



Florida M. Knight



A businesswoman, Florida M. Knight believed in helping those less fortunate. A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Knight moved to Oklahoma City 1909 and came to love her new community. In 1924, she became the owner of a paint and glass company and eventually built and owned several commercial properties in downtown Oklahoma City.

A noted child advocate, Mrs. Knight wanted to improve the health and well being of disabled children in Oklahoma City. She was proud of her properties, particularly a building located on Park Avenue. In her will, she directed that the income from that building be used to establish a fund to help disabled children in the community.

Mrs. Knight died in 1964. Her property no longer exists and she has no remaining family in the community yet, because she had the desire to help disabled or handicapped children, her charitable giving continues 40 years after her death. Contact Jennifer Stewart at 405/235-5603 to discuss how we can help you perpetuate your charitable gifts.

Great Gifts

The Children's Center provides medical care to help critically ill children reach their full potential.

THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

A medical situation that requires moving a child from its home to a resident facility can trigger strong feelings of grief, shock, guilt and anger for the child as well as the family. The staff at The Children's Center is witness to such emotions with each patient placement at the non-profit pediatric hospital. Thanks to a recent grant from the Florida M. Knight Trust, a licensed professional counselor is now available to help both the family and the child.

The counselor addresses significant emotional reactions and works to develop immediate strategies to help the family and child cope during the difficult time. The center cares for children age birth to 18 who have disabilities or handicaps as a result of birth defects, traumatic accidents, physical abuse and neglect and illnesses. Already the counselor has



provided one family with the tools necessary to deal with the trauma of their child's condition and its impact on the family.

"Our counseling sessions gave us the opportunity to share our emotions with each other regarding our child's accident," the father says. "Although we thought we were communicating with each other, we were still unaware of our feelings. The counselor provided an environment where we could talk openly and understand each other's emotions."

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation is pleased that it is able to continue the charitable wishes of donors such as Florida M. Knight with grants to organizations like The Children's Center. For more information on how you can make a Great Gift like Mrs. Knight's, please contact us at 405/235-5603.

Helping Our Community

Great Gifts

Florida M. Knight had a special interest in helping disabled and handicapped children.

In her will she established a trust to benefit such children. Ten years after her death in 1964, her family asked the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to provide oversight of the trust's distributions. Since then, we have worked to ensure that grants from the trust stay true to Mrs. Knight's original intent. We believe she would be pleased to know that 40 years after her death, her one charitable gift continues to make the lives of disabled and handicapped children just a little easier.

Helping perpetuate the gifts of donors like Mrs. Knight is what the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has been doing for 35 years. Contact Jennifer Stewart at 405/235-5603 to discuss how we can help you with your charitable gift planning.



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