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Item 1 - Report to Stockholders

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Semi-Annual Report
July 31, 2004

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MuniEnhanced Fund, Inc.

The Benefits and Risks of Leveraging

MuniEnhanced Fund, Inc. utilizes leveraging to seek to enhance the yield and net asset value of its Common Stock. However, 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, net of dividends to Preferred Stock, is paid to Common Stock 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. However, in order to benefit Common Stock 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 Stock shareholders. If either of these conditions change, then the risks of leveraging will begin to outweigh the benefits.

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To illustrate these concepts, assume a fund's Common Stock capitalization of \$100 million and the issuance of Preferred Stock for an additional \$50 million, creating a total value of \$150 million available for investment in long-term municipal bonds. If prevailing short-term interest rates are approximately 3% and long-term interest rates are approximately 6%, the yield curve has a strongly positive slope. The fund pays dividends on the \$50 million of Preferred Stock based on the lower short-term interest rates. At the same time, the fund's total portfolio of \$150 million earns the income based on long-term interest rates. Of course, increases in short-term interest rates would reduce (and even eliminate) the dividends on the Common Stock.

In this case, the dividends paid to Preferred Stock shareholders are significantly lower than the income earned on the fund's long-term investments, and therefore the Common Stock shareholders are the beneficiaries of the incremental yield. However, if short-term interest rates rise, narrowing the differential between short-term and long-term interest rates, the incremental yield pickup on the Common Stock will be reduced or eliminated completely. At the same time, the market value on the fund's Common Stock (that is, its price as listed on the New York Stock Exchange), may, as a result, decline. Furthermore, if long-term interest rates rise, the Common Stock's net asset value will reflect the full decline in the price of the portfolio's investments, since the value of the fund's Preferred Stock does not fluctuate. In addition to the decline in net asset value, the market value of the fund's Common Stock may also decline.

As a part of its investment strategy, the Fund may invest in certain securities whose potential income return is inversely related to changes in a floating interest rate ("inverse floaters"). In general, income on inverse floaters will decrease when short-term interest rates increase and increase when short-term interest rates decrease. Investments in inverse floaters may be characterized as derivative securities and may subject the Fund to the risks of reduced or eliminated interest payments and losses on invested principal. In addition, inverse floaters have the effect of providing investment leverage and, as a result, the market value of such securities will generally be more volatile than that of fixed rate, tax-exempt securities. To the extent the Fund invests in inverse floaters, the market value of the Fund's portfolio and the net asset value of the Fund's shares may also be more volatile than if the Fund did not invest in these securities. As of July 31, 2004, the percentage of the Fund's total net assets invested in inverse floaters was 10.20%, before the deduction of Preferred Stock.

Swap Agreements

The Fund may also invest in swap agreements, which are over-the-counter contracts in which one party agrees to make periodic payments based on the change in market value of a specified bond, basket of bonds, or index in return for periodic payments based on a fixed or variable interest rate or the change in market value of a different bond, basket of bonds or index. Swap agreements may be used to obtain exposure to a bond or market without owning or taking physical custody of securities. Swap agreements involve the risk that the party with whom the Fund has entered into the swap will default on its obligation to pay the Fund and the risk that the Fund will not be able to meet its obligations to pay the other party to the agreement.

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A Letter From the President

Dear Shareholder

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In recent months, the Federal Reserve Board (the Fed) has taken center stage as it shifts away from its long-accommodative monetary stance. In a much-anticipated move, the Fed raised the Federal Funds rate 25 basis points (.25%) on June 30, representing the first interest rate increase in four years. Shortly after period-end, the Fed announced an additional 25 basis point rate hike, bringing the target short-term interest rate to 1.50% -- still low by historical standards. The Fed has been very deliberate in telegraphing its intention to take a "measured" approach to the interest rate increases so as to avoid upsetting the economy or the financial markets. Still, the Fed has stated that it may move more aggressively if inflation and economic growth accelerate more than anticipated. In addition to the Fed policy change, the financial markets recently have had to grapple with a tense geopolitical environment, higher oil prices and the worry and anticipation that accompanies a presidential election.

While inflation has moved up on a cyclical basis, this is an indication that the Fed has been successful in avoiding deflation -- just as it set out to do a year ago. The challenge now is to normalize interest rates in order to keep inflation within acceptable limits. The futures curve currently projects further increases in short-term interest rates before year-end.

The transition to higher rates can cause concern among equity and fixed income investors alike. For bond investors, rising rates means the value of older issues declines because they bear the former lower rates. In addition, increasing inflation erodes the purchasing power of fixed income securities. But because municipal bonds offer the advantage of tax-exempt income, they continue to be an attractive alternative for many fixed income investors. For the six-month and 12-month periods ended July 31, 2004, municipal bonds posted returns of +.06% and +5.79%, respectively, as measured by the Lehman Brothers Municipal Bond Index.

As always, our investment professionals are closely monitoring the markets, the economy and the overall environment in an effort to make well-informed decisions for the portfolios they manage. Our goal is to provide shareholders with competitive returns, while always keeping one eye on managing the unavoidable risk inherent in investing.

We thank you for trusting Merrill Lynch Investment Managers with your investment assets, and we look forward to serving you in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terry K. Glenn

Terry K. Glenn
President and Director

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A Discussion With Your Fund's Portfolio Manager

We maintained our focus on seeking to enhance yield and protect the Fund's net asset value in anticipation of rising interest rates.

Discuss the recent market environment relative to municipal bonds.

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Long-term U.S. Treasury bond yields ended the period higher than where they started, although the rise was not uninterrupted. Early in the period, bond yields actually declined as prices -- which move in the opposite direction -- rose. Despite continued improvement in U.S. economic conditions, solid job creation remained elusive. Consumer confidence faltered, and investors became increasingly convinced that the Federal Reserve Board (the Fed) would hold short-term interest rates at their historic lows. Under the circumstances, long-term U.S. Treasury bond yields fell to 4.65% by mid-March 2004.

