

Celebrating Years!

As we mark 50 years of being Your Connection for Good, we celebrated with a variety of activities throughout the community.

He dreamed of an OKC no one else could see...

Throughout 2019, you may have seen and heard a little more about the Oklahoma City Community Foundation through a series of television, radio and digital advertisements. This significant milestone was the perfect opportunity to reflect on our history and highlight the impact we have helped countless donors and charitable organizations make in the community. See our commercials at [YouTube.com/occforg](https://www.youtube.com/occforg).



The Great Idea Challenge: Great Ideas for a Greater Community

In celebration of the momentum created by our founder, John E. Kirkpatrick, who had the courage to believe in Oklahoma City, we launched The Great Idea Challenge. Much like Mr. Kirkpatrick's great idea of creating a community foundation that would inspire others to give to charity, we sought to inspire innovative ideas that will impact our community throughout the next 50 years.

The competitive grant process generated nearly 100 ideas, of which six were selected for funding. In January 2019, we awarded a total of \$1 million to six great ideas for our community that represent a diverse cross section of interests and needs that will touch the lives of thousands and further improve quality of life in central Oklahoma.



Great Art for a Great City – Allied Arts was chosen for their project to build an online arts and cultural calendar for Oklahoma City. ArtAroundOKC.com is an easy-to-navigate platform featuring the latest arts and cultural happenings in Oklahoma City including gallery exhibitions, festivals, performances, concerts, workshops and much more!

Pets for Life: Serving People and Pets – The nonprofit organization **Best Friends of Pets'** Great Idea is to bring the 'Pets for Life' national community outreach model to Oklahoma City, connecting residents in underserved communities with free or low-cost veterinary care for pets and social services for their owners.



OKC HUB (Helping Urban Business) Thrive – The Greater OKC Hispanic Chamber

of Commerce established a business development program for women entrepreneurs from underrepresented groups, including Hispanics and other minorities. The bilingual business cohort provides training, mentoring and networking opportunities to help women launch, sustain and grow small business ventures.



Employment and Training Alliance of Central Oklahoma – Goodwill Industries of Central Oklahoma

was selected for their program to convene central Oklahoma employment organizations, training providers and other partner agencies to help jobseekers navigate the services that support sustainable employment.



INTEGRIS Mobile Wellness Clinic – INTEGRIS Foundation

collaborated with the **Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation** and other partners to provide a mobile wellness clinic for underserved communities with limited access to healthcare throughout Oklahoma County.



Curbside Chronicle Center for Social Enterprise – The Homeless Alliance

plans to expand its Curbside Chronicle program and launch a network of supportive employment enterprises including a brick and mortar flower shop to create jobs for individuals who face significant barriers to employment, such as homelessness.

Learn more at occf.org/greatidea.



The Advisor's Role in Philanthropy

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation is honored to partner with many estate planners, attorneys, accountants and other professional advisors throughout the community to help fulfill their clients' charitable giving objectives. These trusted advisors play an essential role in connecting passionate individuals and families with the tools to help them give back to the community. In June 2019, we hosted a free, one-day, continuing-education seminar for professional advisors featuring nationally recognized experts on charitable estate planning.



Jim Denton, Ron Burke, Steve Replogle and Ginny Bass Carl

At the event, 10 metro-area professionals were recognized for their completion of the Community Foundation-sponsored Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy (CAP) program, a year-long series of graduate level courses on charitable estate planning presented by The American College.

"The Community Foundation continues to bring stellar speakers to the advisor and nonprofit community who stretch each of us to consider a world where philanthropy is embraced as the norm and not the exception. Especially in Oklahoma where generosity is a leading trait, the advice and wisdom shared by excellent practitioners provide the next logical and inspiring step to help Oklahomans make a difference and build better communities."

Ginny Bass Carl, Giving Well LLC

Oklahoma City Community Foundation River Trail

In May 2019, we completed a major tree-planting project along the Oklahoma River's north shore, officially opening the Oklahoma City Community Foundation River Trail with a dedication ceremony on May 15.

Starting in November 2018, we partnered with the Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department and the Oklahoma City Riverfront Redevelopment Authority to plant 800 trees, along with wildflowers, native grasses and seating areas on the 3.5-mile stretch of river trail between Harvey and Portland avenues. The project transformed an empty stretch of treeless space into a linear park, adding shade, color and scenic respite areas to the cycling and pedestrian trail. In honor of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation's investment, the stretch was named the Oklahoma City Community Foundation River Trail.



"We are proud of our expanding system of trails along the river and across Oklahoma City," said Doug Kupper, director of the Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department. "These enhancements will create shade glades, improve aesthetics on the river and provide cooling places for trail users."

Learn more at occf.org/rivertrail.

