

Donor Connection

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Dear Friends:

Please take a few moments to review this latest edition of the *Donor Connection*, a donor service of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. This quarterly publication is a service to donors seeking to connect with causes or non-profit organizations with charitable or program needs. Our intention is to provide you with a variety of charitable giving opportunities and to inform you about the activities of specific agencies.

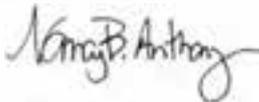
The agencies listed in the publication have Designated Endowment Funds with the Community Foundation and have submitted requests that staff have carefully reviewed. Site visits and in-depth research may not have been conducted on each proposal. However, staff are willing to do this on a particular program or agency at your request. Please contact Penny Voss at the Community Foundation, 405/235-5603, if you wish to obtain additional information or have comments on this publication. We also encourage you to deal with the agencies directly, and we have provided contact information for that purpose.

Serving donors is our top priority at the Community Foundation. We encourage you to consider these opportunities to help strengthen efforts by non-profit organizations in our community.

If you would like to learn more about other charitable giving opportunities or would like further information about these and other Designated Endowment Funds at the Community Foundation, please call. There also is a wealth of information at the Community Foundation's web site, www.occf.org.

Thank you for your generosity in making the community a better place to live.

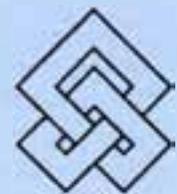
Sincerely,



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Allied Arts – Artists at School

Allied Arts has developed a new program called *Allied Artists@School* that will help provide guest arts educators to schools in central Oklahoma. The agency is requesting contributions to offset half the cost of providing a guest educator. A \$50 contribution will provide a guest educator for a three-hour session. Contributions of larger amounts could also apply to programs that are offered in one- to four-day increments.

Schools will work directly with artists who are listed in a resource booklet developed by Allied Arts. The roster includes both visual and performing artists, including actors, dancers, vocalists, storytellers and poets willing to visit schools.

Allied Arts supports cultural agencies in central Oklahoma. The organization, which was established in 1971, has 21 member agencies.

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Canterbury Choral Society – Children's Chorus Scholarships

The Canterbury Choral Society and the Canterbury Children's Chorus foster the appreciation and preservation of the art of choral performance. The choruses present regular performances statewide and train and educate vocalists of all ages.

The Children's Chorus serves youth in grades two to twelve. This group is adding a new ensemble beginning with the 2001-2002 concert season. The organization is seeking scholarships for young artists who demonstrate financial need.

The expansion will increase the number of participants from 125 to 200 and the number of ensembles to four.

A donation of \$500 will pay for one student's dues, music, uniform and other performance-related costs. Any size contribution may be applied for this program.

The Children's Chorus performs four concerts a season, plus one performance with the Choral Society. While building high quality choruses, the program seeks to instill pride and teamwork in youth.

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Guy Fraser Harrison Academy – Student Scholarships

The Guy Fraser Harrison Academy, founded in 1977, provides advanced orchestral education and performance opportunities for talented middle and high school musicians. It provides opportunities for young musicians from many schools to work together to challenge their skills under the direction of respected conductors and music educators.

The Academy has four orchestras: Festival Strings, a non-auditioned string orchestra for sixth and seventh grade students; Harrison Chamber Orchestra, for upper level school string students by audition; Oklahoma Youth

Philharmonic, a full orchestra for experienced musicians by audition; and Oklahoma Youth Orchestra, a full orchestra of 100 members for the most advanced high school musicians, also by audition. Yearly tuition ranges from \$180 for Festival Strings to \$300 for the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra.

Each year, the academy seeks to provide numerous partial and full scholarships. Donations are needed to provide scholarships for the 2001-2002 concert season. Contributions may sponsor one or more students' tuition or be earmarked for general scholarship funding.

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Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition – Artists' Workshop

The Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition supports artists living and working in the state and promotes visual arts through workshops, exhibitions, publications and grants.

The coalition is seeking donors to support workshops. A \$500 donation will underwrite the cost of a workshop, including invitations to artists, speakers' fees and room rental. In addition, a \$100 donation will provide five scholarships for artists. In-kind contributions of catering or printing are also needed.

The workshops are part of the coalition's popular Artist Survival Kit (ASK) program, which is a quarterly series of workshops and events that create forums for artists to share common experiences.

The ASK program brings together rural and urban artists with a wide variety of backgrounds to cultivate self-sufficiency and information sharing.

The coalition also welcomes volunteers willing to assist with mailings, Web site updates and writing.

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Health

American Cancer Society – Patient Transportation

The American Cancer Society provides education, support and resources for cancer patients and their families.

