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## OCCF Grant Focuses on Beautification *1889 Plat of Oklahoma City*

The beautification of Oklahoma City for its Centennial and the upcoming Olympic Sports Festival will be accomplished in large part because of the interest and support of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. The Foundation, in conjunction with the William T. Payne Fund at the Community Foundation, has given a three-year grant to Oklahoma City Beautiful, Inc., for a program to spruce up the community prior to and during the Centennial of the Land Run of 1889.

The clean-up project will focus on the area platted into the original Oklahoma City in 1889 which is bordered by the Santa Fe tracks to the east, Northwest 6th to the north,



The logo for the citywide cleanup project is shown above. John Dean, at left, is active in the "Make It Shine for '89" campaign. The logo for the state cleanup campaign is on the next page.

Walker Avenue to the west and Sheridan (then known as Clarke) to the south. It also will include the main thoroughfares leading to and from downtown, Olympic Festival sites and Centennial event locations. These include Broadway north to 13th, Reno, the on/off ramps from I-40, and the new Crosstown Expressway.

Missy Hoehn has been named Centennial Cleanup Coordinator and will be working with the Centennial Events Committee, the U.S. Olympic Festival Committee, Forward Oklahoma and the City of Oklahoma City, in addition to Oklahoma City Beautiful, Inc. A Centennial Cleanup hotline number has been

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## Foundation Funds Architectural Tour, Guidebook

Work is underway for an architectural project inspired by Oklahoma City's Centennial Celebration. The Oklahoma City Community Foundation is granting \$25,000 to the Metropolitan Library System to fund the development and distribution of a guidebook and a map of the significant architectural landmarks of Oklahoma City.

Among the buildings selected for inclusion in the guidebook are the Overholser Mansion, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (One Bell Central) in the former Central High School building, the Skirvin Plaza Hotel and the Colcord Building.

The guidebook and map are suitable for self-guided walking tours for visitors to the city as well as residents. School children should find it exceptionally interesting as they learn about their city and its founding. This exposure to our city's visual heritage will encourage civic pride, according to Nancy Anthony, Executive Director of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

The Central Oklahoma Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is working with the Library System to develop the map which will be distributed free of charge throughout the 1989 Centennial year. Photos and text will guide readers as they learn about the important and notable architectural sites throughout the city. Walking tours, classes and visiting conventions are some of the potential audiences for this Centennial-inspired publication. Tentatively, the plan is to print 5,000 of the guidebooks. Subsequent press runs will be funded by the sale of the guidebooks.



## OCCF Trustees Approve \$47,500 in Grants

The Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation approved a total of 11 grants at the meeting on Feb. 9, 1988. The total funding of the grants comes to \$47,500, said Nancy Anthony, Executive Director of the Community Foundation.

Four of the grants were in the cultural category. Three thousand dollars was approved for the Central Oklahoma Association for the Deaf/Hearing Impaired. The funding will support a performance of the National Theatre of the Deaf which has a total cost of \$10,000. Another \$5,000 was granted to the Chamber Orchestra of Oklahoma City to provide 50 percent of the support for three Backstage Concerts. These are adult oriented educational programs where the conductor explains the work as it is played. A grant of \$2,500 will go to Dance Enrichment for Hearing Impaired to continue program funding since significant state aid has been cut. This group also serves other handicapped. The later grant funds have come from the Florida Knight Trust for Handicapped Children.

The final cultural grant will provide \$7,000 to Lyric Theatre to fund half the cost of new costumes for the musical "Oklahoma!" which will be done in 1988 as a lead-in to the Centennial. Lyric then would make the costumes available across the state through the Oklahoma Community Theatre Association, saving many theatre groups high rental fees.

In the education category, the Oklahoma City Liter-

acy Council was granted \$500 to purchase and install a dependable phone system. The organization, which operates with a very low overhead in space donated by the Metropolitan Library System, provides one-on-one reading instruction through volunteers.

In the civic category, the League of Women Voters was granted \$2,500 to develop curriculum on the state legislative process for high school students. Funds would employ a part-time consultant and pay for production of materials.

