



News from the Executive Director

OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

June 2006

Dear Donors and Friends:

On May 23, the Trustees approved several important items at their quarterly meeting.

New Trustee. Harry Merson was elected as a new Trustee of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation for a term ending June 30, 2009. He was nominated by the Chief Judge of the Western District of Oklahoma, Robin Cauthron. Harry is a lifetime resident of Oklahoma City, a graduate of Capitol Hill High School and the University of Oklahoma College of Law. He was an active member of the MAPS oversight board and is currently a trustee of the Oklahoma City Jewish Community Foundation and the Oklahoma City Public School Foundation. We are pleased to have someone with Harry's broad community experience to serve as a Trustee.

Jim Holloman retires. After 10 years of very faithful service, Jim Holloman will be retiring as a Trustee of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation on June 30. Jim has been the chairman of the Investment Committee and Scholarship Committee and most recently served as President of the Board for the past three years. We will miss his very significant contributions but he has agreed to continue to serve on the Investment Committee. We want to thank Jim for all that he has done.

Kirk Hall elected President. The Trustees elected Kirk Hall as the new president of the Board of Trustees; Paul Odom continues as Vice President and Steve Mason as Treasurer for 2006-07. Kirk has served as a Trustee since 2001 and has been chairman of the Audit Committee and the Scholarship Committee. Currently he is chairman of the Facilities Committee and is actively involved in planning for the new building. John Belt continues as Secretary and General Counsel.

Building Contract Approved and Groundbreaking Ceremony Scheduled. The Trustees unanimously approved authorizing a construction contract with Timberlake Construction for our new building at Northwest 10th and Broadway Avenue. The bidding process was open to all qualified companies, four companies submitted bids and Timberlake was the low bidder. Work on the project is expected to begin in mid-June with completion by July 1, 2007. You are invited to attend the official groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, June 23rd at 9:00 a.m. This is an exciting time for our organization and I look forward to seeing you on the 23rd.

Grants Awarded. Grants for more than \$269,000 were awarded to 24 organizations for projects ranging from trees to health care expenses to books for literacy training. A significant commitment was made to the Central Oklahoma Healthcare Improvement Collaborative, composed of St. Anthony Hospital, University Hospital, Integris and Integris Southwest, to develop alternative medical care for patients who are currently being treated in emergency rooms but who could be cared for in a less expensive and more medically appropriate setting. We are pleased to be involved in this cooperative effort to address a significant community health care issue.

Other recent news items included the following:

National Standards Approval. The Oklahoma City Community Foundation is the first Oklahoma community foundation to be certified by the Council on Foundations as part of its National Standards program. The standards include 47 different criteria involving both structure and performance that represent the best practices within the community foundation field. Approximately 190 of more than 600 community foundation

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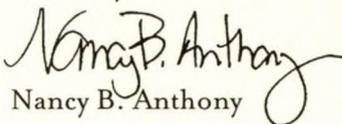
throughout the country have received this certification. The Oklahoma City Community Foundation is the 20th largest in the country with assets valued on March 31, 2006 of \$495 million.

Scholarship Activities. With two luncheon programs attended by more than 500 and more than 40 awards ceremony presentations, 156 Community Foundation Scholars and Foundation of Promise Scholars were recognized by staff and Trustees over the past few months. Also, 60 other scholarship funds have made individual awards to more than 200 additional students. A scholarship program report will be mailed in June listing all of the independent scholarship funds including 11 new funds added during the current fiscal year. The scholarship program and our Oklahoma County Guidance Network continue to provide donors interested in supporting scholarships one of the best ways to accomplish their charitable goals effectively and efficiently.

USS Oklahoma Anchor Rededication Ceremony Scheduled. The USS Oklahoma Anchor is now firmly secured atop its granite pedestal located in Campbell Park near Northwest 13th and Broadway Avenue. To make way for the renovation of the Skirvin Hotel, we worked with the Skirvin, the Urban Renewal Authority and the City of Oklahoma City to move the anchor. In conjunction with the Navy League, we have scheduled a rededication ceremony for 7:30 a.m. on Friday, June 30th. You are welcome to attend.

Marilyn Myers. We were very saddened by the recent death of Marilyn Myers, former Executive Director of the Kirkpatrick Family Fund, Assistant Secretary of the Community Foundation for more than 20 years, and friend and mentor to Oklahoma City's nonprofit community. A fund honoring Marilyn was established by the Kirkpatrick Family Fund and will benefit the education programs at Harn Homestead, one of Marilyn's favorite community organizations. Marilyn was still actively engaged in a number of our committees and activities and will be greatly missed.

Sincerely,



Nancy B. Anthony

Event Reminders:

Friday, June 23, 9:00 a.m.: Groundbreaking ceremony for new building, 1000 N. Broadway Ave.

Friday, June 30, 7:30 a.m.: Rededication of USS Oklahoma Anchor, Campbell Park, 1300 N. Broadway Ave.