# **ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

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#### **December 31, 2024**

<b>UNICO National Charities:</b>
COOLEY'S ANEMIA
ITALIAN Heritage/Culture/Studies \$48,881
GERALDINE LIPARI MENTAL HEALTH \$33,737
CANCER RESEARCH
St. Jude
UNICO Endowments:
Guarco Family Italian Heritage Fund \$197,667
TORRACO FOOD/SHELTER
<b>UNICO Scholarships</b> :
Alati Musical Arts
Alessio Southern Italy \$51,964
Cottone Medical
DeFrancis Natural Science \$423,827
DiMattio-Celli Study Abroad \$62,343
Manganaro Founders \$92,639
Robert Tarte Italian Studies \$57,582
Louise Torraco Science \$198,417
Torraco Computer Sciences \$132,766
Torraco Fine Arts
Torraco General
Torraco Nursing \$749,058
Torraco Therapy Science
Torraco Seminary Studies \$128,886
Torraco Special Education \$140,607
Torraco Veterinary \$150,336
21st CENTURY FUND
RESTRICTED SPENDING \$1,832,927
GENERAL ACCOUNTS
UNRESTRICTED FUND
TOTAL ASSSETS \$5,743,045

# **Revenue - Disbursements**

COOLEY'S ANEMIA
Donations
Grants
ITALIAN Heritage/Culture/Studies
Donations
Grants
Geraldine Lipari Mental Health & Alzheimer's
Donations
Grants
CANCER RESEARCH & PREVENTION
Donations
Grants
TORRACO FOOD/SHELTER
Grants
SCHOLARSHIPS (non-endowed)
Donations
Awards
21 <sup>st</sup> CENTURY FUND
Scholarship Awards \$22,500
Grants
MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS DONATED
Anti-Bias
Armed Services \$10,200
Calendar
Columbus Day \$6,200
Disaster Relief
Raffle Proceeds \$8,680
EXPENSES
Administrative Fees
Tax Preparation & Filings
Annual Outside Audit
Charitable Registrations & Dues
Bank-Credit Card Fees
Scholarship Administration Fee \$3,500

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Chris DiMattio, Chair



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