Beginning in early April, however, monthly employment reports began to show unexpectedly large gains. In response, bond prices fell (yields increased). Associated improvements in consumer confidence and spending led some investors to reverse their earlier expectations, believing instead that the Fed would soon be forced to raise short-term interest rates to ward off potential inflation. By early June, long-term U.S. Treasury bond yields had risen to over 5.50%.

For the remainder of the period, bond yields generally declined. While economic growth remained positive, inflationary measures continued to be negligible. More importantly, on June 30, the Fed raised its short-term interest rate target for the first time in four years -- from 1% to 1.25%. In doing so, the Fed indicated a tendency toward a measured, moderate monetary tightening cycle, which helped support higher bond prices (and lower yields). Nevertheless, by July 31, U.S. Treasury bond yields stood at 5.20%, representing an increase of nearly 25 basis points (.25%) over the past six months. The 10-year U.S. Treasury note yield was 4.48%, an increase of 35 basis points during the period.

Yields on tax-exempt bonds generally followed those of their taxable counterparts higher over the past six months. Long-term revenue bond yields, as measured by the Bond Buyer Revenue Bond Index, rose approximately 30 basis points during the period to 5.31%. According to Municipal Market Data, yields on AAA-rated issues maturing in 30 years increased nearly 30 basis points to 4.91% at July 31, while 10-year AAA-rated issues saw their yields increase 25 basis points to 3.79%.

During the past six months, approximately \$195 billion in new long-term tax-exempt bonds was underwritten, a decline of more than 6% versus the same period a year ago. Approximately \$100 billion in long-term tax-exempt bonds was issued in the last three months of the period, a decline of more than 15% compared to the same time last year. While recent declines in municipal bond issuance have lent support to the tax-exempt bond market's technical position, retail investor demand has diminished somewhat in recent months. Low nominal municipal bond yields and summer seasonal factors have resulted in sizable tax-exempt mutual fund outflows during the period. Nevertheless, we expect that higher nominal bond yields in the months ahead should trigger increased investor demand, while manageable new-issue volume continues to support the tax-exempt market's technical position.

How did the Fund perform during the period in light of the existing market conditions?

For the six-month period ended July 31, 2004, the Common Stock of MuniEnhanced Fund, Inc. had net annualized yields of 6.46% and 7.06%, based on a period-end per share net asset value of \$11.37 and a per share market price of \$10.39, respectively, and \$.366 per share income dividends. Over the same period, the total investment return on the Fund's Common Stock was -.53%, based on a change in per share net asset value from \$11.83 to \$11.37, and assuming reinvestment of \$.366 per share ordinary income dividends.

The Fund's total return, based on net asset value, was comparable to that of the Lipper Insured Municipal Debt Funds (Leveraged) category, which had an average return of -.61% for the six-month period ended July 31, 2004. (Funds in this Lipper category invest primarily in municipal debt issues insured as to timely

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payment. These funds can be leveraged via use of debt, preferred equity and/or reverse repurchase agreements.) The Fund's defensive positioning benefited its relative performance as interest rates headed higher. Our shorter-than-average duration meant that the Fund was subject to less volatility than many of its peers when interest rates increased, albeit modestly, during the period. Offsetting the benefits of our defensive positioning was the underperformance of certain Fund holdings in the past six months.

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Importantly, the Fund maintained a competitive yield and increased its dividend during the period to \$.061 per share.

For the six-month period ended July 31, 2004, the Fund's Auction Market Preferred Stock (AMPS) had average yields as follows: Series A, .91%; Series B, .97%; and Series C, .96%.

For a description of the Fund's total investment return based on a change in the per share market value of the Fund's Common Stock (as measured by the trading price of the Fund's shares on the New York Stock Exchange), and assuming reinvestment of dividends, please refer to the Financial Highlights section of this report. As a closed-end fund, the Fund's shares may trade in the secondary market at a premium or discount to the Fund's net asset value. As a result, total investment returns based on changes in the market value of the Fund's Common Stock can vary significantly from total investment returns based on changes in the Fund's net asset value.

What changes were made to the portfolio during the period?

We did not make any significant changes to the portfolio or our investment strategy over the past six months. Given the steepness of the yield curve, we continued to favor premium-coupon bonds in the 25-year maturity range. We sought to sell bonds in the intermediate maturity range -- that is, those maturing in 10 years - 15 years. This proved to be the most volatile part of the yield curve. The municipal yield curve flattened out past the 25-year range; therefore, there was no significant yield to be gained by extending much further out.

In addition, we were able to take advantage of heavy supply and relatively inexpensive prices in adding some more California municipal bonds to the portfolio. The goal is to achieve relative outperformance on these bonds when conditions improve in the state and prices return to their historically higher levels. In fact, we are already seeing evidence of this as the state's financial picture begins to strengthen. Moody's Investor Service upgraded its rating on California general obligation bonds during the period, bringing the rating from Baal to A3.

We maintained the Fund's defensive market posture throughout the period in recognition of certain robust economic indicators and the Fed's stated intention to continue raising interest rates. A defensive stance on interest rates should help us protect the portfolio's value as interest rates rise. Finally, we generally maintained the Fund's fully invested position in an effort to enhance shareholder income. With short-term interest rates still at historic lows, the cost of holding cash reserves would have been relatively high.

Given the low short-term interest rates, the Fund's borrowing costs remained at attractive levels of around 1% - 1.25%. These levels, in combination with a positively sloped yield curve, provided a generous income benefit to the Common Stock shareholders from the leveraging of Preferred Stock. We believe the Fund's borrowing costs should remain at relatively low levels through the next period

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as the Fed pursues its measured approach to interest rate increases. However, should the spread between short-term and long-term interest rates narrow, the benefits of leveraging will decline and, as a result, reduce the yield on the Fund's Common Stock. At the end of the period, the Fund's leverage amount, due to AMPS, was 31% of total net assets. (For a more complete explanation of the benefits and risks of leveraging, see page 2 of this report to shareholders.)

How would you characterize the Fund's position at the close of the period?

At the end of the period, the portfolio remained essentially fully invested in high-quality municipal bonds. We believe this positioning should continue to provide a material benefit to the Common Stock shareholder as short-term interest rates remain relatively low. The Fund also remained overweight in premium-coupon bonds, particularly those with maturities in the 25-year range.

