

## Foundations

### Recognize RFF's Role in Illuminating Tough Policy Issues

Only six months into the 2005 fiscal year, RFF has recorded an all-time high in foundation grants—its most successful in 25 years. Lesli Creedon, RFF's vice president for external affairs, attributes this to an enhanced appreciation by foundation board members, presidents, and program officers for the unbiased, independent research and policy recommendations put forth by RFF scholars.

"Given the polarized atmosphere in Washington, the highly contentious issues on the country's agenda, and many potentially pathbreaking policy experiments being designed here and abroad, RFF is increasingly called upon to assist government officials and members of the advocacy and business communities with objective, pragmatic ideas," said Creedon. "Foundations recognize how RFF's research can play a role in informing discussions and formulating innovative policy measures—and are supporting our efforts at record-high levels," she added.

Grants awarded so far in fiscal year 2005 include:

\$500,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to continue the awarding of RFF Fellowships in Environmental Regulatory Implementation for two more years

\$270,000 from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to analyze policies that affect antibiotic resistance, \$100,000 to

analyze the benefits and costs associated with higher taxes on alcohol, and an additional \$60,000 to examine the potential for converting urban brown-field sites into recreational areas

\$200,000 from the Smith Richardson Foundation to compare, contrast, and evaluate U.S., European, and Japanese voluntary approaches to managing environmental problems

\$100,000 from the Energy Foundation and \$70,000 from The New York Community Trust to provide analytical expertise and modeling requested by the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

\$75,000 from the Lounsbury Foundation to help support the work of the first holder of the Chauncey Starr Chair in Risk Analysis at RFF

\$50,000 from the G. Unger Vetlesen Foundation to support communications and public education activities around climate change

\$50,000 from The German Marshall Fund of the United States for The German Marshall Fund Transatlantic Fellowship at RFF

\$50,000 from the Center for Global Partnership to fund a workshop in Japan for policymakers and analysts to enhance U.S.–Japanese dialogue on climate change

\$25,000 from the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for a series of Congressional briefings on the future of U.S. energy policy, which will be held in conjunction with GLOBE USA

\$5,000 from the Cadeau Foundation for communications and public education activities of RFF's Electricity and Environment Program

For information on any of these projects or on ways you can assist RFF in furthering its research, please go to [www.rff.org](http://www.rff.org) or contact Lesli Creedon at [creedon@rff.org](mailto:creedon@rff.org) or (202) 328-5016. ■



At the recent RFF Council meeting in San Francisco, Chauncey Starr was honored for his great generosity to RFF. He has donated \$2 million to fund an endowed research chair in risk analysis, a field he helped pioneer. Starr, who founded the Electric Power Research Institute, now serves as president emeritus at age 93 and is working on a new book. He is shown here, seated, surrounded by his wife and immediate family.