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October 31, 2012

Semi-Annual Report (Unaudited)

BlackRock MuniYield Fund, Inc. (MYD)

BlackRock MuniYield Quality Fund, Inc. (MQY)

BlackRock MuniYield Quality Fund II, Inc. (MQT)

Not FDIC Insured No Bank Guarantee May Lose Value

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Dear Shareholder

In the final months of 2011, financial markets were highly volatile but were in a mode of gradual improvement. Global central bank actions and better-than-expected economic data tempered investors' anxiety after markets had been upended in the previous quarter by sovereign debt turmoil in the United States and Europe. Improving sentiment carried over into early 2012 as investors felt some relief from the world's financial woes. Volatility was low and risk assets (including stocks, commodities and high yield bonds) moved boldly higher through the first two months of 2012, while climbing Treasury yields pressured higher-quality fixed income assets.

Markets reversed course in the spring when Europe's debt problems boiled over once again. High levels of volatility returned as political instability threatened Greece's membership in the eurozone and debt problems in Spain grew increasingly severe. Sovereign debt yields in peripheral European countries continued to rise while finance leaders deliberated over the fiscal integration of the currency bloc. Alongside the drama in Europe, investors were discouraged by gloomy economic reports from various parts of the world. A slowdown in China, a key powerhouse for global growth, emerged as a particular concern. In the United States, disappointing jobs reports dealt a crushing blow to investor sentiment. Risk assets sold off in the second quarter as investors retreated to safe haven assets.

Despite ongoing concerns about the health of the global economy and the debt crisis in Europe, most asset classes enjoyed a robust summer rally powered mainly by expectations for policy stimulus from central banks in Europe and the United States. Global economic data continued to be mixed, but the spate of downside surprises seen in the second quarter had receded and, outside of some areas of Europe, the risk of recession largely subsided. Additionally, in response to mounting debt pressures, the European Central Bank allayed fears by affirming its conviction to preserve the euro bloc. Early in September, the European Central Bank announced its plan to purchase sovereign debt in the eurozone's most troubled nations. Later that month, the US Federal Reserve announced its long-awaited and surprisingly aggressive stimulus program, committing to purchase \$40 billion of agency mortgage-backed securities per month until the US economy exhibits enough strength to sustain real growth and the labor market shows solid improvement. These central bank actions boosted investor confidence and risk assets rallied globally.

European stocks continued their advance in the final month of the reporting period as progress toward fiscal integration created a more positive atmosphere for investors. However, as corporate earnings season got underway in the United States, lackluster results pointed to the fragility of global growth and pushed US equity markets down for the month of October. The period ended with increasing concern about how and when US politicians would resolve the nation's looming fiscal crisis, known as the fiscal cliff.

All asset classes performed well for the 12-month period ended October 31, 2012, with the strongest returns coming from US stocks and high yield bonds. For the six-month period ended October 31, 2012, equities underperformed fixed income investments, where high yield was the leading sector. US and international stocks finished the six-month period with modest gains, while emerging market stocks lagged other asset classes amid ongoing uncertainty. Near-zero short term interest rates continued to keep yields on money market securities near their all-time lows.

Although the financial world remains highly uncertain, we believe there are new avenues of opportunity—new ways to invest and new markets to consider. We believe it's our responsibility to help investors adapt to today's new world of investing and build the portfolios these times require. We encourage you to visit www.blackrock.com/newworld for more information.

Sincerely,

Rob Kapito

President, BlackRock Advisors, LLC

Although the financial world remains highly uncertain, we believe there are new avenues of opportunity.

Rob Kapito

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President, BlackRock Advisors, LLC

Total Returns as of October 31, 2012

| | 6-month | 12-month |
|---|---------|----------|
| US large cap equities (S&P 500® Index) | 2.16% | 15.21% |
| US small cap equities (Russell 2000® Index) | 0.95 | 12.08 |
| International equities (MSCI Europe, Australasia, Far East Index) | 2.12 | 4.61 |
| Emerging market equities (MSCI Emerging Markets Index) | (1.25) | 2.63 |
| 3-month Treasury bill (BofA Merrill Lynch 3-Month US Treasury Bill Index) | 0.06 | 0.08 |
| US Treasury securities (BofA Merrill Lynch 10-Year US Treasury Index) | 3.49 | 7.46 |
| US investment grade bonds (Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index) | 2.75 | 5.25 |
| Tax-exempt municipal bonds (S&P Municipal Bond Index) | 3.65 | 9.57 |
| US high yield bonds (Barclays US Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index) | 6.24 | 13.58 |

