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Washington, D.C. 20549**

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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT
INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-05652

DREYFUS MUNICIPAL INCOME, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

c/o The Dreyfus Corporation
200 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10166
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Date of fiscal year end: 9/30

Date of reporting period: 9/30/04

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Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

**Dreyfus
Municipal Income, Inc.**

ANNUAL REPORT September 30, 2004

Dreyfus Municipal Income, Inc.

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Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Shareholder:

This annual report for Dreyfus Municipal Income, Inc. covers the 12-month period from October 1, 2003, through September 30, 2004. Inside, you'll find valuable information about how the fund was managed during the reporting period, including a discussion with the fund's portfolio manager, Joseph Darcy.

The U.S. economy has alternated between signs of strength and weakness, causing heightened volatility in the municipal bond market. Although the Federal Reserve Board (the "Fed") raised short-term interest rates three times toward the end of the reporting period, bond prices generally have held up better than many analysts expected, as investors apparently have revised their economic expectations in response to the insurgency in Iraq, higher energy prices and some disappointing labor statistics.

The Fed's move to a less accommodative monetary policy may be signaling the beginning of a new phase in the economic cycle. At times such as these, when market conditions are in a period of transition, we believe it is especially important for investors to stay in close touch with their financial advisors. Your financial advisor can help you rebalance your portfolio in a way that is designed to respond to the challenges and opportunities of today's changing investment environment.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Canter
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
The Dreyfus Corporation
October 15, 2004

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DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Joseph Darcy, Senior Portfolio Manager

How did Dreyfus Municipal Income, Inc. perform relative to its benchmark?

For the 12-month period ended September 30, 2004, the fund achieved a total return of 7.85% .¹ During the same period, the fund provided income dividends of \$0.7200 per share, which is equal to a distribution rate of 7.02% .²

Although returns from municipal bonds generally were modestly positive for the reporting period overall, the market was characterized by heightened market volatility, especially during the second half of the reporting period, as investors' expectations of economic growth and inflation changed and the fiscal condition of many states and municipalities improved.

What is the fund's investment approach?

The fund seeks to maximize current income exempt from federal income tax to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital from a portfolio that, under normal market conditions, invests at least 80% of the value of its net assets in municipal obligations. Under normal market conditions, the fund invests in municipal obligations which, at the time of purchase, are rated investment-grade or the unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus in the case of bonds, and rated in the two highest rating categories or the unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus in the case of short-term obligations having, or deemed to have, maturities of less than one year.

We have constructed a portfolio by looking for income opportunities through analysis of each bond's structure, including paying close attention to a bond's yield, maturity and early redemption features.

Over time, many of the fund's relatively higher-yielding bonds mature or are redeemed by their issuers, and we generally attempt to replace those bonds with investments consistent with the fund's investment

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DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE *(continued)*

policies, albeit with yields that reflect the then-current interest-rate environment. When we believe that an opportunity presents itself, we seek to upgrade the portfolio's investments with bonds that, in our opinion, have better structural or income characteristics than existing holdings. When such opportunities arise, we usually will look to sell bonds that are close to redemption or maturity.

What other factors influenced the fund's performance?

In the months before the start of the reporting period, the U.S. bond markets had suffered one of the worst six-week declines in their history when evidence of stronger economic growth emerged, sparking investors' long-dormant inflation concerns. By October 2003, however, the fixed-income markets had begun to recover as it became increasingly apparent that inflation remained low, and municipal bonds generally gained value through the first quarter of 2004.

In April 2004, however, reports of unexpected strength in the U.S. labor market and higher energy prices rekindled investors' inflation concerns. As investors in April and May revised forward their expectations of the timing of higher interest rates, municipal bond prices declined sharply. The Federal Reserve Board fulfilled investors' revised expectations in late June, when it implemented its first increase in short-term interest rates in more than four years. Additional rate hikes followed in August and September, and the reporting period ended with an overnight federal funds rate of 1.75% . However, the U.S. economy appeared to hit a "soft patch" during the summer, and inflationary pressures seemed to be moderating. As a result, municipal bond prices generally rallied, offsetting much of their earlier declines.

As the economy improved, so did the fiscal condition of many tax-exempt bond issuers, including municipal and state governments. Higher-than-expected tax revenues reduced many issuers' need for short-term financing, and the supply of newly issued tax-exempt bonds dropped compared to the same period one year earlier, helping to support their prices.

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In this environment, trading activity in the fund was limited. As any of the fund's holdings matured or were redeemed early by their issuers, we aggressively sought to reinvest the proceeds in bonds that, in our view, presented good investment opportunities that were consistent with the fund's investment objectives. While always vigilant in the surveillance of the fund's relatively seasoned bonds, most of which offered higher yields than were available from newly issued securities during the reporting period, portfolio decisions on these holdings were based on the structural and credit characteristics of individual issuers. In addition, because yield differences among bonds with different credit ratings narrowed during the reporting period, it made little sense to us to shift assets toward lower-rated securities. Indeed, the fund's core holdings continued to generate what we believe were attractive levels of tax-exempt income, which helped the fund withstand heightened market volatility over the reporting period.

What is the fund's current strategy?

While we have continued to maintain the fund's core holdings of seasoned bonds, we have continually monitored the tax-exempt bond market for opportunities to boost the fund's income or upgrade its credit quality. For example, during the reporting period we invested in California's unsecured general obligation bonds when their prices fell to levels we considered attractive. For the most part, however, we have found few such opportunities in today's investment environment, which has been characterized by low, but rising, interest rates.

October 15, 2004

¹ Total return includes reinvestment of dividends and any capital gains paid, based upon net asset value per share. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Market price per share, net asset value per share and investment return fluctuate. Income may be subject to state and local taxes, and some income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax (AMT) for certain investors. Capital gains, if any, are fully taxable.

² Distribution rate per share is based upon dividends per share paid from net investment income during the period, divided by the market price per share at the end of the period.

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

September 30, 2004 (Unaudited)

| | |
|---|------------|
| Market Price per share September 30, 2004 | \$10.25 |
| Shares Outstanding September 30, 2004 | 20,549,150 |
| American Stock Exchange Ticker Symbol | DMF |

MARKET PRICE (AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE)

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2004

| | Quarter Ended December 31, 2003 | Quarter Ended March 31, 2004 | Quarter Ended June 30, 2004 | Quarter Ended September 30, 2004 |
|-------|--|---|--|---|
| High | \$10.00 | \$10.74 | \$10.55 | \$10.38 |
| Low | 9.37 | 9.84 | 8.52 | 9.25 |
| Close | 9.89 | 10.69 | 9.20 | 10.25 |

PERCENTAGE GAIN (LOSS) based on change in Market Price*

October 24, 1988 (commencement of operations)

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| | |
|--|---------|
| through September 30, 2004 | 208.39% |
| October 1, 1994 through September 30, 2004 | 124.62 |
| October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2004 | 88.89 |
| October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004 | 14.08 |
| January 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004 | 9.67 |
| April 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004 | (0.36) |
| July 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004 | 13.56 |

NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE

| | |
|---|--------|
| October 24, 1988 (commencement of operations) | \$9.26 |
| September 30, 2003 | 9.51 |
| December 31, 2003 | 9.62 |
| March 31, 2004 | 9.71 |
| June 30, 2004 | 9.20 |
| September 30, 2004 | 9.51 |

PERCENTAGE GAIN (LOSS) based on change in Net Asset Value*

| | |
|---|---------|
| October 24, 1988 (commencement of operations) | |
| through September 30, 2004 | 208.98% |
| October 1, 1994 through September 30, 2004 | 96.56 |
| October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2004 | 50.14 |
| October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004 | 7.85 |
| January 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004 | 4.61 |
| April 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004 | 1.78 |
| July 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004 | 5.36 |

* With dividends reinvested.

