

Donor Connection

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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the second edition of *Donor Connection*, a donor service of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. This quarterly publication is a service to donors seeking to connect with causes or non-profit organizations with charitable or program needs. Our intention is to provide you with a variety of charitable giving opportunities and to inform you about the activities of specific agencies.

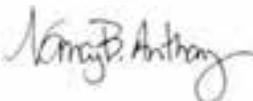
The agencies listed in the publication have submitted requests to the Community Foundation that staff have carefully reviewed. Site visits and in-depth research may not have been conducted on each proposal. However, staff are willing to do this on a particular program or agency at your request. Please contact Susan Elkins at the Community Foundation, 405/235-5603, if you wish to obtain additional information, or you may wish to contact the agencies directly. You may also contact Susan with your comments and suggestions on this issue of *Donor Connection*.

A future edition of *Donor Connection* will be issued in October. All agencies with Designated Endowment Funds at the Community Foundation will have the opportunity to submit requests for funding. We encourage you to consider these opportunities to help strengthen efforts by non-profit organizations in our community.

If you would like to learn more about other charitable giving opportunities or would like further information about these and other Designated Endowment Funds at the Community Foundation, you can contact Penny Voss at 405/235-5603. There also is a wealth of information at the Community Foundation's web site, www.occf.org.

Thank you for your generosity in making the community a better place to live.

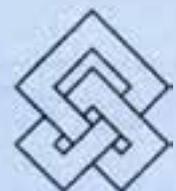
Sincerely,



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Free To Live Animal Sanctuary – Food Storage Building

Free to Live is a non-profit animal sanctuary for stray, abandoned and mistreated dogs and cats. They provide shelter and medical care to nearly 300 animals at the sanctuary while the animals await good homes through the sanctuary's adoption program.

Feeding the animals is costly. Although they do receive donations of pet food from area merchants and manufacturers, finding adequate storage for amounts as large as half a semi-truck load is difficult.

Free to Live is in need of \$7,150 to build a

16- by 20-foot concrete block storage building that would keep the food dry and rodent-free. This would also free up their garage area which is needed to store maintenance equipment and materials. If the amount cannot be granted in whole, they would look to other donors for the remainder of the costs.

In addition, the organization is looking for volunteers for animal care, maintaining the grounds and for fund-raising events.

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Arts Council of Oklahoma City – Television and Video Cassette Recorder

The Arts Council of Oklahoma City, established in 1967, is engaged in promoting the general welfare of the Oklahoma City arts and the arts community through festivals and arts programming that permit the general public to access the arts.

The Council produces the annual spring Festival of the Arts; the downtown family-oriented New Year's Eve celebration Opening Night; and the Winter Tales Storytelling Festival. The Council provides services to arts and cultural organizations and manages

three arts facilities. Nearly one million people a year attend Arts Council programs.

The Council is in need of two sets of the following: a 27-inch color television, a VCR and 44-inch-high cart for use by tenants for meetings and conferences. One set will be utilized by Stage Center and one at McAlpine Center, allowing for a back-up within the complex if one is out of commission. Cost is \$950 per set. A cash or in-kind donation of any of the pieces would be appreciated.

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Guy Fraser Harrison Academy – Student Scholarships

The Guy Fraser Harrison Academy, founded in 1977, provides advanced orchestral education and performance opportunities for talented middle and high school musicians. It provides opportunities for youth musicians from many schools to work together to challenge their skills under the direction of respected conductors and music educators.

The Academy has four orchestras: 1) Festival Strings, a non-auditioned string orchestra for sixth and seventh grade students; 2) Harrison Chamber Orchestra, for upper level school string students by

audition; 3) Oklahoma Youth Philharmonic, a full orchestra for experienced musicians by audition; 4) Oklahoma Youth Orchestra, a full orchestra of 100 members for the most advanced high school musicians, also by audition. Yearly tuition ranges from \$180 for Festival Strings to \$300 for the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra.

Funds are needed to provide these students with scholarships for the 2000-2001 concert season. Funding may be provided by sponsoring a student for his/her tuition or by providing an amount to be earmarked for scholarships.

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Prairie Dance Theatre – Costume Underwriting

Oklahoma's first professional modern dance company, the Prairie Dance Theatre (PDT) has offered concerts, children's shows and workshops in Oklahoma and a 10-state region since 1978. Dedicated to presenting contemporary dance of the highest quality, as well as educating the public — particularly children — PDT has entertained audiences of all ages from Cambridge, MA, to the Navajo Nation.

The OKC Concert Series consists of five concerts offered each season. To produce these concerts, support is needed to choreo-

graph the works, create the costumes, design lighting, build sets, pay dancers' salaries, and for normal operating expenses.