The remaining grants are in the social service category. The Donna Nigh Foundation will get a grant of \$3,000 for its adaptive equipment fund. From this fund, the Donna Nigh Foundation makes grants to families for special equipment that allows the family to keep handicapped children at home. This is especially important for families with young children who cannot or do not wish to be institutionalized.

The Sugar Creek Camp was granted \$3,000 for scholarships to the summer camp which is especially oriented to underprivileged children. The camp emphasizes the importance of reading and writing. Citizens Concerned for Children received a grant of \$10,000 to partially fund an associate director position for six months, after which it will become self-sustaining. This organization is a main provider of services for foster children and heavily depended upon by the Department of Human Services to fill gaps in service to foster families.

Special Care, Inc., will receive a Community Foundation grant of \$9,000 to start a respite care program on Saturday afternoons for families of handicapped children, free of charge. The center already provides daycare for handicapped.

A grant of \$2,000 goes to the Daily Living Center to purchase hardware for a computer system. The center's board would purchase the software. The Daily Living Center would like to implement an automated accounting and record-keeping system which is lacking at the center at this time.

Grants made from the Fund for Oklahoma City are considered by the Trustees twice each year. Deadlines for submitting grant requests are June 30 and December 31. Guidelines for submitting grant requests are available from the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, 115 Park Avenue, Oklahoma City 73102.

A Grants Committee of the Trustees reviews all of the requests and makes recommendations to the full board. The Grants Committee puts special emphasis on projects that have a community level impact, projects that are cooperative efforts of several organizations, and projects that utilize volunteers in a significant way.

## New Foundation Directory Due On September 1

The 1988 edition of the Directory of Oklahoma Foundations is being compiled by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. More than 700 copies of the 1986 edition were sold in Oklahoma and surrounding states.

The Directory lists all active private, corporate and community foundations in Oklahoma which file Internal Revenue Service Form 990 with the Oklahoma State Attorney General's office. Information about the foundations is extracted from the forms and compiled in a directory format.

Publication of the 1988 Directory of Foundations is expected on or about Sept. 1, according to Nancy Anthony, Executive Director of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Copies of the Directory may be obtained for \$20 per copy, plus postage and handling costs.

Mary Streich is editor of the Directory.



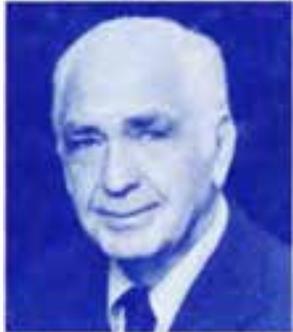
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# New 'Designated Funds' Established

Eleven new Designated Funds have been established at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation in the past six months, according to Nancy Anthony, Executive Director of the foundation. Currently, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has more than 170 Designated Funds with a total value of \$18 million.



**John E. Kirkpatrick**

The minimum contribution to start a Designated Fund is \$5,000 and additions can be made in any amount. Earnings on the fund are paid to the beneficiary agency each September.

The new Designated Funds are:

*Tinker Air Force Base General's Fund*, started by a contribution from Mr. John E. Kirkpatrick. The earnings will be used to improve programs which benefit the Tinker community.

*University of Oklahoma Naval ROTC Unit*, started by a gift from Mr. John E. Kirkpatrick. The earnings will be used for activities benefiting the unit.

*Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City*, started by a gift from the Kirkpatrick Foundation. The Urban League is a United Way agency that provides a wide range of civic and social services programs to the black community and other minority populations.

*Citizens Concerned for Children*, started by a national award given to the organization by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. The agency sponsors programs benefiting children in foster care and other children who have suffered abuse or neglect.

*Hispanic Center*, begun with a contribution from the Hispanic Center. The organization is a United Way agency and coordinates many social services programs for the Hispanic community.

*Sugar Creek Camp*, started by a grant from the Kirkpatrick Foundation. The camp is conducted for two weeks each summer at Camp Classen and is oriented to low-income, under-privileged children.

*Special Care*, started by a contribution from the Kirkpatrick Foundation. Special Care is the only full-service, daycare program for physically- and mentally-handicapped children in Oklahoma City.

