to Miami – where the Knight brothers owned newspapers. Knight:

- Invested more than \$639 million across those communities since 1950.
- Challenged South Florida to create and invest in the arts in Miami; joined other public and private investors to begin transforming Philadelphia's Ben Franklin Parkway into a cultural campus; helped to create a masterpiece and Akron icon, the Akron Art Museum. These account for \$156 million in arts grants.
- Is partnering with Akron, Detroit, Duluth, San Jose and Tallahassee in developing innovation-driven economies (investing more than \$43.7 million across all communities in economic development since 1950).
- Was one of the first, and largest, funders providing post-Katrina aid to Biloxi and the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and is still helping with the rebuilding efforts there.
- Is working with community foundations to strengthen their civic leadership. Knight has invested over \$60 million in donor-advised funds in Knight communities, and is focusing on how all community foundations can address information needs of their communities.

National and Strategic Initiatives

Knight's National Program supports innovative leaders and entrepreneurial organizations working across communities and disciplines to bring about transformation. Knight has:

- Invested in 242 national grants totaling \$139.8 million dollars since its inception in 2001.
- Supported Harvard University, Ashoka and New Profit Inc to build networks for social innovators and civic leaders.
- Initiated a plan to ensure citizen access to the Internet in all Knight communities.
- Created the New Americans naturalization initiative to increase immigrant participation in civic life.
- Supported systemic approaches to creating more livable and sustainable neighborhoods for urban residents in Knight communities.

The Foundation ended 2007 with assets of \$2.62 billion, and annual grant payout of \$121.3 million. The Foundation surpassed \$1 billion in total grants midway through 2006.

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