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

September 30, 2004

| Long-Term Municipal Investments 144.9% | Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|---|--------------------------|------------|
| Alabama 8.3% | | |
| Courtland Industrial Development Board, SWDR (Champion International Corp. Project) 6.50%, 9/1/2025 | 2,500,000 | 2,627,700 |
| Jefferson County, Sewer Revenue, Capital Improvement 5.75%, 2/1/2038 (Insured; FGIC) (Prerefunded 2/1/2009) | 7,500,000 ^a | 8,526,600 |
| The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama, HR (University of Alabama at Birmingham) 5.875%, 9/1/2031 (Insured; MBIA) | 4,620,000 | 5,138,918 |

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Alaska 3.6%

Alaska Housing Finance Corp.,

General Mortgage Revenue

6.05%, 6/1/2039 (Insured; MBIA)

6,845,000

7,129,204

California 13.2%

ABAG Financial Authority For Nonprofit Corporations:

Insured Revenue, COP

(Odd Fellows Home of California)

6%, 8/15/2024

5,000,000

5,386,200

MFHR

(Civic Center Drive Apartments)

5.875%, 9/1/2032 (Insured; FSA)

3,750,000

3,895,500

California Department of Veteran Affairs,

Home Purchase Revenue 5.20%, 12/1/2028

5,000,000

5,015,850

California Health Facilities Financing Authority,

Revenue (Sutter Health) 6.25%, 8/15/2035

2,500,000

2,787,675

California Statewide Communities Development Authority,

COP (Catholic Healthcare West) 6.50%, 7/1/2020

5,000,000

5,528,150

Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corp., Revenue

(Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds)

7.80%, 6/1/2042

3,000,000

3,196,680

Colorado 4.3%

City and County of Denver, Airport Revenue

(Special Facilities-United Airlines Inc. Project)

6.875%, 10/1/2032

2,480,000 ^b

1,835,200

Colorado Springs, HR:

6.375%, 12/15/2030

(Prerefunded 12/15/2010)

2,835,000 ^a

3,365,514

6.375%, 12/15/2030

2,890,000

3,104,062

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

| Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued) | Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|--|--------------------------|------------|
| District of Columbia 1.2% | | |
| District of Columbia, Revenue (Catholic University America Project) | | |
| 5.625%, 10/1/2029 (Insured; AMBAC) | 2,080,000 | 2,263,248 |
| Florida 2.0% | | |
| Orange County Health Facilities Authority, Revenue (Orlando Regional Healthcare System) | | |
| 6%, 10/1/2026 | 1,500,000 | 1,573,185 |
| Pinellas County Housing Finance Authority, | | |

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| SFMR (Multi-County Program) 6.70%, 2/1/2028 | 1,275,000 | 1,304,529 |
| South Lake County Hospital District, Revenue (South Lake Hospital Inc.) 5.80%, 10/1/2034 | 1,095,000 | 1,123,350 |
| Illinois 10.6% | | |
| Chicago 6.125%, 1/1/2028 (Insured; FGIC) Illinois Development Finance Authority, Revenue (Community Rehabilitation Providers Facilities Acquisition Program) 8.75%, 3/1/2010 | 4,000,000 | 4,593,360 |
| Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue: (Advocate Health Care Network) 6.125%, 11/15/2022 (OSF Healthcare System) | 80,000 | 80,705 |
| 6.25%, 11/15/2029 (Swedish American Hospital) | 5,800,000 | 6,426,864 |
| 6.875%, 11/15/2030 | 7,000,000 | 7,372,190 |
| 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,203,100 |
| Indiana 1.5% | | |
| Franklin Township School Building Corp. (Marion County) First Mortgage 6.125%, 1/15/2022 (Prerefunded 7/15/2010) | 2,500,000 ^a | 2,960,350 |
| Maryland 5.2% | | |
| Maryland Economic Development Corp., Student Housing Revenue (University of Maryland, College Park Project) 5.625%, 6/1/2035 | 2,000,000 | 2,057,000 |
| Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue (The John Hopkins University Issue) 6%, 7/1/2039 (Prerefunded 7/1/2009) | 7,000,000 ^a | 8,100,470 |

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| Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued) | Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|--|--------------------------|------------|
| Massachusetts 7.0% | | |
| Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Assessment 5%, 7/1/2034 | 5,000,000 | 5,115,900 |
| Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue, Healthcare System (Covenant Health) 6%, 7/1/2031 | 2,500,000 | 2,624,950 |
| Massachusetts Industrial Finance Agency, Revenue (Water Treatment-American Hingham) 6.95%, 12/1/2035 | 5,640,000 | 5,925,835 |
| Michigan 7.6% | | |
| Hancock Hospital Finance Authority, Mortgage Revenue (Portgace Health) 5.45%, 8/1/2047 (Insured; MBIA) | 2,200,000 | 2,251,568 |

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| Michigan Hospital Finance Authority, HR (Genesys Health System Obligated Group) 8.125%, 10/1/2021 (Prerefunded 10/1/2005) | 7,670,000 ^a | 8,309,678 |
| Michigan Strategic Fund, SWDR (Genesee Power Station Project) 7.50%, 1/1/2021 | 4,900,000 | 4,316,165 |
| Minnesota 1.4% | | |
| Minnesota Agricultural and Economic Development Board, Health Care System Revenue (Fairview Health Services) 6.375%, 11/15/2029 | 2,500,000 | 2,706,675 |
| Mississippi 3.1% | | |
| Mississippi Business Finance Corp., PCR (System Energy Resource Inc. Project) 5.875%, 4/1/2022 | 6,000,000 | 6,019,020 |
| Missouri 3.7% | | |
| Health and Educational Facilities Authority of the State of Missouri, Health Facilities Revenue: (BJC Health System) 5.25%, 5/15/2032 | 2,500,000 | 2,583,175 |
| (Saint Anthony's Medical Center) 6.25%, 12/1/2030 | 2,500,000 | 2,646,775 |
| The Industrial Development Authority of the City of Saint Louis, Senior Lien Revenue (Saint Louis Convention Center Headquarters Hotel Project) 7.25%, 12/15/2035 | 2,225,000 | 1,686,995 |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

| Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued) | Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|---|--------------------------|------------|
| Missouri (continued) | | |
| Missouri Housing Development Commission, Mortgage Revenue (Single Family Homeownersip Loan) 6.30%, 9/1/2025 | 375,000 | 394,358 |
| Nevada 5.1% | | |
| Clark County, IDR (Southwest Gas Corp.): 6.50%, 12/1/2033 | 5,300,000 | 5,347,965 |
| 6.10%, 12/1/2038 (Insured; AMBAC) | 4,000,000 | 4,525,440 |
| New Mexico 1.7% | | |
| Farmington, PCR (Public Service Co. San Juan) 6.30%, 12/1/2016 | 3,000,000 | 3,271,320 |
| New York 5.6% | | |
| Long Island Power Authority, | | |