We believe our defensive position prepares the Fund for strong relative performance in a stable to rising interest rate environment. In fact, that is what we expect to see in the months ahead as the Fed continues tightening monetary policy, but with caution. As always, we will continue to monitor the Fed's language, payroll reports, inflation data and other important economic indicators in order to make the most informed decisions in managing the portfolio.

Michael Kalinoski
Vice President and Portfolio Manager

August 11, 2004

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Schedule of Investments

(in Thousands)

State	S&P Ratings	Moody's Ratings	Face Amount	Municipal Bonds
Alabama--1.0%	AAA	NR*	\$ 3,000	Birmingham, Alabama, Capital Improvement A, 5.55% due 8/01/2021 (f)
California--27.2%	AAA	Aaa	9,000	Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority Appreciation Revenue Refunding Bonds, Sub A, 5.62%** due 10/01/2024 (a)
	AAA	Aaa	6,000	Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority Refunding Bonds, Subordinate Lien, Series due 10/01/2025 (a)
	AAA	Aaa	5,000	Anaheim, California, Public Financing Authority Bonds (Public Improvements Project), Senior due 9/01/2024 (d)
	AAA	Aaa	1,800	California State Department of Water Resources Revenue Bonds, Series A, 5.375% due 5/01/California State, GO, Refunding:
	BBB	A3	3,000	5.25% due 9/01/2026
	AAA	Aaa	6,000	5.25% due 2/01/2030 (f)
	BBB	A3	5,000	5.125% due 6/01/2031
	AAA	NR*	2,200	ROCS, Series II-R-272, 9.328% due 2
	BBB	A3	8,490	California State, Various Purpose, GO, 5.

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				Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corpora
				Tobacco Settlement Revenue Bonds, Series
	BBB-	Baa1	3,805	5.60% due 6/01/2028
	AAA	NR*	2,200	5.50% due 6/01/2033 (c)
	AAA	Aaa	1,400	5.625% due 6/01/2033 (c)
	AAA	Aaa	18,500	5% due 6/01/2038 (a)
	AAA	Aaa	6,800	5.625% due 6/01/2038 (k)
	AAA	Aaa	10,000	5.50% due 6/01/2043 (b)
	AAA	Aaa	2,835	5.50% due 6/01/2043 (c)
	AAA	Aaa	1,995	San Diego, California, Unified School Dis
				GO, Series D, 5.25% due 7/01/2024 (b)
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Colorado--13.8%				Boulder County, Colorado, Hospital Develop
				(Longmont United Hospital Project) (j):
	AA	NR*	2,705	5.60% due 12/01/2015
	AA	NR*	2,135	5.75% due 12/01/2020
	AAA	NR*	2,130	Boulder County, Colorado, Sales and Use T
				Bonds, Series A, 6% due 12/15/2019 (b)
	AAA	Aaa	500	Broomfield, Colorado, COP, Refunding, 5.7
				Colorado HFA, Revenue Bonds, AMT:
	NR*	Aa2	2,885	DRIVERS, Series 251, 12.201% due 4/
	NR*	Aa2	330	(S/F Program), Senior Series A-1, 7
	NR*	Aa2	1,400	Colorado HFA, Revenue Refunding Bonds (S/
				Senior Series A-2, 7.50% due 4/01/2031
				Colorado Health Facilities Authority Reve
	AA	Aa2	1,200	(Catholic Health Initiatives), 5.50
	AA	NR*	1,200	(Covenant Retirement Communities In
				due 12/01/2027 (j)
	AA	NR*	675	(Covenant Retirement Communities In
				due 12/01/2033 (j)

Portfolio Abbreviations

To simplify the listings of MuniEnhanced Fund, Inc.'s portfolio holdings in the Schedule of Investments, we have abbreviated the names of many of the securities according to the list at right.

AMT	Alternative Minimum Tax (subject to)
COP	Certificates of Participation
DRIVERS	Derivative Inverse Tax-Exempt Receipts
EDA	Economic Development Authority
GO	General Obligation Bonds
HDA	Housing Development Authority
HFA	Housing Finance Agency
IDA	Industrial Development Authority
IDR	Industrial Development Revenue Bonds
RIB	Residual Interest Bonds
RITR	Residual Interest Trust Receipts
ROCS	Reset Option Certificates
S/F	Single-Family

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Colorado (concluded)	AAA	Aaa	\$ 4,280	Colorado Water Resource Power Development
				Water Revenue Bonds, Series A, 6.25% due
	AAA	Aaa	5,500	Denver, Colorado, City and County Airport
				Series D, 7.75% due 11/15/2013 (f)
	AAA	Aaa	2,000	Denver, Colorado, City and County Airport
				Bonds, AMT, Series A, 6% due 11/15/2018 (f)
	AAA	Aaa	5,450	El Paso County, Colorado, School District
				GO, Series A, 6% due 12/01/2018 (d)
				Northwest Parkway, Colorado, Public Highw
				Bonds:
	AAA	Aaa	10,745	Capital Appreciation, Senior Convent
				5.392%** due 6/15/2025 (d)
	AAA	Aaa	1,900	Series A, 5.50% due 6/15/2021 (a)
Connecticut--1.1%	AAA	Aaa	3,500	Connecticut State Special Tax Obligation
				due 10/01/2004 (b) (g)
Florida--1.2%	NR*	Aaa	2,500	Escambia County, Florida, Health Faciliti
				Facility Revenue Bonds (Florida Health Ca
				5.95% due 7/01/2020 (a)
	A	A3	1,000	Highlands County, Florida, Health Facilit
				Hospital Revenue Bonds (Adventist Health
				5.875% due 11/15/2029
	AAA	Aaa	250	South Miami, Florida, Health Facilities A
				Revenue Bonds (Baptist Health System Obli
				due 11/15/2033 (a)
Georgia--3.0%	AAA	Aaa	7,725	Georgia Municipal Electric Authority, Pow
				Bonds, Series EE, 7% due 1/01/2025 (a)
Illinois--19.3%	NR*	Aaa	5,125	Chicago, Illinois, Board of Education, GO
				10.14% due 12/01/2027 (a) (h)
	AAA	Aaa	3,750	Chicago, Illinois, Gas Supply Revenue Ref
				Gas, Light & Coke), Series A, 6.10% due 6
				Chicago, Illinois, O'Hare International A
				3rd Lien, AMT, Series B-2:
				5.75% due 1/01/2023 (d)
	AAA	Aaa	5,670	
	AAA	Aaa	2,500	6% due 1/01/2029 (c)
				Chicago, Illinois, O'Hare International A
				Refunding Bonds, AMT:
				3rd Lien, Series A-2, 5.75% due 1/0
	AAA	Aaa	1,500	
	AAA	NR*	4,550	DRIVERS, Series 250, 10.094% due 1/
	AAA	Aaa	3,000	Cook County, Illinois, Capital Improvemen
				5.50% due 11/15/2026 (a)
	AAA	Aaa	2,240	Cook County, Illinois, Community College
				Chicago, COP, Refunding, 8.75% due 1/01/2
	AAA	Aaa	3,000	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Rev
				(Servantcor Project), Series A, 6.375% du
	AAA	Aaa	17,870	Illinois Sports Facilities Authority Reve
				due 6/15/2030 (a)
	AAA	Aaa	3,000	Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authorit
				State Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds (McCorm
				Series B, 5.75% due 6/15/2023 (f)
	AAA	Aaa	10,115	Regional Transportation Authority, Illino
				Series A, 7.20% due 11/01/2020 (a)
Indiana--4.4%	AAA	Aaa	2,500	Brownsburg, Indiana, School Building Corp
				Mortgage Revenue Bonds (Brownsburg Commu
				due 2/01/2024 (f)
	AAA	Aaa	4,080	Hammond, Indiana, Multi-School Building C

