



Maimee L. Browne



Service to her community defined the life of Maimee L. Browne. Using her positive attitude and a boundless amount of enthusiasm, Mrs. Browne initiated a variety of causes from starting college savings programs for school children to organizing the first formal Citizenship Ceremonial in 1922 that remains the model for our country's naturalization ceremony.

After moving to Oklahoma City in 1923, she directed her energy toward numerous projects such as starting parent education classes in Oklahoma City schools and initiating the city's Planned Parenthood Federation. And through her efforts, the Redbud was named the state tree in 1938. Thanks to the earnings from a memorial fund established after her death in 1963, Mrs. Browne's support of her community continues through the Fund for Oklahoma City.

Perpetuating the impact of people like Maimee Browne is what the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has been doing for 35 years. Contact Jennifer Stewart at 405/235-5603 to learn how we can help you help your community.

# Great Grants

## YWCA SANE *program*

In 2000, the YWCA of Oklahoma City received nearly 500 calls to its 24-hour rape crisis hotline. That same year, the Oklahoma City police recorded 656 incidents of sexual assault.

A key element in reducing these violent crimes is the proper collection of evidence for prosecutors. Thanks to a Great Grant through the Fund for Oklahoma City to the YWCA, sexual assault victims in Oklahoma County are now receiving qualified forensic exams that have led to an increase in the prosecution of perpetrators.

It is estimated the 80 percent of the physical evidence of a sexual assault is located on the victim thus making the proper preservation of any evidence crucial. The YWCA SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) program assures that professionals who are trained in the collection, preservation and documentation of evidence treat the sexual assault victims. With the funding through a Great Grant, the SANE program was able to purchase the necessary equipment to facilitate the exams. The SANE program is a collaboration between the



*The YWCA's SANE program offers vital support for victims of sexual assault.*

YWCA, law enforcement, victim advocate groups and three metro hospitals. Since its inception in 2002, it is quickly proving to be a valuable asset to police forensic laboratories.

Violent crimes affect not only the victims and their families but the quality of life in the community in which they live. With the help from a Great Grant, the SANE program is reducing these types of crimes in Oklahoma County.

If your non-profit organization is interested in a Great Grant through the Fund for Oklahoma City, please contact Gayle Farley at 405/235-5603 or [g.farley@occf.org](mailto:g.farley@occf.org).



# Helping Our Community

*The Fund for Oklahoma City helps good organizations do important projects that impact the community like the YWCA SANE program* ✿

The Fund for Oklahoma City exists thanks to thousands of donors whose contributions over the years make Great Grants like this possible.

Since its founding 35 years ago, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has become a charitable leader in central Oklahoma. We work with individuals and non-profit organizations to create endowment funds for the benefit of the community. The Oklahoma City Community Foundation makes charitable giving easy, flexible, effective and powerful.

For more information on the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and how we can help you help the community, please visit [www.occf.org](http://www.occf.org) or call us at 405/235-5603.



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