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Municipal Market Overview

For the 12-Month Period Ended October 31, 2012

Municipal bonds delivered exceptional performance, with the Standard & Poor's (S&P) Municipal Bond Index gaining 9.57% for the 12 months ended October 31, 2012. In the later part of 2011, heightened volatility in equity markets led to increased demand for municipal bonds as investors flocked to more stable asset classes. The municipal market benefited from an exuberant Treasury market amid global uncertainty in addition to muted new issuance. Supply was constrained while demand from both traditional and non-traditional buyers was strong, pushing long-term municipal bond yields lower and sparking a curve-flattening trend that continued through year end. Ultimately, 2011 was one of the strongest performance years in municipal market history and municipal bonds outperformed most fixed income asset classes for the year.

Market conditions remained favorable in 2012 even though supply picked up considerably. As the fiscal situation for municipalities continued to improve, the rate of new issuance came back in line with historical averages. Total new issuance for the first ten months of 2012 was \$313 billion as compared to \$288 billion for the entire year of 2011. It is important to note that refunding activity has accounted for a large portion of supply in 2012 as issuers refinanced their debt at lower interest rates. Refunding issues are easily absorbed by the market because when seasoned bonds are refinanced, issuers re-enter the market via cheaper and predominantly shorter-maturity financing. Investors, in turn, support these new issues with the proceeds from bond maturities or coupon payments.

Increased supply was met with the continuation of strong demand in 2012 as investors remained starved for yield in a low-rate environment. Investors poured into municipal bond mutual funds, particularly those with long-duration and high-yield investment mandates as they tend to provide higher levels of income. Year-to-date through October 2012, flows into municipal funds have totaled \$48.034 billion (according to the Investment Company Institute). Following an extensive period of significant outflows from late 2010 through mid-2011, these robust 2012 inflows are telling of the complete turnaround in confidence. Municipal market supply-and-demand technicals typically strengthen considerably upon the conclusion of tax season as net negative supply takes hold (i.e., more bonds are being called and maturing than being issued) and this theme remained intact for 2012.

In the spring, a resurgence of concerns about Europe's financial crisis and weakening US economic data drove municipal bond yields lower and prices higher. In addition to income and capital preservation, investors were drawn to the asset class for its relatively low volatility. As global sentiment improved over the summer, municipal bonds outperformed the more volatile US Treasury market. In September, unexpectedly muted new issuance drove prices higher. October, traditionally a weaker month for the municipal bond market, saw slight gains as demand continued to outpace supply. Given these positive market factors, the S&P Municipal Bond Index has gained 7.03% year-to-date through October 31, 2012.

Overall, the municipal yield curve moved lower during the period from October 31, 2011 to October 31, 2012. As measured by Thomson Municipal Market Data, yields declined by 93 basis points (bps) to 2.82% on AAA-rated 30-year municipal bonds and by 67 bps to 1.72% on 10-year bonds, while yields on 5-year issues fell 59 bps to 0.67%. While the entire municipal curve flattened over the 12-month time period, the spread between 2- and 30-year maturities tightened by 79 bps, and in the 2- to 10-year range, the spread tightened by 53 bps.

The fundamental picture for municipalities continues to improve. Austerity has been the general theme across the country as states set their budgets, although a small number of states continue to rely on a "kick-the-can" approach to close their budget gaps, using aggressive revenue projections and accounting gimmicks. It has been nearly two years since the fiscal problems plaguing state and local governments first became highly publicized and the prophecy of widespread defaults across the municipal market has not materialized. Year-to-date through October 2012, total outstanding municipal bonds entering into debt service cash-payment default for the first time had an aggregate par value of \$1.99 billion. This amount represents only 0.65% of total issuance year-to-date and 0.053% of total municipal bonds outstanding. This compares favorably to data for the full year 2011 when first-time defaults totaled 0.84% of issuance and 0.065% of outstanding. (Data provided by Bank of America Merrill Lynch.) BlackRock maintains the view that municipal bond defaults will remain in the periphery and the overall market is fundamentally sound. We continue to recognize that careful credit research and security selection remain imperative amid uncertainty in this economic environment.