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| Electric System Revenue 5%, 9/1/2027 New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority, Water and Sewer System Revenue 5.125%, 6/15/2034 (Insured; FGIC) New York City Transitional Finance Authority, Revenue (Future Tax Secured) 5.25%, 8/1/2019 | 1,500,000 | 1,526,070 |
| North Carolina 5.2% | | |
| North Carolina Capital Facilities Finance Agency, Revenue (Duke University Project) 5.25%, 7/1/2042 | 5,000,000 | 5,146,400 |
| North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency, Power System Revenue 5.125%, 1/1/2026 | 3,000,000 | 3,011,790 |
| North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (Home Ownership) 6.25%, 1/1/2029 | 1,920,000 | 2,005,805 |
| Ohio 4.9% | | |
| Cuyahoga County, Hospital Improvement Revenue (The Metrohealth System Project) 6.125%, 2/15/2024 | 5,000,000 | 5,231,050 |
| Ohio Housing Finance Agency, Residential Mortgage Revenue 5.75%, 9/1/2030 | 610,000 | 624,945 |
| Rickenbacker Port Authority, Capital Funding Revenue (OASBO Expanded Asset Pooled) 5.375%, 1/1/2032 | 3,590,000 | 3,753,201 |
| Oklahoma 1.4% | | |
| Oklahoma Development Finance Authority Revenue (Saint John Health System) 6%, 2/15/2029 | 2,500,000 | 2,762,350 |

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| Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued) | Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|---|--------------------------|------------|
| Pennsylvania 5.9% | | |
| Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, RRR (Northampton Generating Project) 6.60%, 1/1/2019 | 3,500,000 | 3,532,130 |
| Sayre Health Care Facilities Authority, Revenue (Guthrie Health) 5.875%, 12/1/2031 | 7,750,000 | 8,028,768 |
| South Carolina 6.4% | | |
| Medical University, Hospital Facilities Revenue 6%, 7/1/2019 (Prerefunded 7/1/2009) | 2,500,000 ^a | 2,880,900 |
| Piedmont Municipal Power Agency, Electric Revenue 5.25%, 1/1/2021 | 3,500,000 | 3,525,655 |
| Tobacco Settlement Revenue Management Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds: | | |

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| 6.375%, 5/15/2028 | 2,900,000 | 2,696,449 |
| 6.375%, 5/15/2030 | 3,750,000 | 3,470,138 |
| Texas 10.6% | | |
| Cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, Joint Revenue Improvement 5%, 11/1/2035 (Insured; FSA) | | |
| | 2,500,000 | 2,501,900 |
| Gregg County Health Facilities Development Corp., HR (Good Shepherd Medical Center Project) 6.375%, 10/1/2025 (Insured; AGIC) | | |
| | 2,500,000 | 2,857,950 |
| Harris County Health Facilities Development Corp., HR (Memorial Hermann Healthcare) 6.375%, 6/1/2029 | | |
| | 3,565,000 | 3,905,778 |
| Port of Corpus Christi Authority, Nueces County, General Revenue (Union Pacific) 5.65%, 12/1/2022 | | |
| | 4,000,000 | 4,050,040 |
| Texas, Veterans Housing Assistance Program 6.10%, 6/1/2031 | | |
| | 7,000,000 | 7,452,200 |
| Utah 1.7% | | |
| Carbon County, SWDR (Sunnyside Cogeneration) 7.10%, 8/15/2023 | | |
| | 2,868,000 | 2,797,074 |
| Utah Housing Finance Agency, Single Family Mortgage 6%, 1/1/2031 | | |
| | 510,000 | 511,907 |
| Vermont 1.5% | | |
| Vermont Educational and Health Buildings Financing Agency, Revenue (Saint Michael's College Project) 6%, 10/1/2028 | | |
| | 1,500,000 | 1,670,925 |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

| Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued) | Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|--|--------------------------|------------|
| Vermont (continued) | | |
| Vermont Housing Finance Agency, Single Family Housing 6.40%, 11/1/2030 (Insured; FSA) | 1,310,000 | 1,314,913 |
| Washington 3.8% | | |
| Public Utility District Number 1 of Pend Orielle County, Electric Revenue 6.375%, 1/1/2015 | 2,000,000 | 2,084,960 |
| Washington Higher Education Facilities Authority, Revenue (Whitman College Project) | | |

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|---|-----------|-----|--------------------|
| 5.875%, 10/1/2029 | 5,000,000 | | 5,327,950 |
| West Virginia 6.6% | | | |
| Braxton County, SWDR (Weyerhaeuser Co. Project): | | | |
| 6.50%, 4/1/2025 | 5,000,000 | | 5,134,850 |
| 5.80%, 6/1/2027 | 7,450,000 | | 7,669,104 |
| Wisconsin 3.6% | | | |
| Badger Tobacco Asset Securitization Corp., Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds | | | |
| 7%, 6/1/2028 | 2,500,000 | | 2,507,725 |
| Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue (Aurora Health Care, Inc.) | | | |
| 5.60%, 2/15/2029 | 4,575,000 | | 4,584,104 |
| Wyoming 1.0% | | | |
| Sweetwater County, SWDR (FMC Corp. Project) 7%, 6/1/2024 | | | |
| | 2,000,000 | | 2,033,000 |
| U.S. Related 7.2% | | | |
| Puerto Rico Highway and Transportation Authority, Transportation Revenue: | | | |
| 8.158%, 7/1/2038 (Insured; MBIA) | 4,000,000 | c,d | 4,149,440 |
| 8.158%, 7/1/2038 (Insured; MBIA) | 5,000,000 | c,d | 5,186,800 |
| Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financing Authority, Special Tax Revenue, Residual Certificates | | | |
| 8.005%, 7/1/2015 | 4,000,000 | c,d | 4,643,600 |
| Total Long-Term Municipal Investments (cost \$267,453,233) | | | 283,257,573 |

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| Short-Term Municipal Investments 3.8% | Principal Amount (\$) | | Value (\$) |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------|
| Alaska 1.0% | | | |
| Valdez, Marine Terminal Revenue, VRDN (Exxon Pipeline Co. Project) 1.65% | | | |
| | 1,965,000 | e | 1,965,000 |
| Louisiana 3.3% | | | |
| East Baton Rouge Parish, PCR, VRDN (Exxon Project) 1.67% | | | |
| | 500,000 | e | 500,000 |
| New York 7.7% | | | |
| New York City, VRDN 1.70% (Insured; MBIA) | | | |
| | 1,400,000 | e | 1,400,000 |
| Texas 1.8% | | | |
| Bell County Health Facilities Development Corp., HR, VRDN (Scott and White) | | | |
| | 1,100,000 | e | 1,100,000 |
| Harris County Health Facilities Development Corp., Revenue, VRDN (Methodist Hospital) 1.72% | | | |
| | 1,900,000 | e | 1,900,000 |
| Lower Neches Valley Authority, | | | |

