



## SHIRK BEQUEST NAMES OCCF

George H. Shirk, mayor, historian, lawyer and civic leader, was an early friend of Community Foundation. In 1970, less than a year after the Foundation was established, he wrote:

*"I feel that it is imperative that I be a part of this project; and, in the years ahead I hope to participate more generously."*

Participate, he did. George established the "Carrie Shirk Fund" in memory of his mother, and he stipulated the income be used for the community's best interest.

That same year he was instrumental in developing an Endowment Fund for the Oklahoma Westerners Indian Territory Posse.

George explained:

*"Throughout the Western Hemisphere, and with groups in England and Western Europe, there is a loosely knit organization of Western history buffs known as Westerners. Each local "chapter" is known as a Posse. Each Posse has its own particular projects such as erecting historical markers, publishing booklets and pamphlets on Western history, and the like.*

*Here in Oklahoma City we have the Indian Territory Posse of Oklahoma Westerners. It is composed of membership throughout the state; and is the only active Posse in Oklahoma. Typical members are John Kirkpatrick, Paul Strasbaugh and myself."*



Fellow Westerners received a letter stating:

*"I am sure you agree with me that nothing contributes more to permanency and stability than does a nest egg, that because of its existence our Possee will always be certain to have the resources for projects of worth . . . I would like to propose to you this plan to make the Indian Territory Posse Endowment Fund a substantial and worthwhile project, with earning sufficient to permit future Sheriffs to build our Posse into one of the finest in the nation." (February, 1972)*

In 1973, Mayor Shirk established a special fund in honor of Dr. Muriel H. Wright upon her retirement from the Oklahoma Historical Society as editor of the "The Chronicles of Oklahoma". Gifts to the fund have been made by friends and admirers of Dr. Wright. The earnings provide an annual award not in excess of \$300 to the author of the best article appearing during the year in *The Chronicles*.

As late as Christmas, 1976, Shirk, working from his bed at home, facilitated the termination of the H. E. Bailey Foundation, which conveyed its remaining assets to the Community Foundation after meeting an obligation to Mercy Hospital.

George Shirk's Last Will and Testament read in part:

*"I give, devise, and bequeath all the rest and remaining real estate . . . including oil and gas leases . . . to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, Inc. . . . The beneficiaries . . . shall be:*

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| <i>(a) Oklahoma City University</i>  | <i>20%</i> |
| <i>(b) Oklahoma Heritage Association</i>                                     | <i>25%</i> |
| <i>(c) Oklahoma City Council of Camp Fire Girls</i>                          | <i>15%</i> |
| <i>(d) The Salvation Army . . . for its use exclusively in Oklahoma City</i> | <i>15%</i> |
| <i>(e) Mercy Hospital</i>  | <i>25%</i> |

*Should any of the above beneficiaries not be in existence at the time of my death, or should any be ineligible for any reason to be a beneficiary, then the Foundation may substitute a successor entity and if there not be such a successor entity in existence, then . . . the Trustees shall add that portion pro tanto to the share of the other beneficiaries."*

Bless you, George.

# THANK YOU!

## New Funds Established this Summer

ARTS COUNCIL OF OKLAHOMA CITY, INC. FUND Designating Arts Council of Oklahoma City	\$5,000
JULIE BENNETT FUND Designating Mentally Retarded Children	\$1,000
PHILIP R. BENNETT FUND Designating Celebrations Educational Services	\$1,000
JACK AND JUNE DURLAND FUND Designating Metropolitan Y.M.C.A.	\$7,500
ROBERT E. and JANE LEE FUND Designating Mercy Health Center	\$3,750
DR. and MRS. IRA O. POLLOCK Designating Mercy Health Center	\$1,000
MRS. THOMAS H. STERLING FUND Designating World Neighbors	\$1,000
MRS. R. T. STUART FUND Designating Dean A. McGee Eye Institute	\$1,000