*Kerr-McGee Swim Club*, started by gifts from Mr. Jack London and Mr. James MacKellar. The swim club trains young swimmers for competitive swimming and provides swimming lessons for those just learning to swim.

*Oklahoma Society for Crippled Children*, started by a contribution from Mr. John E. Kirkpatrick. The agency provides assistance for handicapped children and works to prevent further birth defects.

*Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation — Fleming Scholars Program*, started by a grant from the William T. Payne Fund. The Fleming Scholars programs give high school and college students the opportunity for summer study in a research laboratory environment.

*Catholic Social Ministries*, started with a contribution from the Associated Catholic Charities. Catholic Social Ministries is an umbrella agency directing the social programs of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese.

## Centennial Beautification Started with OCCF

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campaign has been developed by Ackerman, Hood & McQueen, Inc., called "Make It Shine for '89." Announced at a press conference at City Hall, this campaign will run through the Centennial year. Efforts for this campaign began early in May with a Glad "Bag-a-Thon" focused on the downtown area, one of the two major settlement sites on April 22, 1889. Co-sponsoring the event was the Glad Company which donated 4,000 handle-tie trash bags to use for the cleanup event. Additional co-sponsors are Coca-Cola, Coors Beer, Waste Management of Oklahoma City and First Interstate Bank. John Dean, chief executive officer of First Interstate, and chairman of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce beautification division, helped recruit volunteers from more than 100 downtown businesses. Oklahoma City Beautiful Adopt-a-Park volunteers and Citizens for Capitol Hill Improvement also are helping with cleanups of their areas.

Another beautification activity has been the Wildflower Penny Campaign which solicited pennies which will be used for wildflower seeds. These seeds will

be planted along the city's thoroughfares and expressways to beautify the routes. Citywide, adults and youngsters decorated canisters in which pennies were collected with a goal of \$137,000. Chairing this project have been Claudine Long of Seidman Financial Services; Robert Finke of KTVY Channel 4 and Wayne Stone of Founders Bank.

Mrs. Henry Bellmon has initiated a state-wide cleanup campaign which will include litter around the metropolitan area. The logo for her campaign is "Don't Lay That Trash on Oklahoma" and was created by Jordan Associates. Mrs. Bellmon even makes an "anonymous" appearance in the television public service announcement.

"We are happy that the Oklahoma City Community Foundation was in the forefront in getting Oklahoma City cleaned and beautified for its 100th anniversary of settlement," said Nancy Anthony, Executive Director of the Community Foundation. "When organizations work together, they can move mountains — of litter," she said with a smile.





Sandra L. Mah



Donald V. Stephens



Shannon K. Brooks

## OCCF Funds Five Merit Scholarships

Once again, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation is participating in the National Merit Scholarship Program and will fund five Merit Scholars. These five are among 6,000 high school seniors, nationwide, to be awarded National Merit Scholarships.

The program is one of the most distinguished honors for graduating seniors. The recipients are chosen from the semi-finalists in the five-county metropolitan area by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The awards funded by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation are for four years and range from \$500 to \$2,000 per year, based on the financial needs of the student, according to Nancy Anthony, Executive Director of OCCF. She said the National Merit Scholarship Program is just one of the programs sponsored by the Community Foundation through its Scholarship Endowment.

The Recipients of Merit Scholarships funded by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation are:

- Donald V. Stephens, Moore, Oklahoma, a graduate of Moore High School, who will attend Oklahoma Baptist University to study telecommunications and advertising.
- Bradley D. Duncan, Norman, a Norman High School graduate who will attend the University of Oklahoma to study aerospace engineering.
- Sandra L. Mah, Norman, a Norman High School graduate, who will attend the University of Oklahoma to study medicine.
- Shannon K. Brooks, Oklahoma City, a graduate of Carl Albert Senior High School, who will study finance at the University of Oklahoma.
- Karl H. Henke, Guthrie, a graduate of Guthrie High School, who will attend the University of Oklahoma and study computer science.



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