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Table of Contents**Fund Summary** as of October 31, 2012**BlackRock MuniYield Fund, Inc.****Fund Overview**

BlackRock MuniYield Fund, Inc.'s (MYD) (the Fund) investment objective is to provide shareholders with as high a level of current income exempt from federal income taxes as is consistent with its investment policies and prudent investment management. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its assets in municipal bonds exempt from federal income taxes (except that the interest may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax). The Fund invests, under normal market conditions, at least 75% of its assets in municipal bonds rated investment grade and invests primarily in long-term municipal bonds with a maturity of more than ten years at the time of investment. The Fund may invest directly in such securities or synthetically through the use of derivatives.

No assurance can be given that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

Performance

For the six-month period ended October 31, 2012, the Fund returned 13.20% based on market price and 8.51% based on net asset value (NAV). For the same period, the closed-end Lipper General & Insured Municipal Debt Funds (Leveraged) category posted an average return of 9.55% based on market price and 7.15% based on NAV. All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends. The Fund's premium to NAV, which widened during the period, accounts for the difference between performance based on price and performance based on NAV. The following discussion relates to performance based on NAV. Contributing positively to performance during the period were the Fund's duration positioning (preference for securities with a higher sensitivity to interest rate movements) and yield curve-flattening bias. The Fund has consistently emphasized longer-dated securities in order to benefit when long-term rates decline faster than short-term rates, a scenario that occurred during the period. In addition, sector concentrations in health and transportation had a notable positive impact on returns. The Fund's holdings generated a high distribution yield, which in the aggregate, had a meaningful impact on returns. Security selection detracted from performance in the state tax-backed, health and tobacco sectors; however, the cumulative effect of security selection in the Fund was positive for the period. US Treasury financial futures contracts used to hedge interest rate risk in the Fund also had a modestly negative impact on performance.

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Fund Information

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Symbol on New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) | MYD |
| Initial Offering Date | November 29, 1991 |
| Yield on Closing Market Price as of October 31, 2012 (\$16.99) ¹ | 5.90% |
| Tax Equivalent Yield ² | 9.08% |
| Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share ³ | \$0.0835 |
| Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share ³ | \$1.0020 |
| Economic Leverage as of October 31, 2012 ⁴ | 38% |

¹ Yield on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

² Tax equivalent yield assumes the maximum federal tax rate of 35%.

³ The distribution rate is not constant and is subject to change.

⁴ Represents Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares (VRDP Shares) and tender option bond trusts (TOBs) as a percentage of total managed assets, which is the total assets of the Fund, including any assets attributable to VRDP Shares and TOBs, minus the sum of accrued liabilities. For a discussion of leveraging techniques utilized by the Fund, please see The Benefits and Risks of Leveraging on page 9.

The table below summarizes the changes in the Fund's market price and NAV per share:

| | 10/31/12 | 4/30/12 | Change | High | Low |
|--------------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| Market Price | \$ 16.99 | \$ 15.49 | 9.68% | \$ 17.90 | \$ 15.43 |

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Net Asset Value \$ 15.97 \$ 15.19 5.13% \$ 15.97 \$ 15.19

The following charts show the sector and credit quality allocations of the Fund's long-term investments:

Sector Allocation

| | 10/31/12 | 4/30/12 |
|--|----------|---------|
| Health | 23% | 22% |
| Transportation | 20 | 19 |
| Utilities | 12 | 11 |
| State | 12 | 14 |
| Education | 11 | 11 |
| County/City/Special District/School District | 10 | 9 |
| Corporate | 9 | 11 |
| Tobacco | 3 | 2 |
| Housing | | 1 |

Credit Quality Allocation⁵

| | 10/31/12 | 4/30/12 |
|------------------------|----------|---------|
| AAA/Aaa | 11% | 9% |
| AA/Aa | 38 | 40 |
| A | 29 | 27 |
| BBB/Baa | 11 | 10 |
| BB/Ba | 1 | 2 |
| B | 2 | 3 |
| CCC/Caa | 1 | 1 |
| Not Rated ⁶ | 7 | 8 |

⁵ Using the higher of S&P's or Moody's Investor Service (Moody's) ratings.

⁶ The investment advisor has deemed certain of these non-rated securities to be of investment grade quality. As of October 31, 2012 and April 30, 2012, the market value of these securities was \$3,225,509 and \$3,159,009, each representing less than 1%, respectively, of the Fund's long-term investments.