Underwriting for the costuming for these new dance works is requested. The cost of costuming one new work for the series is \$500. An average of three works are created for each concert. The cost of costuming an entire children's show is \$2,000. Whenever the piece created is performed, a credit for donation of costuming will appear in the program if desired. Donated graphic design, printing and volunteers are also needed.

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The Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition – Publication Distribution

The Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition helps by supporting visual artists living and working in Oklahoma and promoting the public interest in and understanding of the arts. As part of this mission, the coalition publishes *Cross Currents*, a bi-monthly publication that seeks to stimulate critical insight into the visual arts and to provide news related to the arts in Oklahoma.

The publication is the only one of its kind in the state. Each issue contains stories that profile individual artists and art in communities statewide, review local exhibitions, lists

galleries and provides art-related news. The publication has proven to be a useful resource for teachers, students and artists of all ages.

The agency is seeking to broaden distribution of *Cross Currents* to reach additional Oklahomans interested in visual arts. A donation of \$100 would permit the distribution of six annual issues to four public libraries. Donations of \$300 would pay the writers for one issue. The coalition also welcomes assistance with mailings, Web site updates, writing, postage and printing.

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Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma – Gardening Tools and Equipment

The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is undertaking a Community Gardening Program designed to provide families, children, schools and organizations with the opportunity to grow food without the use of chemicals. The program provides the training, advice, materials, tools and space for gardening.

Community gardens help neighborhoods improve by replacing empty lots with landscaping and garden plots and by creating opportunities for neighbors to interact.

The Food Bank is seeking funds to procure

gardening tools and other equipment that can be shared among all the community gardens. To supply 10 gardens with shovels, rakes, spades, seed spreaders and other tools is approximately \$1,200. The cost of a rototiller, which will be shared, is \$1,500.

In addition, the program is seeking to obtain a storage shed for securing tools at the Food Bank and a small utility trailer for transporting material to and from community gardens. The cost for a storage shed is \$1,000, and the cost of a trailer is approximately \$950.

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Naval Reserve Association – Kimberly Kay Clark Memorial Fund

The Naval Reserve Association sponsors an annual educational scholarship to a Naval Reservist to memorialize Kimberly Kay Clark, Legalman First Class, USNR, a victim of the Murrah Building bombing.

Ms. Clark was 39 at the time of the bombing and served as a legal assistant for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. She was born in Hong Kong on Feb 24, and was adopted by Tommie and Agatha Lee Clark on Aug. 14, 1962. At the time of her death, she was engaged to marry

Namat Moini of Oklahoma City.

This program awards an annual scholarship of \$3,000 to a selected individual from a group of scholarship applicants. Special needs of this program are for donations to fund this scholarship and associated expenses of the recipient if travel is involved. This award is presented annually at the Navy Birthday observance.

These needs can be met by contributions of any amount to this fund which will be greatly appreciated.

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Omniplex – Van de Graaff Generator

The Kirkpatrick Science and Air Space Museum at Omniplex (or Omniplex for short) features more than 350 hands-on science exhibits. The museum, one of the most prestigious in the Southwest, is requesting funds for the purchase of a Van de Graaff generator to be used to teach students about physics and to assist teachers in meeting their educational objectives.

Although electricity and magnetism are mandated in the Oklahoma teaching guidelines, many elementary and middle school teachers find it helpful to receive additional

training in this area of physics and to have access to the necessary equipment to perform electrostatic experiments.

Developing potentials of over 500,000 volts, the six-foot generator creates static charges powerful enough to allow for electrostatic experiments on a large and spectacular scale. Sparks over a foot in length can be generated. The voltages generated are high, but the experiments are safe because the maximum current is only a few microamperes. The equipment is available for \$4,916.

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The Children's Center – Overbed Tables

The Children's Center in Bethany provides 24-hour medical care, rehabilitative therapies and developmental education to critically ill children with multiple disabilities. Each year, the private, non-profit facility serves approximately 100 children age birth to 18 from across the state.

Patients have disabilities as the result of birth defects, complications at birth, physical abuse and neglect, debilitating illnesses, accidents and drug dependent parents. The Children's Center's mission is one of hope: to help each child reach his or her potential and, ultimately, return home.

Overbed tables are greatly needed in each of the 12 patient units. Respiratory therapy and nursing staff utilize overbed tables to transport and administer tube feedings, meals, medication and respiratory treatments bedside. A few patients may utilize the tables for educational activities such as reading and completing homework.

Currently, the Children's Center has two overbed tables. Funds are requested for ten additional units. Donations may be made to The Children's Center for \$270. Contributions of less than \$270 will also be applied to the purchase of an overbed table.