One of the organization's many activities is providing transportation services. Often patients and their families are required to drive 50 miles or more to receive life-saving treatments. The American Cancer Society provides transportation assistance for 60 local patients per year. A donation of \$150 will allow for one cancer patient to travel to a treatment center for a six-week course of radiation treatments.

The organization seeks to eliminate cancer as a major health problem by prevention, saving lives and diminishing suffering from the disease through research, education advocacy and service.

Research projects address prevention, detection and treatment. Education efforts include gender-specific information on cancer detection and prevention. Advocacy includes working to keep cancer issues as a top priority on the public agenda. Services include a wide array of patient-focused programs.

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The Children's Center – Patient Slings

The Children's Center provides 24 hour medical care, rehabilitative therapies and developmental education to critically ill children with multiple disabilities. Patients have disabilities as a result of birth defects or complications, physical abuse or neglect, debilitating illnesses, accidents and drug-dependent parents.

More than 95 percent of the patients are confined to bed or a wheelchair. The Center is seeking donations of \$350 to purchase one sling used to transport children from the bed to the wheelchair.

The Center provides inpatient care for approximately 100 children per year. A total of 34 slings are needed for these patients.

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Oklahoma City Police Athletic League – Workbooks, Scholarships

The Oklahoma City Police Athletic League (PAL) provides juvenile crime prevention through recreational and educational activities. Programs seek to create bonds between police officers and youth.

Current programs include drug and violence preventive education and after school and summer tee ball, basketball and soccer teams. The organization is seeking donations for several of its efforts. Needs include donations of \$40 to cover the cost of one child per sports season.

In addition, \$500 donors would help provide workbooks for the drug and violence prevention courses that are taught in the Oklahoma City Public Schools. Contributions of \$600 would cover the cost of one team for an entire season; \$1,000 would provide new equipment for one team; and \$5,000 would fund an entire season for one of the sports programs.

Volunteers are also needed to assist in athletic events in the capacity of coach, official or concession worker.

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Sugar Creek Camp – Camper Sponsorships

Sugar Creek Camp seeks to provide outdoor recreational and educational enrichment at no charge to Oklahoma City's disadvantaged children.

One of the organization's programs offers day camps during school breaks. These Break Camps provide a means of tracking and maintaining relationships between campers from the Summer Resident Camp and the counselors, who are certified school teachers in most cases. Plans call for serving approximately 60 children at each of two elementary school sites.

Break Camps are scheduled for 14 days during the school year 2001-2002. Activities for each camp include field trips, arts and crafts, literacy program and games. Each camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sugar Creek Camp provides services to children who qualify under the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

The organization is seeking donors to provide \$242.50 to send one camper to 14 days of Break Camp. Breaks are scheduled for October, December, January and March.

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YMCA – Sailing Program

The YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City provides youth with the opportunity to participate in a sailing program that is unique to Central and Southwestern United States.

The YMCA, recognizing that a large percentage of individuals have not participated in the sport, offers free lessons that allow anyone to experience sailing.

The organization is seeking donations to cover the educational component of the program. A donation of \$250 would cover the cost of 16 "Start Sailing Right" books. A

gift of \$300 would provide 10 copies of the companion video. A donation of \$450 would provide program instructors with a combination television/video cassette player.

Last year, more than 700 people were introduced to the sport of sailing through the YMCA program. Students from diverse backgrounds participated and learned to sail safely. This year's program is completely full.

The mission of the Y is to put Christian principles to practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

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Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled – Park Restoration

The Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled was established in 1961 to provide recreational, educational and socialization activities for adults and children with physical and/or mental disabilities. The foundation also provides pre-vocational activities for adults. The foundation serves more than 500 individuals.

The organization is currently seeking to restore a common park area, which is used by those it serves for various outdoor activities. Over the years, all original tables

and benches have deteriorated.

The organization is asking for donations to cover eight sets of tables at \$140 per set. Also needed are benches at a cost of \$60 each. A total of eight benches will be replaced. The entire group of tables and benches could be purchased by a single donation of \$1,600.

In addition, the foundation is recruiting volunteers that would be willing to landscape the park area and perform general gardening chores.

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Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma – Kids Cafe

The Regional Food Bank helps the charitable community effectively feed people in need. In addition to distributing more than 14 million pounds of food this year to agencies in central and western Oklahoma, the organization supports Kids Cafes. This program provides nutritious food and a safe place for low-income children to be after school and in the summer.

At Kids Cafes, children also learn about cooking, nutrition and hygiene, as well as

participate in fun and educational activities.