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|---|----------------|---|----------------------|
| Industrial Development Corp., Exempt Facilities Revenue, VRDN (Exxon Mobil Project) 1.65% | 500,000 | e | 500,000 |
| Total Short-Term Municipal Investments (cost \$7,365,000) | | | 7,365,000 |
| Total Investments (cost \$274,818,233) | 148.7% | | 290,622,573 |
| Cash And Receivables (Net) | 2.4% | | 4,772,403 |
| Preferred Stock, at redemption value | (51.1%) | | (100,000,000) |
| Net Assets applicable to Common Shareholders | 100.0% | | 195,394,976 |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

Summary of Abbreviations

| | | | |
|--------------|---|-------------|--|
| AGIC | Asset Guaranty Insurance Company | IDR | Industrial Development Revenue |
| AMBAC | American Municipal Bond Assurance Corporation | MBIA | Municipal Bond Investors Assurance Insurance Corporation |
| COP | Certificate of Participation | MFHR | Multi-Family Housing Revenue |
| FGIC | Financial Guaranty Insurance Company | PCR | Pollution Control Revenue |
| FSA | Financial Security Assurance | RRR | Resources Recovery Revenue |
| HR | Hospital Revenue | SFMR | Single Family Mortgage Revenue |
| | | SWDR | Solid Waste Disposal Revenue |
| | | VRDN | Variable Rate Demand Notes |

Summary of Combined Ratings (Unaudited)

| Fitch | or | Moody's | or | Standard & Poor's | Value (%) [□] |
|------------------------|----|------------------------|----|------------------------|------------------------|
| AAA | | Aaa | | AAA | 26.2 |
| AA | | Aa | | AA | 20.7 |
| A | | A | | A | 21.6 |
| BBB | | Baa | | BBB | 24.9 |
| BB | | Ba | | BB | .7 |
| B | | B | | B | .6 |
| F1 | | MIG1/P1 | | SP1/A1 | 2.2 |
| Not Rated ^f | | Not Rated ^f | | Not Rated ^f | 3.1 |
| | | | | | 100.0 |

[□] Based on total investments.

^a Bonds which are prerefunded are collateralized by U.S. Government securities which are held in escrow and are used to pay principal and interest on the municipal issue and to retire the bonds in full at the earliest refunding date.

^b Non-income producing security; interest payments in default.

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- c Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. These securities have been determined to be liquid by the Board of Directors. At September 30, 2004, these securities amounted to \$13,979,840 or 7.2% of net assets applicable to common shareholders.*
- d Inverse floater security[]the interest rate is subject to change periodically.*
- e Securities payable on demand. Variable interest rate[]subject to periodic change.*
- f Securities which, while not rated by Fitch, Moody's and Standard & Poor's, have been determined by the Manager to be of comparable quality to those rated securities in which the fund may invest.*
- g At September 30, 2004, the fund had \$87,273,055 or 44.7% of net assets applicable to common shareholders invested in securities whose payment of principal and interest is dependent upon revenues generated from health care projects.*
- See notes to financial statements.*

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

September 30, 2004

| | Cost | Value |
|--|-------------|--------------------|
| Assets (\$): | | |
| Investments in securities[]See Statement of Investments | 274,818,233 | 290,622,573 |
| Cash | | 35,434 |
| Interest receivable | | 5,034,937 |
| Prepaid expenses | | 56,166 |
| | | 295,749,110 |
| Liabilities (\$): | | |
| Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates[]Note 3(b) | | 179,099 |
| Dividends payable to Preferred Shareholders | | 69,948 |
| Commissions payable | | 12,697 |
| Accrued expenses | | 92,390 |
| | | 354,134 |
| Auction Preferred Stock, Series A and B, par value \$.001 per share (4,000 shares issued and outstanding at \$25,000 per share liquidation preference)[]Note 1 | | 100,000,000 |
| Net Assets applicable to Common Shareholders (\$) | | 195,394,976 |
| Composition of Net Assets (\$): | | |
| Common Stock, par value, \$.001 per share (20,549,150 shares issued and outstanding) | | 20,549 |
| Paid-in capital | | 185,260,193 |
| Accumulated undistributed investment income[]net | | 922,814 |

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| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments | (6,612,920) |
| Accumulated net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments | 15,804,340 |
| Net Assets applicable to Common Shareholders | 195,394,976 |
| Shares Outstanding | |
| (110 million shares authorized) | 20,549,150 |
| Net Asset Value , per share of Common Stock (\$) | 9.51 |

See notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended September 30, 2004

Investment Income (\$):

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Interest Income | 16,693,256 |
| Expenses: | |
| Management fee—Note 3(a) | 2,058,421 |
| Commission fees—Note 1 | 266,660 |
| Shareholders' reports | 55,595 |
| Shareholder servicing costs—Note 3(b) | 48,621 |
| Professional fees | 41,572 |
| Custodian fees—Note 3(b) | 20,187 |
| Registration fees | 15,938 |
| Directors' fees and expenses—Note 3(c) | 13,400 |
| Miscellaneous | 27,920 |
| Total Expenses | 2,548,314 |
| Investment Income—Net | 14,144,942 |

Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments—Note 4 (\$):

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments | 323,905 |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments | 1,509,686 |
| Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments | 1,833,591 |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | (1,294,632) |
| Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations | 14,683,901 |

See notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Year Ended September 30,

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| | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Operations (\$): | | |
| Investment income□net | 14,144,942 | 14,764,663 |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments | 323,905 | (3,307,865) |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments | 1,509,686 | (1,668,884) |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | (1,294,632) | (1,391,588) |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations | 14,683,901 | 8,396,326 |
| Dividends to Common Shareholders from (\$): | | |
| Investment income□net | (14,752,514) | (13,870,604) |
| Capital Stock Transactions (\$): | | |
| Dividends reinvested | 1,073,251 | 503,937 |
| Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets | 1,004,638 | (4,970,341) |
| Net Assets (\$): | | |
| Beginning of Period | 194,390,338 | 199,360,679 |
| End of Period | 195,394,976 | 194,390,338 |
| Undistributed investment income□net | 922,814 | 2,835,379 |
| Capital Share Transactions (Shares): | | |
| Increase in Shares Outstanding as a Result of Dividends Reinvested | 112,853 | 53,370 |

See notes to financial statements.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table describes the performance for the fiscal periods indicated. Total return shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you had reinvested all dividends and dis-tributions. These figures have been derived from the fund's financial statements, and with respect to common stock, market price data for the fund's common shares.

| | Year Ended September 30, | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------|-------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 ^a | 2001 | 2000 |
| Per Share Data (\$): | | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | 9.51 | 9.78 | 9.66 | 8.82 | 8.90 |
| Investment Operations: | | | | | |
| Investment income□net | .69 ^b | .72 ^b | .76 ^b | .74 | .74 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments | .09 | (.24) | .00 ^c | .79 | (.08) |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | | | | | |