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	AAA	Aaa	1,750	Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds, 6.125% Indiana Health Facilities Financing Authority Bonds (Deaconess Hospital Obligated Group due 3/01/2034 (a)
	AAA	Aaa	4,250	Indiana Transportation Finance Authority, Bonds, Series A, 5.25% due 6/01/2028 (b)
	AAA	Aaa	1,500	Indianapolis, Indiana, Local Public Impro Revenue Bonds (Waterworks Project), Serie due 7/01/2033 (f)
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Kansas--1.1%				Sedgwick and Shawnee Counties, Kansas, S/ (Mortgage-Backed Securities Program), AMT
	NR*	Aaa	1,050	Series A-1, 6.875% due 12/01/2026
	AAA	Aaa	1,755	Series A-1, 6.875% due 12/01/2026 (
	NR*	Aaa	765	Series A-2, 7.60% due 12/01/2031

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=====				
Louisiana--4.1%	AAA	Aaa	\$ 6,000	Louisiana Local Government, Environmental Development Authority Revenue Bonds (Capi Equipment Acquisition), Series A, 6.30% d
	AAA	Aaa	5,150	New Orleans, Louisiana, Ernest N. Morial Authority, Special Tax, Sub-Series A, 5.2
	AAA	Aaa	1,400	Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, Hospital Se 1, Hospital Revenue Bonds (Terrebonne Gen Project), 5.50% due 4/01/2033 (a)
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Massachusetts--6.7%				Massachusetts State Port Authority, Specifi Bonds (Delta Air Lines Inc. Project), AMT
	AAA	Aaa	3,100	5.50% due 1/01/2016
	AAA	Aaa	4,000	5.50% due 1/01/2018
	AAA	Aaa	2,870	5.50% due 1/01/2019
				Massachusetts State Special Obligation De Bonds (b):
	AAA	Aaa	1,800	5.25% due 1/01/2028
	AAA	Aaa	10,000	5.25% due 1/01/2029
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Michigan--3.5%	AAA	NR*	2,200	Michigan Higher Education Student Loan Au Revenue Refunding Bonds, AMT, Series XVII due 9/01/2020 (a)
				Michigan State Strategic Fund, Limited Ob Refunding Bonds (Detroit Edison Company P
	AAA	Aaa	1,150	5.45% due 9/01/2029
	AAA	Aaa	1,300	AMT, Series A, 5.50% due 6/01/2030
	AAA	Aaa	2,500	AMT, Series C, 5.65% due 9/01/2029
	AAA	Aaa	4,300	AMT, Series C, 5.45% due 12/15/2032
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Mississippi--0.8%	AAA	Aaa	2,400	Walnut Grove, Mississippi, Correctional A due 11/01/2009 (a) (g)

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Nebraska--0.5%	A+	A1	1,700	Washington County, Nebraska, Wastewater F Bonds (Cargill Inc. Project), AMT, 5.90%
Nevada--6.9%	AA	NR*	3,100	Carson City, Nevada, Hospital Revenue Bon Hospital Project), Series A, 5.50% due 9/
	AAA	Aaa	2,000	Clark County, Nevada, Airport System Subo Bonds, Series B, 5.25% due 7/01/2034 (b) Director of the State of Nevada, Departme Industry Revenue Bonds (Las Vegas Monorai First Tier (a):
	AAA	Aaa	750	5.625% due 1/01/2032
	AAA	Aaa	3,280	5.375% due 1/01/2040
	AAA	Aaa	10,450	Washoe County, Nevada, Gas and Water Faci Refunding Bonds (Sierra Pacific Power Com due 12/01/2014 (a)
	AAA	Aaa	3,000	Washoe County, Nevada, Water Facility Rev Pacific Power Company), AMT, 6.65% due 6/
New Hampshire--2.3%	AAA	Aaa	7,390	New Hampshire Health and Education Facili Bonds (Dartmouth-Hitchcock Obligation Gro due 8/01/2027 (d)
New Jersey--1.1%	BBB	Baa3	4,250	Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation Bonds, 6.75% due 6/01/2039
New York--10.4%	AAA	Aaa	550	Erie County, New York, IDA, School Facili of Buffalo Project), 5.75% due 5/01/2023
	AAA	A2	1,500	New York City, New York, GO, DRIVERS (h): Series 194, 10.147% due 2/01/2015 (
	AAA	NR*	6,960	Series 356, 9.627% due 6/01/2011 (c)
	AAA	Aaa	4,000	New York City, New York, GO, Refunding,: Series A, 6.375% due 5/15/2013 (b)
	AAA	Aaa	3,995	Series A, 6.375% due 5/15/2014 (b)
	A	Aaa	3,190	Series A, 6.375% due 5/15/2015 (b)
	AAA	Aaa	2,000	Series L, 5.75% due 8/01/2013 (c)
	AAA	Aaa	3,290	New York City, New York, GO, Series E, 5.
	AAA	Aaa	5,400	Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation Bonds, Series A-1, 5.25% due 6/01/2022 (a)