Table of Contents**Fund Summary** as of October 31, 2012**BlackRock MuniYield Quality Fund, Inc.****Fund Overview**

BlackRock MuniYield Quality Fund, Inc.'s (MQY) (the Fund) investment objective is to provide shareholders with as high a level of current income exempt from federal income taxes as is consistent with its investment policies and prudent investment management. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its assets in municipal bonds exempt from federal income taxes (except that the interest may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax). The Fund invests in municipal bonds which are in the three highest quality rating categories (A or better) or, if unrated, of comparable quality at the time of investment. The Fund invests primarily in long-term municipal bonds with maturities of more than ten years at the time of investment. The Fund may invest directly in such securities or synthetically through the use of derivatives.

No assurance can be given that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

Performance

For the six-month period ended October 31, 2012, the Fund returned 14.20% based on market price and 6.60% based on NAV. For the same period, the closed-end Lipper General & Insured Municipal Debt Funds (Leveraged) category posted an average return of 9.55% based on market price and 7.15% based on NAV. All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends. The Fund moved from a discount to NAV to a premium by period end, which accounts for the difference between performance based on price and performance based on NAV. The following discussion relates to performance based on NAV. During the period, the Fund benefited from declining interest rates (bond prices rise when interest rates fall), the flattening of the yield curve (long-term rates fell more than short and intermediate rates), coupon income and the tightening of credit spreads. The Fund's allocation to zero-coupon bonds delivered particularly strong performance amid declining interest rates. Exposure to the health sector also proved beneficial as spreads tightened significantly in that space. The Fund's short position in US Treasury futures as a strategy for hedging interest rate risk was a modest detractor from performance during the period.

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Fund Information

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Symbol on NYSE | MQY |
| Initial Offering Date | June 26, 1992 |
| Yield on Closing Market Price as of October 31, 2012 (\$17.81) ¹ | 5.39% |
| Tax Equivalent Yield ² | 8.29% |
| Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share ³ | \$0.08 |
| Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share ³ | \$0.96 |
| Economic Leverage as of October 31, 2012 ⁴ | 36% |

¹ Yield on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

² Tax equivalent yield assumes the maximum federal tax rate of 35%.

³ The distribution rate is not constant and is subject to change.

⁴ Represents VRDP Shares and TOBs as a percentage of total managed assets, which is the total assets of the Fund, including any assets attributable to VRDP Shares and TOBs, minus the sum of accrued liabilities. For a discussion of leveraging techniques utilized by the Fund, please see The Benefits and Risks of Leveraging on page 9.

The table below summarizes the changes in the Fund's market price and NAV per share:

| | 10/31/12 | 4/30/12 | Change | High | Low |
|-----------------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| Market Price | \$ 17.81 | \$ 16.05 | 10.97% | \$ 18.17 | \$ 16.01 |
| Net Asset Value | \$ 16.80 | \$ 16.22 | 3.58% | \$ 16.82 | \$ 16.22 |

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The following charts show the sector and credit quality allocations of the Fund's long-term investments:

Sector Allocation

| | 10/31/12 | 4/30/12 |
|--|----------|---------|
| County/City/Special District/School District | 24% | 24% |
| Transportation | 19 | 18 |
| State | 17 | 19 |
| Utilities | 16 | 16 |
| Health | 10 | 11 |
| Education | 6 | 6 |
| Housing | 6 | 4 |
| Corporate | 2 | 2 |

Credit Quality Allocation⁵

| | 10/31/12 | 4/30/12 |
|---------|----------|---------|
| AAA/Aaa | 10% | 11% |
| AA/Aa | 61 | 64 |
| A | 26 | 20 |
| BBB/Baa | 3 | 5 |

⁵ Using the higher of S&P's or Moody's ratings.

Table of Contents**Fund Summary** as of October 31, 2012**BlackRock MuniYield Quality Fund II, Inc.****Fund Overview**

BlackRock MuniYield Quality Fund II, Inc.'s (MQT) (the Fund) investment objective is to provide shareholders with as high a level of current income exempt from federal income taxes as is consistent with its investment policies and prudent investment management. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its assets in municipal bonds exempt from federal income taxes (except that the interest may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax). The Fund invests in municipal bonds which are in the three highest quality rating categories (A or better) or, if unrated, of comparable quality at the time of investment. The Fund invests primarily in long-term municipal bonds with maturities of more than ten years at the time of investment. The Fund may invest directly in such securities or synthetically through the use of derivatives.