Project details

- Planted 800 trees along the pedestrian trail on the north shore of the Oklahoma River to increase shade and tree canopy and encourage greater use of the trail.
- Enhanced landscaping along 3.5 miles of the trail with native grasses and wildflowers to enhance the aesthetics and create managed, natural areas along the river.
- Added new seating areas to provide natural respite areas along the trail.
- Selected variety of tree species that grow well in Oklahoma and provide shade.
- Renamed the Oklahoma City Community Foundation River Trail.

Oklahoma City Community Foundation Archives

In 2019, we launched an online archive to showcase the history of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and the generous donors who have helped us make a difference throughout the past 50 years. Find donor stories, past annual reports and other historical documents and photos dating back to 1969 at occf.org/archives.



A Swinging Good Time

Our yearlong 50th anniversary celebration culminated with a crescendo in the heart of downtown Oklahoma City as thousands gathered to experience The Musical Swings. The interactive art installation visited Bicentennial Park near the Civic Center for three weeks from Sept. 20-Oct. 13. The Musical Swings were free and open to the public as a gift from the Community Foundation.

"Throughout 2019, we celebrated the Oklahoma City Community Foundation's 50th anniversary by giving back to this great community we call home," said Nancy B. Anthony, Oklahoma City Community Foundation President. "It's an exciting time to live in Oklahoma City and we felt like bringing this internationally known art installation to the heart of downtown was a perfect way to round out our yearlong celebration."

Created by Daily tous les jours, a Montreal-based interaction design studio, The Musical Swings is a new media art installation that offers a fresh look at the idea of cooperation — the notion that we can achieve more together than individually. Each of the 10 musical swings represents one of four instruments, a piano, a harp, a guitar and a vibraphone. Sound is triggered as each swing moves back and forth, and they can move in synchronicity to maintain rhythms and create complex melodies. The result is a giant, collective instrument that brings people together and activates public spaces.

Since premiering in 2014 at the Green Box Arts Festival in Green Mountain Falls, Colorado, The Musical Swings have traveled to San Jose, Detroit, Palm Beach, Manhattan and many other cities across the United States.



50 Years of Being Your Connection for Good

1969 - 2019

1969 When John E. Kirkpatrick introduced the idea of a community foundation in Oklahoma City, few of his colleagues had heard of the concept and even fewer understood it.

Prompted by the National Tax Reform Act of 1969 that imposed new restrictions on private foundations, he enlisted local attorney Don Ellison to help develop the legal structure for the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, modeled after the Cleveland Foundation, one of the oldest and largest community foundations in the country.



On March 1, 1969, the first Trustee meeting was held at the First National Center in downtown Oklahoma City. The first significant gift was from John Kirkpatrick: a gift of Cimarron Television Corporation stock, which would later become KOCO-TV Channel 5 in Oklahoma City.

Nine Founding Trustees

John E. Kirkpatrick	Luther T. Dulaney	Dean A. McGee
Charles Bennett	Harvey P. Everest	J.B. Saunders
Dr. James L. Dennis	Sylvan N. Goldman	Stanton L. Young



1970 Colorado banker Jasper D. Ackerman established the first endowment fund to solely benefit a charitable organization with a \$25,000 gift for the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

Oklahoma Publishing Company president E.K. Gaylord established the first permanent scholarship fund with a gift of stock.



1971 Florence Ogden Wilson, niece of Oklahoma City pioneer William Fremont Harn, used



proceeds from the sale of her family's real estate to establish endowment funds for five charitable organizations: Allied Arts, Oklahoma City Museum of Art, Oklahoma Zoological Society, YMCA and YWCA.

In celebration of the Community Foundation's 10th anniversary, John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick offered the first Kirkpatrick Match Challenge to help charitable organizations grow their endowment funds and attract new donors. The match generated nearly \$740,000 for endowments that the Kirkpatricks matched dollar for dollar.



"It's exciting, these times at the Community Foundation. We are growing in each and every way. What a wonderful vehicle it is to do so many things for so many organizations and projects."
John E. Kirkpatrick

1981

The Community Foundation's assets nearly doubled thanks to a gift from Oklahoma oil and gas pioneer William T. Payne. Following his death, the assets of Payne Petroleum created the William T. Payne endowment fund.

1985

Nancy B. Anthony became the fourth executive director and also the Community Foundation's only full-time employee at the time.



1987



William and Margaret Davis and their children established the first affiliated fund following the sale of their family-owned food distribution company Wm. E. Davis & Sons.

After operating out of the back of the Kirkpatrick Oil Company at 1300 N. Broadway for 18 years, the Community Foundation moved to an office at 115 Park Avenue in downtown Oklahoma City that was donated by the Kerr Foundation.

