

## Adopt A Park

Oklahoma City is blessed to have numerous public parks and medians that, in the past, have been lush with flowering plants and shrubs, serving as an attribute to a wide variety of neighborhoods and businesses throughout the metropolitan area. A recent budget decision by the city resulted in many of these parks and medians receiving little or no plantings or maintenance.

But thanks to a Great Grant from the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, the non-profit organization Oklahoma City Beautiful is addressing



*A team of volunteers helped to plant cannas in 22 public parks and medians throughout Oklahoma City*

this problem through its Adopt-A-Park program. The Great Grant provides funding for the Adopt-A-Park coordinator position for three years, allowing Oklahoma City Beautiful to encourage neighborhood groups and citizens to get involved in beautification efforts such as planting and maintaining the flower beds in these city parks and medians.

Working with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation staff, the Oklahoma City Beautiful Adopt-A-Park coordinator rallied volunteers – neighborhood associations, expert gardeners and businesses — to adopt the parks and medians. These volunteers took on the responsibility of planting and maintaining the flower beds. Within a two-week period, 22 public parks and medians had been adopted, the flower beds tilled and planted with cannas thanks to 22,000 canna bulbs donated by Jolene and Butch Snow, owners of Horn's Canna Farm who made the gift upon learning of the need for the Adopt-A-Park program.

The Adopt-A-Park program is now hosting a regular series of free educational seminars to share information on proper maintenance techniques and landscaping issues, creating a much needed network of neighborhood associations and civic groups.



*Some of the 22,000 canna bulbs that were donated by Horn's Canna Farm.*

Identifying key issues affecting the community is a role the Oklahoma City Community Foundation is able to fulfill thanks to the generosity of people who make Great Grants such as this one possible by contributing to the Fund for Oklahoma City. For more information on the Fund for Oklahoma City, contact Jennifer Stewart at 405/235-5603 or [j.stewart@occf.org](mailto:j.stewart@occf.org).

# Great Grants

## Helping Our Community

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation is the metropolitan area's non-profit public charity that works with individuals and non-profit organizations to attract and manage endowment funds for the community's benefit.

As part of its mission, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation seeks opportunities to partner with organizations such as Oklahoma City Beautiful and its Adopt-A-Park Program to address specific needs within our community. The Oklahoma City Community Foundation makes charitable giving easy, flexible and effective by connecting people to the issues they care about and to the needs of the community.

Let the Oklahoma City Community Foundation help you help the community. For additional information, contact us at 405-235-3803 or visit [www.occf.org](http://www.occf.org)



*A Great Grant made possible the planting of 22,000 cannas in public parks and medians throughout Oklahoma City.*



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