No assurance can be given that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

Performance

For the six-month period ended October 31, 2012, the Fund returned 11.57% based on market price and 6.64% based on NAV. For the same period, the closed-end Lipper General & Insured Municipal Debt Funds (Leveraged) category posted an average return of 9.55% based on market price and 7.15% based on NAV. All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends. The Fund moved from a discount to NAV to a premium by period end, which accounts for the difference between performance based on price and performance based on NAV. The following discussion relates to performance based on NAV. During the period, the Fund benefited from declining interest rates (bond prices rise when interest rates fall), the flattening of the yield curve (long-term rates fell more than short and intermediate rates), coupon income and the tightening of credit spreads. The Fund's allocation to zero-coupon bonds delivered particularly strong performance amid declining interest rates. Exposure to the health sector also proved beneficial as spreads tightened significantly in that space. The Fund's short position in US Treasury futures as a strategy for hedging interest rate risk was a modest detractor from performance during the period.

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Fund Information

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Symbol on NYSE | MQT |
| Initial Offering Date | August 28, 1992 |
| Yield on Closing Market Price as of October 31, 2012 (\$15.10) ¹ | 5.52% |
| Tax Equivalent Yield ² | 8.49% |
| Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share ³ | \$0.0695 |
| Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share ³ | \$0.8340 |
| Economic Leverage as of October 31, 2012 ⁴ | 36% |

¹ Yield on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

² Tax equivalent yield assumes the maximum federal tax rate of 35%.

³ The distribution rate is not constant and is subject to change.

⁴ Represents Variable Rate Muni Term Preferred Shares (VMTP Shares) and TOBs as a percentage of total managed assets, which is the total assets of the Fund, including any assets attributable to VMTP Shares and TOBs, minus the sum of accrued liabilities. For a discussion of leveraging techniques utilized by the Fund, please see The Benefits and Risks of Leveraging on page 9.

The table below summarizes the changes in the Fund's market price and NAV per share:

| | 10/31/12 | 4/30/12 | Change | High | Low |
|-----------------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| Market Price | \$ 15.10 | \$ 13.93 | 8.40% | \$ 15.47 | \$ 13.75 |
| Net Asset Value | \$ 14.62 | \$ 14.11 | 3.61% | \$ 14.63 | \$ 14.11 |

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The following charts show the sector and credit quality allocations of the Fund's long-term investments:

Sector Allocation

| | 10/31/12 | 4/30/12 |
|--|----------|---------|
| County/City/Special District/School District | 31% | 28% |
| Transportation | 21 | 20 |
| State | 16 | 18 |
| Utilities | 11 | 11 |
| Health | 10 | 10 |
| Education | 5 | 6 |
| Housing | 4 | 6 |
| Corporate | 2 | 1 |

Credit Quality Allocation⁵

| | 10/31/12 | 4/30/12 |
|-----------|----------------|---------|
| AAA/Aaa | 8% | 12% |
| AA/Aa | 68 | 67 |
| A | 20 | 11 |
| BBB/Baa | 3 | 10 |
| Not Rated | 1 ⁶ | |

⁵ Using the higher of S&P's or Moody's ratings.

⁶ The investment advisor has deemed certain of these non-rated securities to be of investment grade quality. As of October 31, 2012, the market value of these securities was \$2,762,837, representing 1% of the Fund's long-term investments.

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The following table summarizes the percentage of each Fund's long-term investments with scheduled maturity dates and/or that are subject to potential calls by issuers over the next five years:

| Calendar Year Ended December 31, | MYD | MQY | MQT |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| 2012 | 5% | 4% | 3% |
| 2013 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 2014 | 3 | 8 | 10 |
| 2015 | 5 | 12 | 7 |
| 2016 | 5 | 3 | 5 |

Derivative Financial Instruments

The Funds may invest in various derivative financial instruments, including financial futures contracts, as specified in Note 2 of the Notes to Financial Statements, which may constitute forms of economic leverage. Such derivative financial instruments are used to obtain exposure to a market without owning or taking physical custody of securities or to hedge market, interest rate and/or other risks. Derivative financial instruments involve risks, including the imperfect correlation between the value of a derivative financial instrument and the underlying asset, possible default of the counterparty to the transaction or illiquidity of the derivative financial instrument. The Funds' ability to use a derivative financial instrument successfully depends on

the investment advisor's ability to predict pertinent market movements accurately, which cannot be assured. The use of derivative financial instruments may result in losses greater than if they had not been used, may require a Fund to sell or purchase portfolio investments at inopportune times or for distressed values, may limit the amount of appreciation a Fund can realize on an investment, may result in lower dividends paid to shareholders or may cause a Fund to hold an investment that it might otherwise sell. The Funds' investments in these instruments are discussed in detail in the Notes to Financial Statements.