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State	S&P Ratings	Moody's Ratings	Face Amount	Municipal Bonds
Ohio--0.8%	AAA	Aaa	\$ 2,500	North Canton, Ohio, City School District due 12/01/2004 (a) (g)
Pennsylvania--5.6%	AAA	Aaa	600	Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Sanitatio Revenue Bonds, 5.50% due 12/01/2030 (f)
	AAA	Aaa	4,000	Pennsylvania State Public School Building Lease Revenue Bonds (The School District Project), 5% due 6/01/2033 (d)
	AAA	Aaa	6,500	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Authority for

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				Development, Lease Revenue Bonds, Series due 10/01/2020 (d)
	AAA	Aaa	4,500	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, School District 5.625% due 8/01/2020 (b)
	AAA	Aaa	1,750	Washington County, Pennsylvania, Capital Revenue Bonds (Capital Projects and Equipment) due 12/01/2029 (a)
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Rhode Island--2.7%	AAA	Aaa	4,345	Providence, Rhode Island, Public Building Revenue Bonds, Series A, 6.25% due 12/15/2020 (a)
	AAA	Aaa	3,355	Rhode Island State Economic Development Corporation Revenue Bonds, Series B, 6.50% due 7/01/2020 (a)
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South Carolina--1.9%	AAA	Aaa	2,200	Florence County, South Carolina, Hospital Revenue Bonds (McLeod Regional Medical Center Project) due 11/01/2034 (d)
	AA	NR*	1,590	South Carolina Educational Facilities Authority Nonprofit Institutions Revenue Bonds (The Palmetto) due 7/01/2031 (j)
	NR*	Aaa	980	South Carolina Housing Finance and Development Authority Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds, AMT, Series 1, due 7/01/2009 (d)
	BBB	Baa3	1,900	Tobacco Settlement Revenue Management Authority of South Carolina, Tobacco Settlement Revenue Bonds due 5/15/2030
=====				
South Dakota--2.4%	AAA	NR*	7,000	South Dakota State Health and Educational Services Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series A, 7.625% due 11/01/2028 (a)
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Tennessee--0.7%	AAA	Aaa	2,280	Tennessee HDA, Revenue Refunding Bonds (Health and Development Authority) AMT, Series 1, 5.95% due 7/01/2012 (f)
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Texas--7.1%	AAA	Aaa	1,615	Bexar, Texas, Metropolitan Water District of Texas Revenue Refunding Bonds, 6.35% due 5/01/2028 (a)
	AAA	NR*	2,000	Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, International Airport Authority Series 202, 10.596% due 11/01/2028 (a)
	AAA	NR*	7,250	Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, International Airport Authority Series 353, 9.58% due 5/01/2011 (f)
	AAA	Aaa	900	Houston, Texas, Airport System, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Sub-Lien, Series B, 5.50% due 7/01/2030 (a)
	AA	Baa2	3,200	Sam Rayburn, Texas, Municipal Power Agency Revenue Bonds, 5.75% due 10/01/2021 (j)
	AAA	Aaa	5,200	Travis County, Texas, Health Facilities Development Corporation, Revenue Refunding Bonds, RIT Series 1, due 11/15/2024 (a) (h)
	AAA	Aaa	1,000	University of Houston, Texas, University of Houston System Revenue Refunding Bonds due 2/15/2030 (f)
=====				
Virginia--4.1%	AAA	Aaa	10,000	Fairfax County, Virginia, EDA, Resource Revenue Refunding Bonds, AMT, Series A, 6.10% due 11/01/2028 (a)
	AAA	Aaa	2,300	Halifax County, Virginia, IDA, Exempt Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds (Old Dominion Electric Company) AMT, 5.625% due 6/01/2028 (a)
=====				
Washington--7.2%	AAA	NR*	5,000	Energy Northwest, Washington, Electric Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 242, 10.127% due 7/01/2017 (f) (h)
	AAA	Aaa	2,150	King County, Washington, Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series B, 5.50% due 1/01/2027 (d)
	NR*	Aaa	4,500	Snohomish County, Washington, Arlington School District 016, GO, 6.50% due 12/01/2010 (b) (g)
	AAA	Aaa	2,000	Snohomish County, Washington, Public Utilities Authority 001, Electric Revenue Refunding Bonds, 5.50% due 11/01/2028 (a)

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	AAA	Aaa	7,000	due 12/01/2024 (d) Washington State, GO, Series A and AT-6, due 2/01/2011 (f)
Wisconsin--1.3%	BBB	Baa3	1,900	Badger, Wisconsin, Tobacco Asset Securitization Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, 6.375% due 6/1/2011
	AA-	Aa3	2,500	Madison, Wisconsin IDR (Madison Gas & Electric) AMT, Series A, 5.875% due 10/01/2034
				Total Municipal Bonds (Cost--\$454,427)--100.0%

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Schedule of Investments (concluded)

(in Thousands)

	Shares Held	Short-Term Securities
	2,601	Merrill Lynch Institutional Tax-Exempt Fund
		Total Short-Term Securities (Cost--\$2,601)
Total Investments (Cost--\$457,028+)--143.0%		
Other Assets Less Liabilities--1.9%		
Preferred Stock, at Redemption Value--(44.9%)		
Net Assets Applicable to Common Stock--100.0%		

- (a) AMBAC Insured.
- (b) FGIC Insured.
- (c) XL Capital Insured.
- (d) FSA Insured.
- (e) GNMA Collateralized.
- (f) MBIA Insured.
- (g) Prerefunded.
- (h) The interest rate is subject to change periodically and inversely based upon prevailing market rates. The interest rate shown is the rate in effect at July 31, 2004.
- (i) Investments in companies considered to be an affiliate of the Fund (such companies are defined as "Affiliated Companies" in Section 2(a)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940) were as follows:

(in Thousands)

Affiliate	Net Activity	Dividend Income
Merrill Lynch Institutional Tax-Exempt Fund	(4,300)	\$29

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- (j) Radian Insured.
- (k) CIFG Insured.
- * Not Rated.
- ** Represents a zero coupon bond; the interest rate shown reflects the effective yield at the time of purchase by the Fund.
- + The cost and unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments as of July 31, 2004, as computed for federal income tax purposes were as follows:

	(in Thousands)
Aggregate cost	\$457,003
	=====
Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 23,498
Gross unrealized depreciation	(2,969)

Net unrealized appreciation	\$ 20,529
	=====

Forward interest rate swaps outstanding as of July 31, 2004 were as follows:

	(in Thousands)	
	Notional Amount	Unrealized Depreciation
Receive a variable rate equal to 7-Day Bond Market Association Municipal Swap Index Rate and pay a fixed rate of 4.595%		
Broker, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank Expires September 2024	\$30,000	\$(1,213)
Receive a variable rate equal to 7-Day Bond Market Association Municipal Swap Index Rate and pay a fixed rate of 4.051%		
Broker, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank Expires September 2014	\$20,000	(462)
Receive a variable rate equal to 7-Day Bond Market Association Municipal Swap Index Rate and pay a fixed rate of 4.5425%		
Broker, Morgan Stanley Capital Services, Inc. Expires September 2024	\$20,000	(584)

Total		\$(2,259)
		=====

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Statement of Net Assets

As of July 31, 2004

Assets

Investments in unaffiliated securities, at value (identified cost--\$454,427,019)	
Investments in affiliated securities, at value (identified cost--\$2,601,316)	
Cash	
Receivables:	
Interest	\$ 5,785,822
Securities sold	3,030,000
Dividends from affiliates	65
Prepaid expenses and other assets	
Total assets	

Liabilities

Unrealized depreciation on forward interest rate swaps ..	
Payables:	
Investment adviser	229,816
Other affiliates	5,040
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	
Total liabilities	

Preferred Stock

Preferred Stock, at redemption value, par value \$.025 per share (2,000 Series A Shares, 2,000 Series B Shares and 2,000 Series C Shares of AMPS* authorized, issued and outstanding at \$25,000 per share liquidation preference)

Net Assets Applicable to Common Stock

Net assets applicable to Common Stock

Analysis of Net Assets Applicable to Common Stock

Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share (29,369,874 shares issued and outstanding)	
Paid-in capital in excess of par	
Undistributed investment income--net	\$ 5,623,616
Accumulated realized capital losses on investments--net .	(16,072,387)
Unrealized appreciation on investments--net	18,244,450
Total accumulated earnings--net	
Total--Equivalent to \$11.37 net asset value per share of Common Stock (market price--\$10.39)	

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* Auction Market Preferred Stock.

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Statement of Operations

For the Six Months Ended July 31, 2004

Investment Income

Interest
 Dividends from affiliates
 Total income

Expenses

Investment advisory fees	\$ 1,215,448
Commission fees	188,297
Accounting services	80,401
Transfer agent fees	56,901
Professional fees	33,675
Printing and shareholder reports	29,367
Custodian fees	14,790
Directors' fees and expenses	11,470
Listing fees	11,272
Pricing fees	8,891
Other	19,492
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Total expenses before reimbursement	1,670,004
Reimbursement of expenses	(7,025)
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Total expenses after reimbursement	
Investment income--net	

Realized & Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments--Net

Realized gain from:	
Investments--net	1,067,847
Forward interest rate swaps--net	735,286
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Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation from:	
Investments--net	(13,675,531)
Forward interest rate swaps--net	(1,661,020)
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Total realized and unrealized loss--net	

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Dividends to Preferred Stock Shareholders

Investment income--net
 Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	For the Six Months Ended July 31, 2004
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets:	
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Operations	

Investment income--net	\$ 11,438,778
Realized gain on investments--net	1,803,133
Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments--net	(15,336,551)
Dividends to Preferred Stock shareholders	(707,940)

Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(2,802,580)

=====	
Dividends to Common Stock Shareholders	

Investment income--net	(10,749,374)

Net decrease in net assets resulting from dividends to Common Stock shareholders	(10,749,374)

=====	
Net Assets Applicable to Common Stock	

Total increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to Common Stock	(13,551,954)
Beginning of period	347,389,219

End of period*	\$ 333,837,265
	=====
* Undistributed investment income--net	\$ 5,623,616
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Financial Highlights

The following per share data and ratios have been derived from information provided in the financial statements.

	For the Six Months Ended July 31, 2004	For the Y ----- 2004	20
Increase (Decrease) in Net Asset Value:			
=====			
Per Share Operating Performance			

Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 11.83	\$ 11.65	\$ 1
Investment income--net****39	.81	
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments--net	(.46)	.15	
Dividends to Preferred Stock shareholders from investment income--net	(.02)	(.06)	
Total from investment operations	(.09)	.90	
Less dividends to Common Stock shareholders from investment income--net	(.37)	(.72)	
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 11.37	\$ 11.83	\$ 1
Market price per share, end of period	\$ 10.39	\$ 11.22	\$ 1
=====			
Total Investment Return**			

Based on market price per share	(4.16%)+	12.84%	
Based on net asset value per share	(.53%)+	8.46%	
=====			
Ratios Based on Average Net Assets of Common Stock			

Total expenses, net of reimbursement***98%*	.97%	
Total expenses***99%*	.97%	
Total investment income--net***	6.77%*	6.95%	
Amount of dividends to Preferred Stock shareholders42%*	.48%	
Investment income--net, to Common Stock shareholders	6.35%*	6.47%	
=====			
Ratios Based on Average Net Assets of Common & Preferred Stock***			

Total expenses, net of reimbursement68%*	.68%	
Total expenses69%*	.68%	
Total investment income--net	4.69%*	4.84%	
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Ratios Based on Average Net Assets of Preferred Stock
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Dividends to Preferred Stock shareholders .	.95%*	1.09%
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Financial Highlights (concluded)

	For the Six Months Ended July 31, 2004	----- For the 2004	----- 20
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The following per share data and ratios have been derived from information provided in the financial statements.