## Additions to Existing Funds:

Ray T. Anthony  
W. Bryan Arnn  
Marian Beard  
Billups, Arnn, and Mascho  
Reford Bond III  
W.K. Bonds  
Marguerite Brake  
Camp Fire Girls  
Richard H. Clements  
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cole  
Edward H. Cook  
Deaconess Hospital  
Edwin A. Deupree  
William T. Egolf  
Theodore Elam  
John R. Ellinghausen  
Robert Ellis  
C. Don Ellison  
Jean I. Everest  
E. K. Gaylord Trust A  
Brooks Hall

Jan Houchin  
Mrs. C. P. Hixon  
Margaret Hixon  
R. Palmer Howard  
W. W. Hulsey  
Mrs. Ralph G. Hummer  
Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Josey  
Junior Hospitality Club  
Junior League  
John Kilpatrick, Jr.  
Kirkpatrick Foundation  
James B. Kite  
Catherine A. LaMon  
Liberty National Bank  
Lyric Theater  
James R. McEldowney  
Metropolitan Ballet Guild  
Nell C. Patterson  
William T. Payne  
Pauline Peterson

Mary Lynde Price  
George J. Records  
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Reed  
Gertrude Reid  
Dub Richardson  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Riggs  
Norman E. Reynolds  
George Seminoff  
William F. Shdeed  
Lucyl Shirk  
Pat Shurley  
Dorothy Siekman  
Leonard N. Steele  
Roy P. Stewart  
Hal A. Treadwell  
Morrison G. Tucker  
Angela Wells  
G. Rainey Williams  
Charlotte Wolf  
Gwen F. Wood  
Pendleton Woods

## Lee Earns \$7,500 For Community Foundation And Mercy



The Oklahoma City Community Foundation and Mercy Health Center are the beneficiaries of a Business Development Program sponsored by the Liberty National Bank.

\$7,500 worth of points were earned by Bank Director, Robert E. Lee. Lee, who is also chairman of the Mercy Health Center Board of Trustees, chose to divide his contribution between the Community Foundation Mercy Endowment Fund and the Health Center.

Sylvan N. Goldman, Vice-President of the Community Foundation Board of Trustees, accepted the \$3,750 check for the Mercy sustaining fund. Sister Mary Coletta, President of Mercy Health Center, accepted an equal amount for Mercy's immediate use.

Coordinating the program for the Liberty is Senior Vice-President Willis Wheat. Wheat explained that the Business Development Program is especially for Liberty directors. The levels of achievement are represented by the dollar amounts the Liberty is contributing to the individual director's favorite pre-designated, non-profit charity or civic organization. Thirty local charities will ultimately benefit from this program.

## Director Receives Additional Professional Training

Nancy M. Berry, Executive Director of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, attended the National Council on Foundations' 28th Annual Conference in St. Louis, May 3-6. Workshops focused on revitalizing our communities, investment management, new federal regulations, corporations and philanthropy, foundation management and office systems. The Annual Conference is open to trustees and professional personnel of grantmaking foundations, to representatives of corporations with charitable giving programs, and bank trust officers. The Community Foundation is a member of the National Council on Foundations.

In June Ms. Berry attended the Wharton School (University of Pennsylvania) Seminar "Fundamentals of Finance and Accounting for the Non-Financial Executive" which was held in Dallas. The three-day intensive program covered the major areas of a graduate business school curriculum.



Something new!! Classical guitar music is introduced to the youngsters at PATHWAYS SCHOOLS by Ron Radford, internationally famous musician. The ARTS COUNCIL OF OKLAHOMA CITY helped sponsor the "Artists in Residence" program which made this performance possible.

PATHWAYS SCHOOLS operate in three locations providing quality day care and Montessori pre-school education to children of working mothers. They also conduct a program for parents to become paraprofessional teachers.

The ARTS COUNCIL has risen like a Phoenix from the ashes in their newly remodeled home at 3014 Paseo, and coordinates the activities of 50 member arts organizations. In addition to conducting the annual Spring Festival of the Arts, the ARTS COUNCIL jointly sponsors Opening Doors, the Rainbow Fleet, and the Neighborhood Arts programs.

Both the ARTS COUNCIL and PATHWAYS SCHOOLS have Endowment Funds established in the Community Foundation, which may be increased by gifts of any size.



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