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The Benefits and Risks of Leveraging

The Funds may utilize leverage to seek to enhance the yield and NAV of their common shares (Common Shares). However, these objectives cannot be achieved in all interest rate environments.

To obtain leverage, the Funds issue Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares (VRDP Shares) or Variable Rate Muni Term Preferred Shares (VMTP Shares) and previously issued and had outstanding Auction Market Preferred Shares (AMPS) (VRDP Shares, VMTP Shares and AMPS, are collectively referred to as Preferred Shares). Preferred shares pay dividends at prevailing short-term interest rates, and the Funds invest the proceeds in long-term municipal bonds. In general, the concept of leveraging is based on the premise that the financing cost of assets to be obtained from leverage, which will be based on short-term interest rates, will normally be lower than the income earned by each Fund on its longer-term portfolio investments. To the extent that the total assets of each Fund (including the assets obtained from leverage) are invested in higher-yielding portfolio investments, each Fund's shareholders will benefit from the incremental net income.

The interest earned on securities purchased with the proceeds from leverage is paid to shareholders in the form of dividends, and the value of these portfolio holdings is reflected in the per share NAV. However, in order to benefit shareholders, the yield curve must be positively sloped; that is, short-term interest rates must be lower than long-term interest rates. If the yield curve becomes negatively sloped, meaning short-term interest rates exceed long-term interest rates, income to shareholders will be lower than if the Funds had not used leverage.

To illustrate these concepts, assume a Fund's Common Shares capitalization is \$100 million and it issues Preferred Shares 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 3% and long-term interest rates are 6%, the yield curve has a strongly positive slope. In this case, the Fund pays dividends on the \$50 million of Preferred Shares based on the lower short-term interest rates. At the same time, the securities purchased by the Fund with assets received from Preferred Shares issuance earn income based on long-term interest rates. In this case, the dividends paid to holders of Preferred Shares (Preferred Shareholders) are significantly lower than the income earned on the Fund's long-term investments, and therefore the holders of Common Shares (Common Shareholders) are the beneficiaries of the incremental net income.

If short-term interest rates rise, narrowing the differential between short-term and long-term interest rates, the incremental net income pickup will be reduced or eliminated completely. Furthermore, if prevailing short-term interest rates rise above long-term interest rates, the yield curve has a negative slope. In this case, the Fund pays higher short-term interest rates whereas the Fund's total portfolio earns income based on lower long-term interest rates.

Furthermore, the value of the Funds' portfolio investments generally varies inversely with the direction of long-term interest rates, although other factors can influence the value of portfolio investments. In con-

trast, the redemption value of the Funds' Preferred Shares does not fluctuate in relation to interest rates. As a result, changes in interest rates can influence the Funds' NAVs positively or negatively in addition to the impact on Fund performance from leverage from Preferred Shares discussed above.

The Funds may also leverage their assets through the use of tender option bond trusts (TOBs), as described in Note 1 of the Notes to Financial Statements. TOB investments generally will provide the Funds with economic benefits in periods of declining short-term interest rates, but expose the Funds to risks during periods of rising short-term interest rates similar to those associated with Preferred Shares issued by the Funds, as described above. Additionally, fluctuations in the market value of municipal bonds deposited into the TOB trust may adversely affect each Fund's NAV per share.