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| | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| from investment income net | (.06) | (.07) | (.08) | (.16) | (.20) |
| Total from Investment Operations | .72 | .41 | .68 | 1.37 | .46 |
| Distributions to Common Shareholders: | | | | | |
| Dividends from investment income net | (.72) | (.68) | (.56) | (.53) | (.53) |
| Capital Stock transactions, net of effect of Preferred Stock offering | □ | □ | □ | .00 ^c | (.01) |
| Net asset value, end of period | 9.51 | 9.51 | 9.78 | 9.66 | 8.82 |
| Market value, end of period | 10.25 | 9.69 | 9.60 | 8.71 | 7 ^{7/8} |
| Total Return (%)^d | 14.08 | 8.48 | 17.28 | 17.55 | 10.71 |

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| | Year Ended September 30, | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 ^a | 2001 | 2000 |
| Ratios/Supplemental Data (%): | | | | | |
| Ratio of total expenses to average net assets applicable to Common Stock | 1.31 ^{e,f} | 1.33 ^{e,f} | 1.33 ^{e,f} | 1.39 ^{e,f} | 1.48 ^{e,f} |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets applicable to Common Stock | 7.29 ^{e,f} | 7.60 ^{e,f} | 7.93 ^{e,f} | 7.97 ^{e,f} | 8.64 ^{e,f} |
| Portfolio Turnover Rate | 6.72 | 9.88 | 5.32 | 15.27 | 22.47 |
| Asset coverage of Preferred Stock, end of period | 295 | 294 | 299 | 297 | 280 |
| Net Assets, net of Preferred stock, end of period (\$ x 1,000) | 195,395 | 194,390 | 199,361 | 196,952 | 179,792 |
| Preferred Stock outstanding, end of period (\$ x 1,000) | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |

^a As required, effective October 1, 2001, the fund has adopted the provisions of the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide for Investment Companies and began amortizing discount or premium on a scientific basis, for debt securities on a daily basis. The effect of this change for the period ended September 30, 2002 was to increase net investment income per share and decrease net realized and realized gain (loss) on investments per share by less than \$.01 and increase the ratio of net investment income to average net assets by less than .01%. Per share data and ratios/supplemental data prior to October 1, 2001 have not been restated to reflect this change in presentation.

^b Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

^c Amount represents less than \$.01 per share.

^d Calculated based on market value.

^e Does not reflect the effect of dividends to Preferred Stockholders.

^f The ratio of expenses to total average net assets, inclusive of the outstanding auction preferred stock, and the ratio of net investment income to total average net assets were .87% and 4.81%, respectively, for the year ended September 30, 2004, .88% and 5.02%, respectively, for the year ended September 30, 2003, .87% and 5.23%, respectively, for the year ended September 30, 2002, .91% and 5.21%, respectively, for the year ended September 30, 2001 and .94% and 5.49%, respectively, for the year ended September 30, 2000.

See notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 Significant Accounting Policies:

Dreyfus Municipal Income, Inc. (the "fund") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), as a non-diversified closed-end management investment company. The fund's investment objective is to maximize current income exempt from federal income tax to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital. The Dreyfus Corporation (the "Manager" or "Dreyfus") serves as the fund's investment adviser. The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mellon Financial Corporation ("Mellon Financial"). The fund's Common Stock trades on the American Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol DMF.

The fund has outstanding 2,000 shares of Series A and 2,000 shares of Series B Auction Preferred Stock ("APS"), with a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share (plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends upon liquidation). APS dividend rates are determined pursuant to periodic auctions. Deutsche Bank Trust Company America, as Auction Agent, receives a fee from the fund for its services in connection with such auctions. The fund also compensates broker-dealers generally at an annual rate of .25% of the purchase price of the shares of APS placed by the broker-dealer in an auction.

The fund is subject to certain restrictions relating to the APS. Failure to comply with these restrictions could preclude the fund from declaring any distributions to common shareholders or repurchasing common shares and/or could trigger the mandatory redemption of APS at liquidation value.

The holders of the APS, voting as a separate class, have the right to elect at least two directors. The holders of the APS will vote as a separate class on certain other matters, as required by law. The fund has designated Whitney I. Gerard and George L. Perry to represent holders of APS on the fund's Board of Directors.

The fund's financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, which may require the use of management estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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The fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. The fund does not anticipate recognizing any loss related to these arrangements.

(a) Portfolio valuation: Investments in municipal debt securities are valued daily by an independent pricing service (the "Service") approved by the Board of Directors. Investments for which quoted bid prices are readily available and are representative of the bid side of the market in the judgment of the Service are valued at the mean between the quoted bid prices (as obtained by the Service from dealers in such securities) and asked prices (as calculated by the Service based upon its evaluation of the market for such securities). Other investments (which constitute a majority of the portfolio securities) are carried at fair value as determined by the Service, based on methods which include consideration of: yields or prices of municipal securities of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type; indications as to values from dealers; and general market conditions. Options and financial futures on municipal and U.S. Treasury securities are valued at the last sales price on the securities exchange on which such securities are primarily traded or at the last sales price on the national securities market on each business day.

(b) Securities transactions and investment income: Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gain and loss from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis. Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premiums and discounts on investments, is earned from settlement date and recognized on the accrual basis. Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis may be settled a month or more after the trade date.

(c) Dividends to shareholders of Common Stock ("Common Shareholder(s)"): Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends from investment income-net are declared and paid monthly. Dividends from net realized capital gain, if any, are normally declared and paid annually, but the fund may make distributions on a more frequent basis to comply with the distribution requirements of the Internal

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Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). To the extent that net realized capital gain can be offset by capital loss carryovers, it is the policy of the fund not to distribute such gain. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

For Common Shareholders who elect to receive their distributions in additional shares of the fund, in lieu of cash, such distributions will be reinvested at the lower of the market price or net asset value per share (but not less than 95% of the market price) as defined in the dividend reinvestment plan.

On September 29, 2004, the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$.06 per share from investment income-net, payable on October 27, 2004 to Common Shareholders of record as of the close of business on October 13, 2004.

(d) Dividends to shareholders of APS: For APS, dividends are currently reset every 7 days for Series A. The dividend rate for Series B will be in effect until February 17, 2005. The dividend rates in effect at September 30, 2004 were as follows: Series A 1.50% and Series B 1.58% .

(e) Federal income taxes: It is the policy of the fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, which can distribute tax exempt dividends, by complying with the applicable provisions of the Code, and to make distributions of income and net realized capital gain sufficient to relieve it from substantially all federal income and excise taxes.

At September 30, 2004, the components of accumulated earnings on a tax basis were as follows: undistributed tax exempt income \$998,129, accumulated capital losses \$6,612,920 and unrealized appreciation \$15,871,716.

The accumulated capital loss carryover is available to be applied against future net securities profits, if any, realized subsequent to September 30, 2004. If not applied, \$1,148,413 of the carryover expires in fiscal 2008, \$619,742 expires in fiscal 2009, \$1,413,550 expires in fiscal 2010, \$360,799 expires in fiscal 2011 and \$3,070,416 expires in fiscal 2012.

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The tax character of distributions paid to shareholders during the fiscal periods ended September 30, 2004 and September 30, 2003, were as follows: tax exempt income \$16,047,145 and \$15,262,192, respectively.

During the period ended September 30, 2004, as a result of permanent book to tax differences, primarily due to the tax treatment for amortization adjustments and expired capital loss carryovers, the fund decreased accumulated undistributed investment income-net by \$10,361, increased net realized gain (loss) on investments by \$4,999,908 and decreased paid-in capital by \$4,989,547. Net assets were not affected by this reclassification.