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Supplemental Data
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Net assets applicable to Common Stock, end of period (in thousands)	\$333,837	\$347,389	\$342
Preferred Stock outstanding, end of period (in thousands)	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150
Portfolio turnover	17.06%	50.47%	3

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Leverage
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Asset coverage per \$1,000	\$ 3,226	\$ 3,316	\$ 3
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Dividends Per Share on Preferred Stock Outstanding
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Series A--Investment income--net	\$ 113	\$ 233	\$
Series B--Investment income--net	\$ 121	\$ 354	\$
Series C--Investment income--net	\$ 119	\$ 227	\$

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* Annualized

** Total investment returns based on market value, which can be significantly greater or lesser than the net asset value, may result in substantially different returns. Total investment returns exclude the effects of sales charges.

*** Do not reflect the effect of dividends to Preferred Stock shareholders.

**** Based on average shares outstanding.

+ Aggregate total investment return.

@ Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation.

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Notes to Financial Statements

1. Significant Accounting Policies:

MuniEnhanced Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, which may require the use of management accruals and estimates. Actual results may differ from these estimates. These unaudited financial statements reflect all adjustments, which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to present a fair statement of the results for the interim period. All such adjustments are of a normal, recurring nature. The Fund determines and makes available for publication the net asset value of its Common Stock on a daily basis. The Fund's Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol MEN. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund.

(a) Valuation of investments -- Municipal bonds are traded primarily in the over-the-counter markets and are valued at the last available bid price in the over-the-counter market or on the basis of yield equivalents as obtained by the Fund's pricing service from one or more dealers that make markets in the securities. Financial futures contracts and options thereon, which are traded on exchanges, are valued at their closing prices as of the close of such exchanges. Options written or purchased are valued at the last sale price in the case of exchange-traded options. In the case of options traded in the over-the-counter market, valuation is the last asked price (options written) or the last bid price (options purchased). Swap agreements are valued by quoted fair values received daily by the Fund from the counterparty. Short-term investments with a remaining maturity of sixty days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. Securities and assets for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Fund, including valuations furnished by a pricing service retained by the Fund, which may utilize a matrix system for valuations. The procedures of the pricing service and its valuations are reviewed by the officers of the Fund under the general supervision of the Board of Directors.

(b) Derivative financial instruments -- The Fund may engage in various portfolio investment strategies both to increase the return of the Fund and to hedge, or protect, its exposure to interest rate movements and movements in the securities markets. Losses may arise due to changes in the value of the contract or if the counterparty does not perform under the contract.

- o Financial futures contracts -- The Fund may purchase or sell financial futures contracts and options on such futures contracts. Futures contracts are contracts for delayed delivery of securities at a specific future date and at a specific price or yield. Upon entering into a contract, the Fund deposits and maintains as collateral such initial margin as required by the exchange on which the transaction is effected. Pursuant to the contract, the Fund agrees to receive from or pay to the broker an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuation in value of the contract. Such receipts or payments are known as variation margin and are recorded by the Fund as unrealized gains or losses. When the contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed.
- o Options -- The Fund may write covered call options and purchase call and

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put options. When the Fund writes an option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Fund is reflected as an asset and an equivalent liability. The amount of the liability is subsequently marked-to-market reflecting the current market value of the option written. When a security is purchased or sold through an exercise of an option, the related premium paid (or received) is added to (or deducted from) the basis of the security acquired or deducted from (or added to) the proceeds of the security sold. When an option expires (or the Fund enters into a closing transaction), the Fund realizes a gain or loss on the option to the extent of the premiums received or paid (or gain or loss to the extent the cost of the closing transaction exceeds the premium paid or received).

Written and purchased options are non-income producing investments.

- o Forward interest rate swaps -- The Fund may enter into forward interest rate swaps. In a forward interest rate swap, the Fund and the counterparty agree to make periodic net payments on a specified notional contract amount, commencing on a specified future effective date, unless terminated earlier. When the agreement is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss in an amount equal to the value of the agreement.

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(c) Income taxes -- It is the Fund's policy to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all of its taxable income to its shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

(d) Security transactions and investment income -- Security transactions are recorded on the dates the transactions are entered into (the trade dates). Realized gains and losses on security transactions are determined on the identified cost basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend dates. Interest income is recognized on the accrual basis. The Fund amortizes all premiums and discounts on debt securities.

(e) Dividends and distributions -- Dividends from net investment income are declared daily and paid monthly. Distributions of capital gains are recorded on the ex-dividend dates.

2. Investment Advisory Agreement and Transactions with Affiliates:

The Fund has entered into an Investment Advisory Agreement with Fund Asset Management, L.P. ("FAM"). The general partner of FAM is Princeton Services, Inc. ("PSI"), an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("ML & Co."), which is the limited partner.

FAM is responsible for the management of the Fund's portfolio and provides the necessary personnel, facilities, equipment and certain other services necessary to the operations of the Fund. For such services, the Fund pays a monthly fee at an annual rate of .50% of the Fund's average daily net assets, including assets acquired from the issuance of Preferred Stock. For the six months ended July 31, 2004, FAM reimbursed the Fund in the amount of \$7,025.

For the six months ended July 31, 2004, the Fund reimbursed FAM \$5,361 for certain accounting services.

Certain officers and/or directors of the Fund are officers and/or directors of FAM, PSI, and/or ML & Co.

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3. Investments:

Purchases and sales of investments, excluding short-term securities, for the six months ended July 31, 2004 were \$95,822,473 and \$81,031,699, respectively.

4. Stock Transactions:

The Fund is authorized to issue 200,000,000 shares of stock, par value \$.10 per share, all of which were initially classified as Common Stock. The Board of Directors is authorized, however, to reclassify any unissued shares of stock without the approval of the holders of Common Stock.