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Mental Health Association in Oklahoma County, Inc. – Counseling

The Mental Health Association in Oklahoma County, Inc., provides education for the public and professional groups about mental health and illness through workshops, speakers and brochures. The association provides an information and referral service for people seeking mental health services.

The association also offers the Sunbridge Counseling Program, a low-cost counseling program that has served over 700 patients. The program has helped patients such as those affected by the Murrah Federal Building bombing and the victims of the May

3, 1999, tornados in central Oklahoma.

A \$71 contribution will help provide low cost counseling to a community member who has no mental health insurance coverage. The counseling program could also benefit from a gift of \$895 for the purchase of a memory typewriter for use in completing forms and reports. The association also accepts in-kind contributions of cosmetics and toiletries for distribution to the Oklahoma County Crisis Center, mental health centers and mental hospitals under its Operation Reindeer program.

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Oklahoma Lupus Association, Inc. – Initial Doctor Appointments

The Oklahoma Lupus Association, Inc., is dedicated to supporting lupus patients, their families and friends; raising awareness of the disease, providing education and raising funds for research. The disease, which strikes one in every 185 Americans, is a chronic, inflammatory disease that can affect various parts of the body, especially the skin, joints, blood and kidneys.

The association operates support groups around the state, provides a physician referral service, makes available brochures on various lupus-related subjects and

provides information on a statewide basis.

The organization is seeking \$75 contributions to fund an initial doctor's treatment for persons diagnosed with the disease. Cooperating lupus doctors have agreed to examine patients initially for \$75. The physicians have also agreed to allow the patient to pay any remaining costs at \$25 per month.

The Oklahoma Lupus Association reported that several lupus sufferers currently need to see a doctor but cannot afford the initial fee. Each \$75 donation would fund this important initial doctor's consultation.

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Central Oklahoma Association for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired – Summer Reading Program

The Central Oklahoma Association for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (COAD-HI) provides information and referral services to community members, assistance in helping low-income people obtain hearing aids and a number of summer programs for children, including trips to the zoo, Omniplex, Cowboy Hall of Fame and recreational facilities.

COAD-HI is seeking to enhance the summer program offerings with the possible addition of arts and crafts classes, sports, movies and other activities that hearing

children are afforded during the summer months. These summer activities give deaf and hard-of-hearing children the opportunity to develop or improve social skills. Many deaf children go to school a long distance from their homes and may not have the opportunity to know any children their age living in their neighborhood. The inability to communicate with hearing children can lead to feelings of isolation. Donations of any amount would help underwrite the expanded summer program. Volunteers for annual events and the newsletter are also needed.

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Easter Seals Oklahoma – Adult Day Services

Easter Seals Oklahoma provides Adult Day Services that enable individuals to function at their highest level for as long as possible. The agency also provides screening and therapeutic services and other assistance to children of low income families for medical needs. Adult Day Services provides a safe and caring environment and is a cost-effective option for long-term care. This program enhances the quality of life for adults by offering a variety of activities and therapeutic services.

Specific needs to be met include art therapy twice a month for \$1,200; music therapy twice a month for \$1,200; pet therapy twice a month for \$2,400; and four visits from the Oklahoma City Zoomobile for \$200.

Other than financial assistance, art, music, and pet therapists are needed to donate their time. These therapies provide stimulation, social interaction, creative and learning experiences which help reduce depression and improve the quality of life.

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The Salvation Army – Additional Beds

The Salvation Army is an international, religious and charitable organization which provides for the less fortunate by offering basic needs such as food and shelter. In Oklahoma City, more than 45,000 people are assisted each year and more than 9,000 of those stay at the Salvation Army's Men's Lodge.

Located at S.W. 4th and Hudson, the Lodge has a housing capacity of 82. At this time, only 42 beds are available.

The Salvation Army needs funds to purchase new bed frames, box springs, and mattresses at a total cost of \$283 per bed. The agency is seeking a total of \$4,811, which would purchase 17 beds. The addition of more beds will allow the Salvation Army to provide additional assistance to more men in the community and ultimately to help them in the ability to find jobs, housing and access to needed services.

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Sunbeam Family Services – Specialized Day Care and Counseling

Sunbeam Family Services, founded in 1907, provides a variety of services with the goal of improving the function of individuals and families through affordable, quality social services.

One such program, Specialized Day Care, is a Department of Human Services licensed, three-star program that serves children from 18 months to 6 years. The program takes a developmental approach to learning, which is effective in assisting developmentally delayed children, children with behavioral and social problems, and those at risk from abuse and/or neglect.