NOTE 2 Bank Line of Credit:

The fund participates with other Dreyfus-managed funds in a \$100 million unsecured line of credit primarily to be utilized for temporary or emergency purposes. Interest is charged to the fund based on prevailing market rates in effect at the time of borrowings. During the period ended September 30, 2004, the fund did not borrow under the line of credit.

NOTE 3 Management Fee and Other Transactions With Affiliates:

(a) Pursuant to a management agreement ("Agreement") with the Manager, the management fee is computed at the annual rate of .70 of 1% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets, inclusive of the outstanding auction preferred stock, and is payable monthly. The Agreement provides that if in any full fiscal year the aggregate expenses of the fund, exclusive of taxes, interest on borrowings, brokerage fees and extraordinary expenses, exceed the expense limitation of any state having jurisdiction over the fund, the fund may deduct from payments to be made to the Manager, or the Manager will bear, the amount of such excess to the extent required by state law. During the period ended September 30, 2004, there was no expense reimbursement pursuant to the Agreement.

(b) The fund compensates Mellon Bank, N.A. ("Mellon"), an affiliate of the Manager, under a transfer agency agreement for providing per-

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sonnel and facilities to perform transfer agency services for the fund. During the period ended September 30, 2004, the fund was charged \$42,031 pursuant to the transfer agency agreement.

The fund compensates Mellon under a custody agreement for providing custodial services for the fund. During the period ended September 30, 2004, the fund was charged \$20,187 pursuant to the custody agreement.

The components of Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities consist of: management fees \$169,021, custodian fees \$3,433 and transfer agency per account fees \$6,645.

(c) Each Board member also serves as a Board member of other funds within the Dreyfus complex. Annual retainer fees and attendance fees are allocated to each fund based on net assets.

NOTE 4 Securities Transactions:

The aggregate amount of purchases and sales of investment securities, excluding short-term securities, during the period ended September 30, 2004, amounted to \$18,838,468 and \$23,744,516, respectively.

At September 30, 2004, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was \$274,750,857; accordingly, accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments was \$15,871,716, consisting of \$18,395,696 gross unrealized appreciation and \$2,523,980 gross unrealized depreciation.

NOTE 5 Legal Matters:

Two class actions have been filed against Mellon Financial, Mellon Bank, N.A., Dreyfus, Founders Asset Management LLC and the directors of all or substantially all of the Dreyfus funds, on behalf of a purported class and derivatively on behalf of said funds, alleging violations of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and the common law. The complaints alleged, among other things, (i) that 12b-1 fees and directed brokerage were improperly used to pay brokers to recommend Dreyfus funds over other funds, (ii) that

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such payments were not disclosed to investors, (iii) that economies of scale and soft-dollar benefits were not passed on to investors and (iv) that 12b-1 fees charged to certain funds that were closed to new investors were also improper. The complaints sought compensatory and punitive damages, rescission of the advisory contracts and an accounting and restitution of any unlawful fees, as well as an award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses. On April 22, 2004, the actions were consolidated under the caption In re Dreyfus Mutual Funds Fee

Litigation, and a consolidated amended complaint was filed on September 13, 2004. While adding new parties and claims under state and federal law, the allegations in the consolidated amended complaint essentially track the allegations in the prior complaints pertaining to 12b-1 fees, directed brokerage, soft dollars and revenue sharing. Dreyfus and the funds believe the allegations to be totally without merit and intend to defend the action vigorously.

Additional lawsuits arising out of these circumstances and presenting similar allegations and requests for relief may be filed against the defendants in the future. Neither Dreyfus nor the Dreyfus funds believe that any of the pending actions will have a material adverse effect on the Dreyfus funds or Dreyfus' ability to perform its contracts with the Dreyfus funds.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Shareholders and Board of Directors Dreyfus Municipal Income, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Dreyfus Municipal Income, Inc., including the statement of investments, as of September 30, 2004, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statement of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and financial highlights for each of the years indicated therein. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights. Our procedures included verification by examination of securities held by the custodian as of September 30, 2004 and confirmation of securities not held by the custodian by correspondence with others. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Dreyfus Municipal Income, Inc. at September 30, 2004, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the indicated years, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

New York, New York
November 11, 2004

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited)

Dividend Reinvestment Plan

Under the fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"), a Common Shareholder who has fund shares registered in his name will have all dividends and distributions reinvested automatically by Mellon, as Plan agent (the "Agent"), in additional shares of the fund at the lower of prevailing market price or net asset value (but not less than 95% of market value at the time of valuation) unless such Common Shareholder elects to receive cash as provided below. If market price is equal to or exceeds net asset value, shares will be issued at net asset value. If net asset value exceeds market price or if a cash dividend only is declared, the Agent, as agent for the Plan participants, will buy fund shares in the open market. A Plan participant is not relieved of any income tax that

may be payable on such dividends or distributions.

A Common Shareholder who owns fund shares registered in nominee name through his broker/dealer (i.e., in "street name") may not participate in the Plan, but may elect to have cash dividends and distributions reinvested by his broker/dealer in additional shares of the fund if such service is provided by the broker/dealer; otherwise such dividends and distributions will be treated like any other cash dividend or distribution.

A Common Shareholder who has fund shares registered in his name may elect to withdraw from the Plan at any time for a \$5.00 fee and thereby elect to receive cash in lieu of shares of the fund. Changes in elections must be in writing, sent to Mellon, c/o ChaseMellon Shareholder Services, Shareholder Investment Plan, P.O. Box 3338, South Hackensack, New Jersey 07606, should include the shareholder's name and address as they appear on the Agent's records and will be effective only if received more than ten business days prior to the record date for any distribution.

The Agent maintains all Common Shareholder accounts in the Plan and furnishes written confirmations of all transactions in the account. Shares in the account of each Plan participant will be held by the Agent in non-certificated form in the name of the participant, and each such participant's proxy will include those shares purchased pursuant to the Plan.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited) *(continued)*

The fund pays the Agent's fee for reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Plan participants pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Agent's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of dividends or distributions.

The fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan as applied to any dividend or distribution paid subsequent to notice of the change sent to Plan participants at least 90 days before the record date for such dividend or distribution. The Plan also may be amended or terminated by the Agent on at least 90 days' written notice to Plan participants.

Managed Dividend Policy

The fund's dividend policy is to distribute substantially all of its net investment income to its shareholders on a monthly basis. In order to provide shareholders with a more consistent yield to the current trading price of shares of Common Stock of the fund, the fund may at times pay out less than the entire amount of net investment income earned in any particular month and may at times in any month pay out such accumulated but undistributed income in addition to net investment income earned in that month. As a result, the dividends paid by the fund for any particular month may be more or less than the amount of net investment income earned by the fund during such month. The fund's current accumulated but undistributed net investment income, if any, is disclosed in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, which comprises part of the Financial Information included in this report.