Preferred Stock

Auction Market Preferred Stock ("AMPS") are shares of Preferred Stock of the Fund, with a par value of \$.025 per share and a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends, that entitle their holders to receive cash dividends at an annual rate that may vary for the successive dividend period for each series. The yields in effect at July 31, 2004 were as follows: Series A, 1.20%; Series B, 1.25%; and Series C, 1.02%.

The Fund pays commissions to certain broker-dealers at the end of each auction at an annual rate ranging from .25% to .50%, calculated on the proceeds of each auction. For the six months ended July 31, 2004, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, an affiliate of FAM, received \$110,503 as commissions.

5. Capital Loss Carryforward:

On January 31, 2004, the Fund had a net capital loss carryforward of \$15,033,608, of which \$4,572,805 expires in 2008, \$8,505,599 expires in 2009 and \$1,955,204 expires in 2011. This amount will be available to offset like amounts of any future taxable gains.

6. Subsequent Event:

The Fund paid a tax-exempt income dividend to holders of Common Stock in the amount of \$.061000 on August 30, 2004 to shareholders of record on August 16, 2004.

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Proxy Results

During the six-month period ended July 31, 2004, MuniEnhanced Fund, Inc.'s Common Stock shareholders voted on the following proposal. The proposal was approved at a shareholders' meeting on April 27, 2004. A description of the proposal and number of shares voted are as follows:

		Shares Voted For	Shares Withheld From Voting
1. To elect the Fund's Directors:	James H. Bodurtha	27,585,736	599,581
	Joe Grills	27,549,043	636,274

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Roberta Cooper Ramo	27,550,229	635,088
Robert S. Salomon, Jr.	27,546,674	638,643
Stephen B. Swensrud	27,529,420	655,897

During the six-month period ended July 31, 2004, MuniEnhanced Fund, Inc.'s Preferred Stock shareholders (Series A, B & C) voted on the following proposal. The proposal was approved at a shareholders' meeting on April 27, 2004. A description of the proposal and number of shares voted are as follows:

	Shares Voted For
1. To elect the Fund's Board of Directors: James H. Bodurtha, Joe Grills, Herbert I. London, Andre F. Perold, Roberta Cooper Ramo, Robert S. Salomon, Jr. and Stephen B. Swensrud	5,309

Quality Profile

The quality ratings of securities in the Fund as of July 31, 2004 were as follows:

S&P Rating/Moody's Rating	Percent of Total Investments
AAA/Aaa	86.8%
AA/Aa	5.0
A/A	5.3
BBB/Baa	2.3
NR (Not Rated)	0.6

Dividend Policy

The Fund's dividend policy is to distribute all or a portion of its net investment income to its shareholders on a monthly basis. In order to provide shareholders with a more stable level of dividend distributions, 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 particular 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 Net Assets, which comprises part of the financial information included in this report.

Officers and Directors

Terry K. Glenn, President and Director

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NYSE Symbol

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Availability of Quarterly Schedule of Investments

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Fund's Forms N-Q are available on the SEC's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. The Fund's Forms N-Q may also 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.

Electronic Delivery

The Fund offers electronic delivery of communications to its shareholders. In order to receive this service, you must register your account and provide us with e-mail information. To sign up for this service, simply access this Web site <http://www.icsdelivery.com/live> and follow the instructions. When you visit this site, you will obtain a personal identification number (PIN). You will need this PIN should you wish to update your e-mail address, choose to discontinue this service and/or make any other changes to the service. This service is not available for certain retirement accounts at this time.

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MuniEnhanced Fund, Inc. seeks to provide shareholders with as high a level of current income exempt from federal income taxes as is consistent with its investment policies by investing primarily in a portfolio of long-term, investment grade municipal obligations, the interest on which is exempt from federal income taxes in the opinion of the bond counsel to the issuer.

This report, including the financial information herein, is transmitted to shareholders of MuniEnhanced Fund, Inc. for their information. It is not a prospectus. Past performance results shown in this report should not be considered a representation of future performance. The Fund has leveraged its Common Stock and intends to remain leveraged by issuing Preferred Stock to provide the Common Stock shareholders with a potentially higher rate of return. Leverage creates risks for Common Stock shareholders, including the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value and market price of shares of the Common Stock, and the risk that fluctuations in the short-term dividend rates of the Preferred Stock may affect the yield to Common Stock shareholders. Statements and other information herein are as dated and are subject to change.

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling toll-free 1-800-MER-FUND (1-800-637-3863); (2) at www.mutualfunds.ml.com; and (3) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Information about how the Fund voted proxies relating to securities held in the Fund's portfolio during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (1) at www.mutualfunds.ml.com and (2) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

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- Item 2 - Code of Ethics - Not Applicable to this semi-annual report
- Item 3 - Audit Committee Financial Expert - Not Applicable to this semi-annual report
- Item 4 - Principal Accountant Fees and Services - Not Applicable to this semi-annual report
- Item 5 - Audit Committee of Listed Registrants - Not Applicable to this semi-annual report
- Item 6 - Schedule of Investments - Not Applicable
- Item 7 - Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies - Not Applicable to this semi-annual report
- Item 8 - Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers - Not Applicable
- Item 9 - Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders - Not Applicable
- Item 10 - Controls and Procedures
- 10(a) - The registrant's certifying officers have reasonably designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure material information

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relating to the registrant is made known to us by others particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared. The registrant's certifying officers have determined that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are effective based on our evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report.

10(b) - There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the last fiscal half-year of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 11 - Exhibits attached hereto

11(a)(1) - Code of Ethics - Not Applicable to this semi-annual report

11(a)(2) - Certifications - Attached hereto

11(a)(3) - Not Applicable

11(b) - Certifications - Attached hereto

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

MuniEnhanced Fund, Inc.

By: /s/ Terry K. Glenn

Terry K. Glenn,
President of
MuniEnhanced Fund, Inc.

Date: September 17, 2004

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Terry K. Glenn

Terry K. Glenn,
President of
MuniEnhanced Fund, Inc.

Date: September 17, 2004

By: /s/ Donald C. Burke

Donald C. Burke,
Chief Financial Officer of
MuniEnhanced Fund, Inc.

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Date: September 17, 2004