Counseling services are also provided to those faced with emotional issues they find difficult to resolve. Based on ability to pay, these services are provided by a professionally trained staff. Many low-income individuals cannot afford any fee for services, thus preventing them from receiving help. Donations will provide scholarships to cover the minimum fee and ensure the most underserved receive the services needed. A donation of \$50 provides one week of Specialized Day Care for a child. A donation of \$25 provides one hour of counseling services.

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YWCA – Emergency Shelter for Women and Children

The YWCA provides a variety of community services, including state licensed child care, youth sports and a range of programs from senior nutrition to babysitting classes. The agency also provides crisis services to victims of domestic violence and survivors of sexual assault through a variety of housing, advocacy and community based programs.

Victims of domestic violence can find a safe haven at the YWCA Passage Emergency Shelter for Battered Women and Children, the only 24-hour residential shelter in the

Oklahoma City area for victims of domestic violence.

Passageway has brought relief and often a last hope to families for more than 20 years. About 1,500 women and children seek refuge at Passageway each year. While at the shelter, women and children can obtain counseling, advocacy, legal and medical assistance — and time to consider their options. Your gift of \$59.52 can provide a day at Passageway for one mother and child as they seek to escape the violence in their lives.

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Camp Fire Boys and Girls – Nature Center

Camp Fire Boys and Girls seeks to prepare youth for tomorrow's challenges through quality programming and learning opportunities. For more than 40 years, the organization has been providing day camp experiences for children at Camp DaKaNi in Oklahoma City.

Camp Fire is seeking to supplement its day camp offering with construction of a Children's Nature Center, which will serve as headquarters for the camp's Outdoor Classroom. The facility will allow children to participate in educational programs regardless of weather. It will replace the 40-year-

old summer day camp headquarters and allow Camp Fire to serve more than 1,200 boys and girls each year. Additional site improvements, including a fruit orchard, canna beds, trees and a wetlands area are planned.

Donations are sought to achieve the vision of the Children's Nature Center. A \$25 gift will purchase a book for the library, \$75 will purchase a tactile globe for the visually impaired, \$150 will purchase a stream ecology kit, \$175 will buy a microscope and \$1,000 will purchase area rugs for the library.

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Presbyterian Urban Mission – Children's School Supplies

Presbyterian Urban Mission is an ecumenical, emergency social-service agency serving disadvantaged families in central Oklahoma. The agency helps meet the basic needs of families in crisis by supplying food, clothing, transportation, medicines and utilities.

The mission also provides backpacks and school supplies to more than 500 needy children each year. Most schools now require a flat fee for school supplies. To families having difficulty paying the rent or buying food, this fee is out of the question. By

working with local businesses and individual schools, the mission is able to provide children with the specific back-to-school supplies. Presbyterian Urban Mission has found that the new supplies give a child not only the tools necessary to learn, but also help build self-esteem.

The mission is seeking help from donors interested in providing this service for children. A contribution of \$40 will purchase a new backpack and the needed supplies for one child heading back to school.

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Red Lands Council of Girl Scouts – Volunteer Training Program

Red Lands Council exists to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service. For 65 years, Red Lands Council has helped thousands of girls develop skills such as problem solving, goal setting, communication and decision making. It serves over 4,750 girls between the ages of 5 and 17. Adult volunteers provide services to the girls at meetings, outings, projects and at camp.

Red Lands Council has adult education programs using a core of volunteers as trainers. These trainers must be educated by

a Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. certified Instructor-of-Trainers. The certification course is only offered in New York at the Edith Macy Conference Center. Red Lands goal is to send two volunteer trainers to the course in July 2000. It costs \$1,500 to pay for the registration, lodging, meals and transportation for one person.

Also needed is replacement of CPR mannequins and CPR training. A donation of \$500 will buy five new adult/child mannequins and two infant mannequins with a carrying case.

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Urban League – ‘We Shine’ Sports and Leadership Program

The Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City, Inc., provides programs and services to help people improve their economic and social standing.

The Urban League’s “We Shine” Junior ULSTARS Sports and Leadership Program delivers tutorial and mentorship services to elementary and junior high school students, utilizing high school and college students and local community volunteers as tutors and mentors. The program is comprised of football and basketball activities, educational activities, along with a parental involvement component. In 1999, the program served

over 250 children in the Oklahoma City area. It is expected to serve a minimum of 275 children this year.

Supplemental and replacement athletic equipment is needed each year to continue the program. Also needed are leadership materials, books, and references for tutors and mentors. \$2,500 is needed for new equipment for the additional children and to replace damaged equipment. Donations would also be applied to the purchase of books and reference materials for the educational/parental component.

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