A donation of \$280 would cover the average cost of providing snacks, meals and activities for one child for one year at a Kids Cafe location.

The Regional Food Bank currently assists 22 Kids Cafes based in churches and community centers. Last year, Kids Cafes served more than 96,000 snacks and meals to hundreds of children in several Oklahoma communities.

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Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation – Beds for Boys Ranch

The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation was created to meet the funding needs for projects approved by the Lions of Oklahoma. One of these projects is the Lions Boys Ranch, which provides comprehensive, community-based long term residential care to neglected and abused boys from age 12 to 18. The primary effort of the Lions Boys Ranch is to provide a safe, nurturing, supportive and structured environment for residents.

While at the Ranch, a boy lives in a family-like setting with house parents and other boys. The typical length of stay is between 12 to 18 months before returning home or to a foster home.

The Lions Service Foundation is seeking to replace old beds that are no longer serviceable. The institutional-quality beds, which hold up longer than standard furniture, cost \$427 per bed. The foundation is requesting a total of 8 beds at a total cost of \$3,416.

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Oklahoma Archeological Survey – Bison Bones Excavation

The Oklahoma Archeological Survey was established as a state agency to plan and conduct programs in the research, resource management and public education related to Oklahoma's recorded history.

The agency is preparing to begin an excavation of bison bones at a location known as Jake's Bluff in Harper County.

The agency is seeking donations to help cover costs of the effort. A \$500 donation would cover the costs of research equipment, including a field vehicle, coring rig and

photographic film. A donation of \$1,000 would support one graduate student for the duration of the field work. Students from the University of Oklahoma will participate in all aspects of the field work and analysis.

The month-long effort is expected to uncover the entire bison bone pile, which is estimated to be about 10,500 years old.

The site contains the residue from the butchering of animal parts removed from a kill, and the excavation will reveal information on how animal kills were processed.

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Oklahoma Heritage Association – History and Geography Scholarships

The Oklahoma Heritage Association is dedicated to the preservation of state and local heritage. The organization sponsors the annual Oklahoma Heritage Scholarship Competition, which is open to students in grades 9 through 12.

The competition centers on students' performance on an exam dealing with the state's heritage and geography. In the first round of competition, thousands of students from all across the state compete against others within their county.

The association is seeking donations of \$1,000 for scholarships to award. The donor

may choose which county receives the donation. In addition, scholarships may be named by the donor. In many cases, donors have chosen to name scholarships in the memory or honor of another individual.

The funds are held in trust until the student enrolls in an institution of higher learning. The funds are then applied to the cost of tuition, books, room and board.

In addition to the scholarship program, the association sponsors the annual Oklahoma Hall of Fame recognition ceremonies and statewide activities for students during Heritage Week.

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Education

Francis Tuttle Foundation, Inc. – Scholarships

The Francis Tuttle Foundation seeks to support the educational efforts at the Francis Tuttle Technology Center, a vocational/technical program.

The foundation is seeking support for Project HOPE, a secondary education program that recruits young people who have dropped out of high school and gives them the opportunity to earn a high school diploma.

Donors are asked to contribute \$1,000 toward a scholarship.

Since its beginning in 1996, the program has recruited and graduated 70 students who had previously abandoned high school. The average rate of graduation is 85 percent.

The foundation seeks donations that will permit students to continue their scholastic success by continuing studies at Francis Tuttle and at other colleges.

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The Kirkpatrick Family Fund recently awarded the following organizations a challenge grant to expand their endowment funds at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. That means any donor who gives a gift designated to one of these organization's endowment funds during the challenge period will have their gift matched by the Kirkpatrick Family Fund.

The organizations that apply for and receive challenge grants from the Kirkpatrick Family Fund really care about their future and are planning for the long term. They need your support in seeing their plan is fulfilled.

If you would like to help the following organizations with their challenge grants, you can send a check made payable to: Oklahoma City Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1146, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1146 (be sure to designate the agency fund or funds you wish to help).

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Capitol Hill High School Scholarship Fund
Central High School Alumni Association
Christ the King School
Deer Creek Enrichment Foundation
Exchange Club Center for Prevention of Child Abuse
Individual Artists of Oklahoma
Junior League of Oklahoma City (completed)
Oklahoma City Orchestra League
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma Foundation for the Education of Blind Children and Youth
Oklahoma FFA Foundation
Oklahoma Heritage Association Scholarship Fund
Oklahoma Zoological Society
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Oklahoma County
Sacred Heart School (El Reno)
St. John's Episcopal School
Willow Springs Boys Ranch
World Neighbors
YMCA Camp Classen

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