The use of leverage may enhance opportunities for increased income to the Funds and Common Shareholders, but as described above, it also creates risks as short- or long-term interest rates fluctuate. Leverage also will generally cause greater changes in the Funds' NAVs, market prices and dividend rates than comparable portfolios without leverage. If the income derived from securities purchased with assets received from leverage exceeds the cost of leverage, the Funds' net income will be greater than if leverage had not been used. Conversely, if the income from the securities purchased is not sufficient to cover the cost of leverage, each Fund's net income will be less than if leverage had not been used, and therefore the amount available for distribution to Common Shareholders will be reduced. Each Fund may be required to sell portfolio securities at inopportune times or at distressed values in order to comply with regulatory requirements applicable to the use of leverage or as required by the terms of leverage instruments, which may cause a Fund to incur losses. The use of leverage may limit each Fund's ability to invest in certain types of securities or use certain types of hedging strategies, such as in the case of certain restrictions imposed by rating agencies that rate the Preferred Shares issued by the Funds. Each Fund will incur expenses in connection with the use of leverage, all of which are borne by Common Shareholders and may reduce income to the Common Shares.

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Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), the Funds are permitted to issue senior securities in the form of equity securities (e.g., Preferred Shares) up to 50% of their total managed assets (each Fund's total assets less the sum of its accrued liabilities). In addition, each Fund with VRDP Shares or VMTP Shares limits its economic leverage to 45% of its total managed assets. As of October 31, 2012, the Funds had economic leverage from Preferred Shares and/or TOBs as a percentage of their total managed assets as follows:

| | Percent of Economic Leverage |
|-----|---|
| MYD | 38% |
| MQY | 36% |
| MQT | 36% |

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Table of Contents**Schedule of Investments** October 31, 2012 (Unaudited)**BlackRock MuniYield Fund, Inc. (MYD)**

(Percentages shown are based on Net Assets)

| | Par | Value |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Municipal Bonds | (000) | |
| Alabama 0.7% | | |
| County of Jefferson Alabama, RB, Series A, 5.50%, 1/01/22 | \$ 5,250 | \$ 5,248,058 |
| Alaska 1.1% | | |
| Northern Tobacco Securitization Corp., Refunding RB, Tobacco Settlement, Asset-Backed, Series A: | | |
| 4.63%, 6/01/23 | 2,320 | 2,325,522 |
| 5.00%, 6/01/46 | 6,450 | 5,465,278 |
| | | 7,790,800 |
| Arizona 5.4% | | |
| Maricopa County IDA Arizona, RB, Arizona Charter Schools Project, Series A, 6.75%, 7/01/29 | 3,300 | 2,324,949 |
| Phoenix IDA Arizona, Refunding RB, America West Airlines, Inc. Project, AMT: | | |
| 6.25%, 6/01/19 | 3,000 | 2,748,690 |
| 6.30%, 4/01/23 | 5,090 | 4,510,351 |
| Pima County IDA, RB, Tucson Electric Power Co., Series A, 6.38%, 9/01/29 | 3,000 | 3,036,990 |
| Pima County IDA Arizona, ERB, Unrefunded Balance, 6.75%, 7/01/31 | 455 | 455,550 |
| Salt Verde Financial Corp., RB, Senior: | | |
| 5.00%, 12/01/32 | 7,365 | 8,508,637 |
| 5.00%, 12/01/37 | 14,190 | 16,424,074 |
| Vistancia Community Facilities District Arizona, GO, 5.75%, 7/15/24 | 2,125 | 2,258,004 |
| | | 40,267,245 |
| California 7.7% | | |
| California Health Facilities Financing Authority, RB: | | |
| St. Joseph Health System, Series A, 5.75%, 7/01/39 | 4,425 | 5,111,760 |
| Stanford Hospital and Clinics, Series A, 5.00%, 8/15/51 | 2,400 | 2,681,304 |
| Sutter Health, Series B, 6.00%, 8/15/42 | 6,465 | 7,768,086 |
| California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Refunding RB, Catholic Healthcare West, Series A, 6.00%, 7/01/34 | 3,155 | 3,739,653 |
| California State Public Works Board, RB, Various Capital Projects, Sub-Series I-1, 6.38%, 11/01/34 | 2,385 | 2,886,470 |
| | Par | |
| Municipal Bonds | (000) | Value |
| California (concluded) | | |
| California Statewide Communities Development Authority, RB: | | |
| John Muir Health, 5.13%, 7/01/39 | \$ 4,375 | \$ 4,718,700 |
| Kaiser Permanente, Series A, 5.00%, 4/01/42 | 3,835 | 4,247,569 |
| City of Los Angeles Department of Airports, Refunding RB, International Airport, Series A, 5.25%, 5/15/39 | 1,605 | 1,810,841 |
| State of California, GO: | | |
| (AMBAC), 5.00%, 4/01/31 | 10 | 10,416 |
| Various Purpose, 6.00%, 3/01/33 | 5,085 | 6,305,197 |
| Various Purpose, 6.50%, 4/01/33 | 14,075 | 17,697,342 |
| | | 56,977,338 |
| Colorado 2.8% | | |
| City & County of Denver Colorado, RB, Series D, AMT (AMBAC), 7.75%, 11/15/13 | 2,785 | 2,870,193 |
| Colorado Health Facilities Authority, Refunding RB, Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society Project, 5.00%, 12/01/42 | 3,580 | 3,824,299 |
| Colorado Housing & Finance Authority, Refunding RB, S/F Program, Senior Series D-2, AMT, 6.90%, 4/01/29 | 100 | 103,533 |