Benefits and Risks of Leveraging

The fund utilizes leverage to seek to enhance the yield and net asset value of its Common Stock. These objectives cannot be achieved in all interest rate environments. To leverage, the fund issues Preferred stock, which pays dividends at prevailing short-term interest rates, and invests the proceeds in long-term municipal bonds. The interest earned on these investments is paid to Common Shareholders in the form of dividends, and the value of these portfolio holdings is reflected in the per share net asset value of the fund's common stock. In order to benefit

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Common shareholders, the yield curve must be positively sloped: that is, short-term interest rates must be lower than long-term interest rates. At the same time, a period of generally declining interest rates will benefit Common

Shareholders. If either of these conditions change, then the risk of leveraging will begin to outweigh the benefits.

Supplemental Information

During the period ended September 30, 2004, shareholders approved changes in the fund's fundamental investment policies to permit the fund to engage in swap transactions and to invest in other investment companies. Otherwise, during the period ended September 30, 2004, there were: (i) no material changes in the fund's investment objectives or fundamental investment policies, (ii) no changes in the fund's charter or by-laws that would delay or prevent a change of control of the fund, (iii) no material changes in the principal risk factors associated with investment in the fund, and (iv) no change in the person primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

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IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION (Unaudited)

In accordance with federal tax law, the fund hereby designates all the dividends paid from investment income-net during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004 as "exempt-interest dividends" (not generally subject to regular federal income tax).

As required by federal tax law rules, shareholders will receive notification of their portion of the fund's taxable ordinary dividends (if any) and capital gain distributions (if any) paid for the 2004 calendar year on Form 1099-DIV which will be mailed by January 31, 2005.

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PROXY RESULTS (Unaudited)

Holders of Common Stock and holders of Auction Preferred Stock ("APS") voted together as a single class (except as noted below) on a proposal presented at the annual shareholders' meeting held on May 21, 2004 as follows:

| | Shares | Authority Withheld |
|---|------------|--------------------|
| For | | |
| To elect two Class II Directors: <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Arthur A. Hartman | 18,475,598 | 298,145 |
| Whitney I. Gerard <input type="checkbox"/> | 3,982 | 4 |

The terms of these Class II Directors expire in 2007.

Elected solely by APS holders. Common shareholders were not entitled to vote.

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BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION (Unaudited)

Joseph S. DiMartino (61)
Chairman of the Board (1995)

Current term expires in 2005

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

Corporate Director and Trustee

Other Board Memberships and Affiliations:

- The Muscular Dystrophy Association, Director
- Levcor International, Inc., an apparel fabric processor, Director
- Century Business Services, Inc., a provider of outsourcing functions for small and medium size companies, Director
- The Newark Group, a provider of a national market of paper recovery facilities, paperboard mills and paperboard converting plants, Director
- Azimuth Trust, an institutional asset management firm, Member of Board of Managers and Advisory Board

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 186

Clifford L. Alexander, Jr. (71)

Board Member (2003)

Current term expires in 2006

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- President of Alexander & Associates, Inc., a management consulting firm (January 1981-present)
- Chairman of the Board of Moody's Corporation (October 2000-October 2003)
- Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of The Dun and Bradstreet Corporation (October 1999-September 2000)

Other Board Memberships and Affiliations:

- Wyeth (formerly, American Home Products Corporation), a global leader in pharmaceuticals, consumer healthcare products and animal health products, Director
- Mutual of America Life Insurance Company, Director

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 65

Lucy Wilson Benson (77)

Board Member (1988)

Current term expires in 2006

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- President of Benson and Associates, consultants to business and government (1980-present)

Other Board Memberships and Affiliations:

- The International Executive Services Corps., Director
- Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs, Vice Chairperson
- Council on Foreign Relations, Member
- Lafayette College Board of Trustees, Vice Chairperson Emeritus
- Atlantic Council of the U.S., Director

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 39

David W. Burke (68)

Board Member (1994)

Current term expires in 2006

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

Corporate Director and Trustee

Other Board Memberships and Affiliations:

John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, Director

U.S.S. Constitution Museum, Director

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 83

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Whitney I. Gerard (69)

Board Member (1988)

Current term expires in 2007

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

Partner of Chadbourne & Parke LLP

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 37

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Arthur A. Hartman (78)

Board Member (1989)

Current term expires in 2007

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

Chairman of First NIS Regional Fund (ING/Barings Management) and New Russia Fund

Advisory Council Member to Barings-Vostok

Other Board Memberships and Affiliations:

APCO Associates, Inc., Senior Consultant

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 37

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George L. Perry (70)

Board Member (1989)

Current term expires in 2005

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

Economist and Senior Fellow at Brookings Institution

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 37

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The address of the Board Members and Officers is in c/o The Dreyfus Corporation, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166.

OFFICERS OF THE FUND (Unaudited)

STEPHEN E. CANTER, President since March 2000.

Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer of the Manager, and an officer of 97 investment companies (comprised of 190 portfolios) managed by the Manager. Mr. Canter also is a Board member and, where applicable, an Executive Committee Member of the other investment management subsidiaries of Mellon Financial Corporation, each of

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which is an affiliate of the Manager. He is 59 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since May 1995.

STEPHEN R. BYERS, Executive Vice President since November 2002.

Chief Investment Officer, Vice Chairman and a director of the Manager, and an officer of 97 investment companies (comprised of 190 portfolios) managed by the Manager. Mr. Byers also is an officer, director or an Executive Committee Member of certain other investment management subsidiaries of Mellon Financial Corporation, each of which is an affiliate of the Manager. He is 51 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since January 2000. Prior to joining the Manager, he served as an Executive Vice President-Capital Markets, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer at Gruntal & Co., L.L.C.

A. PAUL DISDIER, Executive Vice President since March 2000.

Executive Vice President of the Fund, Director of Dreyfus Municipal Securities, and an officer of 3 other investment companies (comprised of 3 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 49 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since February 1988.

MARK N. JACOBS, Vice President since March 2000.

Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 98 investment companies (comprised of 206 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 58 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since June 1977.

MICHAEL A. ROSENBERG, Secretary since March 2000.

Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 95 investment companies (comprised of 199 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 44 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1991.

ROBERT R. MULLERY, Assistant Secretary since March 2000.

Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 26 investment companies (comprised of 58 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 52 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since May 1986.

STEVEN F. NEWMAN, Assistant Secretary since March 2000.

Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of the Manager, and an officer of 98 investment companies (comprised of 206 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 55 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since July 1980.

JEFF PRUSNOFSKY, Assistant Secretary since March 2000.

Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 26 investment companies (comprised of 87 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 39 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1990.

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JAMES WINDELS, Treasurer since November 2001.

Director of Mutual Fund Accounting of the Manager, and an officer of 98 investment companies (comprised of 206 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 46 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since April 1985.

GREGORY S. GRUBER, Assistant Treasurer since March 2000.

Senior Accounting Manager of Municipal Bond Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 30 investment companies (comprised of 59 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 45 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since August 1981.

KENNETH J. SANDGREN, Assistant Treasurer since November 2001.

Mutual Funds Tax Director of the Manager, and an officer of 98 investment companies (comprised of 206 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 50 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since June 1993.

JOSEPH W. CONNOLLY, Chief Compliance Officer since October 2004.

