



Kent Mauk

As a certified public accountant, Kent Mauk knows full well the tax benefits available to his clients who make charitable gifts. Through his donor advised fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, he experiences his own charitable giving and the impact it has on his community such as the grant to help provide bicycle racks on Metro Transit buses and trolleys.

"There was a real public need for bicycle racks on our Metro Transit buses and trolleys," he says. "I was glad I was able to help."

Mauk, a bicycle enthusiast who participated in the 2006 Bike-To-Work Day activities, established the donor advised fund as a way to dispose of appreciated securities and receive the greatest tax advantage and "because it also allows me to control the timing of charitable contribution tax deductions."



Several hundred bicyclists took part in the 2006 Bike-To-Work Day.

Combining Bicycling and Public Transportation

By recommending a grant through his donor advised fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, Kent Mauk has helped to make getting around the community easier for bicycle enthusiasts. Mauk's Great Grant to the Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority (COPTA) helped the organization secure matching federal funds that allowed for the purchase of bicycle racks for all Metro Transit buses and trolleys in Oklahoma City and Edmond. The bicycle racks are mounted on the front of the buses and trolleys with each rack able to transport up to two bicycles.

Many Oklahoma City residents do not reside near a bus route at either the start or end of their commute. With the addition of bicycle racks to the buses and trolleys, people now have the opportunity to bicycle from their homes to a stop, place the bicycle on the rack, ride to the desired stop then bike after exiting the bus. People can also drive to a park-and-ride

location, taking their bicycles with them as they get on a bus then completing their journey by biking to work, school or other destinations.

Mauk, a certified public accountant, was inspired to help after he learned that a client was going to be without an automobile for a week. "My client was more than happy to take the bus for work but he lives in far northwest Oklahoma City and was more than two miles from the nearest bus route and too far from work to bike the entire way," he says. "Bike racks on buses could have saved him both time and money. There are surely hundreds or thousands of people in Oklahoma City who find themselves in the same predicament."

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation helps donors such as Kent Mauk help their community. If you are interested in discussing how your charitable giving can benefit the community, please contact Jennifer Stewart at 405/235-5603.

Great Grants



Helping Our Community

Through a Great Grant.

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation makes charitable giving simple and flexible. Just ask Kent Mauk. Because we are able to accept a variety of assets such as appreciated securities, he is able to achieve both his charitable and financial goals.

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation staff works each day with donors, ensuring that they receive the most benefits—both tax-wise and personally—from their charitable giving. Contact us to find out how we can help you help your community through a donor advised fund. Contact us at 405/235-5603 or visit www.occf.org.



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