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Plaza Metropolitan District No. 1 Colorado, Tax Allocation Bonds, Public Improvement Fee, Tax

Increment:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 8.00%, 12/01/25 | 6,850 | 7,090,709 |
| Subordinate, 8.13%, 12/01/25 | 1,885 | 1,884,943 |
| University of Colorado, RB, Series A: | | |
| 5.25%, 6/01/30 | 2,250 | 2,742,323 |
| 5.38%, 6/01/32 | 1,250 | 1,525,375 |
| 5.38%, 6/01/38 | 830 | 983,409 |

21,024,784

Connecticut 1.5%

| | | |
|--|-------|-----------|
| Connecticut State Health & Educational Facility Authority, RB, Ascension Health Senior Credit, 5.00%, 11/15/40 | 2,770 | 3,056,279 |
| Connecticut State Health & Educational Facility Authority, Refunding RB, Wesleyan University: | | |
| 5.00%, 7/01/35 | 2,225 | 2,535,833 |
| 5.00%, 7/01/39 | 5,000 | 5,647,250 |

11,239,362

Portfolio Abbreviations

To simplify the listings of portfolio holdings in the Schedules of Investments, the names and descriptions of many of the securities have been abbreviated according to the following list:

| | | | |
|--------------|---|----------------|---|
| ACA | American Capital Access Corp. | HDA | Housing Development Authority |
| AGC | Assured Guaranty Corp. | HFA | Housing Finance Agency |
| AGM | Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. | HRB | Housing Revenue Bonds |
| AMBAC | American Municipal Bond Assurance Corp. | IDA | Industrial Development Authority |
| AMT | Alternative Minimum Tax (subject to) | ISD | Independent School District |
| ARB | Airport Revenue Bonds | LOC | Letter of Credit |
| BHAC | Berkshire Hathaway Assurance Corp. | NPFGC | National Public Finance Guarantee Corp. |
| CAB | Capital Appreciation Bonds | PSF-GTD | Permanent School Fund Guaranteed |
| COP | Certificates of Participation | RB | Revenue Bonds |
| EDA | Economic Development Authority | Radian | Radian Financial Guaranty |
| EDC | Economic Development Corp. | S/F | Single-Family |
| ERB | Education Revenue Bonds | SO | Special Obligation |
| GAB | Grant Anticipation Bonds | Syncora | Syncora Guarantee |
| GARB | General Airport Revenue Bonds | VRDN | Variable Rate Demand Notes |
| GO | General Obligation Bonds | | |

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Table of Contents**Schedule of Investments (continued)****BlackRock MuniYield Fund, Inc. (MYD)****(Percentages shown are based on Net Assets)**

| | Par | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| | (000) | Value |
| Municipal Bonds | | |
| Delaware 1.6% | | |
| County of Sussex Delaware, RB, NRG Energy, Inc., Indian River Project, 6.00%, 10/01/40 | \$ 2,305 | \$ 2,597,643 |
| Delaware State EDA, RB, Exempt Facilities, Indian River Power, 5.38%, 10/01/45 | 8,275 | 8,900,755 |
| | | 11,498,398 |
| District of Columbia 2.9% | | |
| District of Columbia, Tax Allocation Bonds, City Market of Street Project, 5.13%, 6/01/41 | 4,440 | 4,805,057 |
| Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Refunding RB: | | |
| CAB, Second Senior Lien, Series B (AGC), 4.83%, 10/01/31 (a) | 8,350 | 3,385,340 |
| CAB, Second Senior Lien, Series B (AGC), 4.91%, 10/01/32 (a) | | |