



News from the Executive Director

OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

March 2006

Dear Friends and Supporters:

A strong 2005. The year 2005 ended with great flourish at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Since July, we have started 23 new Advised Funds, one new Affiliated Fund, nine scholarship funds and 10 charitable organization endowment funds. Contributions for the first six months of the fiscal year exceeded \$16 million and the market value of all assets as of December 31, 2005 was \$476 million. This is a historic record for total assets and reflects both good stewardship through investment return and an increased participation from generous donors in our community.

One significant year-end gift was the termination of the Bill and Sally McNutt Foundation into a Legacy Fund. Mr. and Mrs. McNutt were former residents of Oklahoma City and donors to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation since 1976. The couple funded their private foundation through estate gifts and their daughter, Janet McNutt, oversaw the foundation's operations. In December, Janet McNutt decided to terminate the private foundation and create the Bill and Sally McNutt Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. She will continue to provide advice on gifts from the fund during her lifetime. We will take care of all of the administrative tasks now and oversee the distributions from the fund after Janet is no longer able to do so. The legacy of Bill and Sally McNutt will continue on in Oklahoma City and with the charities and causes that they wished to support.

Awareness Campaign Update. Two aspects of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation's awareness campaign recently won two Addy Awards for Jordan Associates. The campaign includes a series of six, 30-second television commercials and a six-minute video, both created by Jordan Associates to help us build awareness in the broader community. The commercials focus on stories of a number of Community Foundation donors, the gifts that they made and the impact that the gifts have had in helping people in our community. The video used with professional advisors expands on these stories and adds more information about the types of assets that donors can use and the tax and estate planning advantages that are available. The goal of both the commercials and the video is to associate donor stories with the impact of their gifts and the role that we can play to help donors achieve their charitable goals.

New Building Update. Plans for our new office building at Northwest 10th Street and Broadway Avenue are being finalized and we expect to finish the construction drawings by the end of March, select a contractor by May 1 and begin construction soon after that. You will receive periodic updates from us about the progress and you are certainly invited to watch the building go up as you travel along either 10th or Broadway.

USS Oklahoma Anchor. The anchor of the USS Oklahoma will have a new home in Campbell Park near our current building and at the southeast corner of Northwest 13th Street and Broadway Avenue. The anchor was relocated from in front of the Skirvin Hotel when recent renovation efforts began. It was moved to the Skirvin site from its original location along Robinson Avenue where Leadership Square is now. The anchor was manufactured in 1919 in Chester, PA and weighs more than 19,800 pounds. It was one of three anchors on the USS Oklahoma when it was sunk during the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. The anchor was brought to Oklahoma City in 1960 through the efforts of John E. Kirkpatrick. Our organization has taken care of the anchor on behalf of the City of Oklahoma City since 2000 and we now have a new lease agreement with the Department of the Navy to care for

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and display the anchor in Campbell Park. The new location will feature the granite base from the Skirvin site, a simple brick plaza, a marker and a flag pole. It will be very visible from the street but will also provide a dignified memorial for the USS Oklahoma and a nice place for the annual remembrance ceremonies that occur around the anchor site. I am pleased to report that at its March 7th meeting, the City Council approved a landscape improvement and maintenance agreement between our organization and the Parks and Recreation Department as it relates to the new memorial site. In the recommendation to approve the agreement, City Manager Jim Couch noted that the agreement represents "a significant effort by the Foundation to maintain the USS Oklahoma Battleship Memorial and to continue to provide enhanced maintenance of Campbell Park."

Encouraging a healthy lifestyle. Do you walk every day or exercise in other ways? Our new Healthy Oklahomans Initiative will focus on encouraging everyone, old and young, fit and otherwise, to walk, run, bike, dance or do some type of exercise each day. Daily exercise is one of the most important elements for good physical and mental health and Oklahomans generally do not do as much as we should. A grant program will provide support for pilot programs to encourage people of all ages to walk each day. We will coordinate with our parks and school beautification programs to identify "great places to walk" and will encourage the development of safe, secure and well-lit places where walking can be fun. You will be hearing more about this effort over the next few months.

Grants support transportation program. A new transportation service that provides rides to individuals who live in the city's shelters is underway thanks to grants from the Fund for Oklahoma City and the Kirkpatrick Family Fund. A van route with about 20 stops including shelters, training centers, health services and other social services locations was developed by the Homeless Alliance to assist shelter residents and other homeless individuals get to necessary services in a convenient and efficient way. The grants will support the project for the first year with the expectation that its success will attract funding from federal and state transportation sources. Transportation in a city as geographically large as Oklahoma City is a barrier for many. We hope the grants and the new project will provide an opportunity for many more people to become self-sufficient.

Happy Birthday, Mr. Kirkpatrick. Just a few weeks ago, Mr. Kirkpatrick celebrated his 98th birthday. While he does not get out as much, he remains very interested in hearing about the activities at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and all of the donors with whom we work. I know you join with me in wishing him a very happy birthday and a great 99th year.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Anthony