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Chief Compliance Officer of the Manager and The Dreyfus Family of Funds (98 investment companies, comprising 206 portfolios). From November 2001 through March 2004, Mr. Connolly was first Vice-President, Mutual Fund Servicing for Mellon Global Securities Services. In that capacity, Mr. Connolly was responsible for managing Mellon's Custody, Fund Accounting and Fund Administration services to third-party mutual fund clients. Mr. Connolly has served in various capacities with the Manager since 1980, including manager of the firm's Fund Accounting Department from 1997 through October 2001. Mr. Connolly is 47 years old.

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OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Dreyfus Municipal Income, Inc.

200 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10166

Directors

Joseph S. DiMartino, Chairman
Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.
Lucy Wilson Benson
David W. Burke
Whitney I. Gerard*
Arthur A. Hartman
George L. Perry*

* Auction Preferred Stock Directors

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Executive Vice Presidents
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A. Paul Disdier
Douglas J. Gaylor

Portfolio Managers (continued)

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W. Michael Petty
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Investment Adviser

The Dreyfus Corporation

Custodian

Mellon Bank, N.A.

Counsel

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

Transfer Agent, Dividend Disbursing Agent and Registrar

Mellon Bank N.A. (Common Stock)
Deutsche Bank Trust Company America
(Auction Preferred Stock)

Auction Agent

Deutsche Bank Trust Company America
(Auction Preferred Stock)

Stock Exchange Listing

AMEX Symbol: DMF
Initial SEC Effective Date
10/21/88

The Net Asset Value appears in the following publications: Barron's, Closed-End Bond Funds section under the heading "Municipal Bond Funds" every Monday; Wall Street Journal, Mutual Funds section under the heading "Closed-End Funds" every Monday; New York Times, Business section under the heading "Closed-End Bond Funds" National Municipal Bond Funds" every Sunday.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that the fund may purchase shares of its common stock in the open market when it can do so at prices below the then current net asset value per share.

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Beginning with the fund's fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2004, the fund will file its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The fund's Forms N-Q will be available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> and may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

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Item 2. Code of Ethics.

The Registrant has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the Registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. There have been no amendments to, or waivers in connection with, the Code of Ethics during the period covered by this Report.

Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.

The Registrant's Board has determined that Joseph DiMartino, a member of the Audit Committee of the Board, is an audit committee financial expert as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Joseph

DiMartino is "independent" as defined by the SEC for purposes of audit committee financial expert determinations.

Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

(a) Audit Fees. The aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years (the "Reporting Periods") for professional services rendered by the Registrant's principal accountant (the "Auditor") for the audit of the Registrant's annual financial statements, or services that are normally provided by the Auditor in connection with the statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for the Reporting Periods, were \$30,000 in 2003 and \$31,710 in 2004.

(b) Audit-Related Fees. The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for assurance and related services by the Auditor that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the Registrant's financial statements and are not reported under paragraph (a) of this Item 4 were \$12,500 in 2003 and \$20,500 in 2004. These services consisted of (i) security counts required by Rule 17f-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and (ii) agreed upon procedures in evaluating compliance by the fund with the provisions of the Fund's Articles Supplementary, creating the series of auction rate preferred stock.

The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for non-audit assurance and related services by the Auditor to the Registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-investment adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the Registrant ("Service Affiliates"), that were reasonably related to the performance of the annual audit of the Service Affiliate, which required pre-approval by the Audit Committee were \$85,000 in 2003 and \$218,500 in 2004.

Note: For the second paragraph in each of (b) through (d) of this Item 4, certain of such services were not pre-approved prior to May 6, 2003, when such services were required to be pre-approved. On and after May 6, 2003, 100% of all services provided by the Auditor were pre-approved as required. For comparative purposes, the fees shown assume that all such services were pre-approved, including services that were not pre-approved prior to the compliance date of the pre-approval requirement.

(c) Tax Fees. The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for professional services rendered by the Auditor for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning ("Tax Services") were \$1,371 in 2003 and \$2,610 in 2004. These services consisted of (i) review or preparation of U.S. federal, state, local and excise tax returns;

(ii) U.S. federal, state and local tax planning, advice and assistance regarding statutory, regulatory or administrative developments, (iii) tax advice regarding tax qualification matters and/or treatment of various financial instruments held or proposed to be acquired or held, and (iv) determination of Passive Foreign Investment Companies.

The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for Tax Services by the Auditor to Service Affiliates which required pre-approval by the Audit Committee were \$ 0 in 2003 and \$ 0 in 2004.

(d) All Other Fees. The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for products and services provided by the Auditor, other than the services reported in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Item, were \$ 0 in 2003 and \$ 0 in 2004.

The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for Non-Audit Services by the Auditor to Service Affiliates, other than the services reported in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Item, which required pre-approval by the Audit Committee were \$ 0 in 2003 and \$ 0 in 2004.

Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures. The Registrant's Audit Committee has established policies and procedures (the "Policy") for pre-approval (within specified fee limits) of the Auditor's engagements for non-audit services to the Registrant and Service Affiliates without specific case-by-case consideration. Pre-approval considerations include whether the proposed services are compatible with maintaining the Auditor's independence. Pre-approvals pursuant to the Policy are considered annually.

Non-Audit Fees. The aggregate non-audit fees billed by the Auditor for services rendered to the Registrant, and rendered to Service Affiliates, for the Reporting Periods were \$158,125 in 2003 and \$790,824 in 2004.

Auditor Independence. The Registrant's Audit Committee has considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to Service Affiliates which were not pre-approved (not requiring pre-approval) is compatible with maintaining the Auditor's independence.

Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants.

The Registrant has a separately-designated standing Audit Committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, consisting of the following members: Clifford L. Alexander, Jr., Lucy Wilson Benson, David W. Burke, Joseph S. DiMartino, Whitney I. Gerard, Arthur Hartman and George L. Perry..

Item 6. Schedule of Investments.

Not applicable.

Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.

Not applicable. [CLOSED-END FUNDS ONLY]

Item 8. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Companies and Affiliated Purchasers.

Not applicable. [CLOSED-END FUNDS ONLY]

Item 9. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The Registrant has a Nominating Committee (the "Committee"), which is responsible for selecting and nominating persons for election or appointment by the Registrant's Board as Board members. The Committee has adopted a Nominating Committee Charter (the "Charter"). Pursuant to the Charter, the Committee will consider recommendations for nominees from shareholders submitted to the Secretary of the Registrant, c/o The Dreyfus Corporation Legal Department, 200 Park Avenue, 8th Floor West, New York, New York 10166. A nomination submission must include information regarding the recommended nominee as specified in the Charter. This information includes all information relating to a recommended nominee that is required to be disclosed in solicitations or proxy statements for the election of Board members, as well as information sufficient to evaluate the factors to be considered by the Committee, including character and integrity, business and professional experience, and whether the person has the ability to apply sound and independent business judgment and would act in the interests of the Registrant and its shareholders.

Nomination submissions are required to be accompanied by a written consent of the individual to stand for election if nominated by the Board and to serve if elected by the shareholders, and such additional information must be provided regarding the recommended nominee as reasonably requested by the Committee.

Item 10. Controls and Procedures.

(a) The Registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers have concluded, based on their evaluation of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report, that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant on Form N-CSR is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required time periods and that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant in the reports that it files or submits on Form N-CSR is accumulated and communicated to the Registrant's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) Certification of principal executive and principal financial officers as required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940. (EX-99.906CERT)