1989

As the state of Oklahoma celebrated its Centennial, the Community Foundation marked its 20th year with a series of grants supporting seven Centennial projects including a historical map of the 1889 Land Run.



1991 Oklahoma City schoolteacher Margaret Annis Boys left a \$1.5 million gift in her estate to create a permanent endowment to beautify public lands in Oklahoma City. Her gift was a catalyst for the Parks & Public Space Initiative that has generated additional contributions and community support throughout the years.

1992

Founders of the global equipment manufacturer Ditch Witch Ed and Mary Malzahn established the Malzahn Family Affiliated Fund to serve their hometown of Perry, Oklahoma, and greater Noble County.

1994



The Community Foundation launched its first major community program, After School Options (AO) Initiative.

A few months after the Community Foundation moved back to 1300 N. Broadway, Oklahoma City was



1995 forever changed with the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building on April 19. The Community Foundation helped facilitate the outpouring of support from across the nation, and established the Oklahoma City Disaster Relief Fund and Survivors' Education Fund to assist with the long-term needs of those impacted by the bombing. This expansion of services prompted the hiring of the Community Foundation's first full-time scholarship coordinator, Anna-Faye Rose.

1998

The Trustee Scholarship Initiative was launched to help more students in central Oklahoma attend college through scholarships and free training for high school guidance counselors.

A group of Lawton citizens transferred assets from the Lawton Retail Merchants Association to create the Lawton Community Foundation. Operating as an affiliate organization, the Lawton Community Foundation serves southwest Oklahoma through scholarships, community grants and annual distributions to charitable organizations with endowments.

1999

The Community Foundation moved into its new home, an 18,000-square-foot building that housed the staff and offered public meeting space for nonprofits.



2000



After being named the first female president of the Board of Trustees, Jeanette Gamba helped bring the community foundation online with its first website, occf.org.

2003

To address a shortage of qualified nurses, the Nurse Education Program was established to provide scholarships for students studying nursing.

2004

Trustees completed a long-range planning effort that set the Community Foundation on a path to secure a new, permanent headquarters, as well as launch a community awareness campaign, marking its first venture into television and radio commercials.

2006



The Community Foundation broke ground for its new headquarters at the corner of 10th and Broadway that would be the first new office construction along Automobile Alley in four decades.

Founder John E. Kirkpatrick would not live to see the completion of the new facility. He died Oct. 3, 2006, at the age of 98, leaving behind a legacy of generosity that will impact the community for generations.

2007



The Community Foundation moved into its new home, an 18,000-square-foot building that housed the staff and offered public meeting space for nonprofits.

2009

The Community Foundation celebrated its 40th anniversary with several key projects including Get Reading Oklahoma, an initiative to assist Oklahoma adults in improving their reading, writing and math skills.

Get Reading Oklahoma

The Community Foundation expanded its reach into rural Oklahoma in 1995 when Shamrock Bank CEO Carolyn Watson established the Carolyn Watson Rural Oklahoma Community Foundation to support rural communities and classrooms. In 2010, Carolyn established a scholarship fund for students graduating from Oklahoma rural high schools that would become the largest scholarship program administered by the Community Foundation.

2011

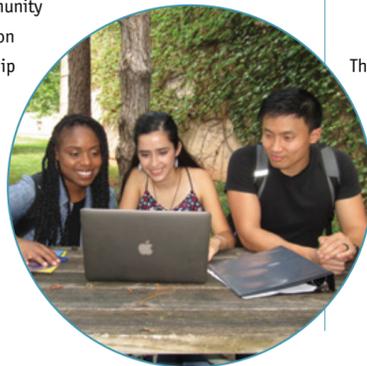
The introduction of the iFund Grants Program provided an opportunity to help meet community needs in three areas: Access to Health Care, Opportunities for Children and Services for Elderly.

The Community Foundation launched GiveSmartOKC.org, a free online service featuring in-depth information on charitable organizations serving central Oklahoma.

GiveSmartOKC
Know More. Give More.

2013

With more than 150 scholarship endowments, the Community Foundation scholarship application process moved online.



2010



Muskogee resident Miriam Freedman transferred her family's trusts to create the Kirschner Trusts Affiliated Fund that supports Muskogee-area nonprofits, Jewish education programs and opportunities for foster children.

2014

Trustees launched the Wellness Initiative to meet community needs around physical activity, good nutrition and healthy lifestyle choices. GetMovingOKC.org went online, providing a resource to help Oklahoma City residents find opportunities to be more active.



Following the 2013 death of longtime Community Foundation friend, supporter and general counsel John Belt, a permanent sculpture in his honor was commissioned and installed in the Paseo Arts District.

2015



2018

The Community Foundation outgrew its headquarters and nearly doubled the building's size with an addition, providing even more meeting space for community groups.



2019

Learn more about the history of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation at occf.org/archives.