



News from the Executive Director

OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Dear Friends and Supporters:

Officers Elected At the May meeting of the Trustees of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, officers for the 2005-06 fiscal year were elected. Jim Holloman will serve a third year as President of the Board of Trustees and Paul Odom will continue as Vice President for 2005-06. Three Trustees were elected to important leadership roles: Kirk Hall was named as President-Elect, Steve Mason was elected Treasurer, and Paul Dudman was elected Chairman of the Investment Committee. Board members elected to new three-year terms include Chris Keesee, Kirk Hall, Jim Daniel, Nancy Coats, and Judy Love.

Plans Underway for A New Building When the Trustees adopted a new long-range plan in September 2005, plans were made for a new building that would accommodate the growth of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation's staff as well as provide a convenient and useful meeting space for community programs and other civic functions. A site has been secured and plans are being made to hire an architect and go forward with a new building. It will be located at the southeast corner of Broadway Avenue and N.W. 10th Street in the Automobile Alley area in downtown Oklahoma City. We hope to have plans in early fall and be able to break ground before the end of 2005. Future editions of "News" will keep you updated on the progress of the building project. We think that it will be an exciting addition to Oklahoma City and expand the scope of our services. In addition, there will be plenty of free parking.

Trustees to Consider New Program Areas Another item in the long-range plan called for an additional community program focus area to expand the work we have done in after-school programs, parks, and scholarships. The Community Program Committee will recommend two new programs to the Trustees in September. The first will focus on literacy and language with the goal of providing an opportunity for all children and adults to read and speak English at a functional level. The second focus area will address the importance of health in the lives of people in Central Oklahoma with special emphasis on the role of exercise and preventive health programs. Both focus areas will involve grants as well as other program activities working with community agencies to promote these goals. You will be hearing more about these programs in the coming months. I've enclosed a promotional postcard on the new service as well.

Online Giving Is Now Easier We have a new credit-card online giving program that is easier to use and is accessible from our web site at www.occf.org. Thanks to this service, gifts can be made to any fund at any time. You can access the online giving program from the first page of the web site or from the individual page of any fund listed in Central Oklahoma Charities. The process is secure and the acknowledgement information is very prompt. A number of donors have used online giving to make memorial contributions in a very quick and efficient way.

Agency Endowment Fund Distributions The annual meeting of organizations with permanent agency endowment funds at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation will be on October 4. Almost \$2.5 million in checks from endowment fund earnings will be distributed at that time to 260 organizations. This year the checks will be approximately 7 percent greater than last year. In addition, we expect the

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total investment return for the funds to be very good and to exceed the benchmarks. This will be the 35th anniversary of the agency endowment program. Our annual Agency Endowment Fund Program report to donors will be expanded in recognition of the anniversary, and you should expect to receive this special publication around the first of October.

Staff Additions We have a number of new employees at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, some replacing staff who have left and others assuming jobs as our programs and services continue to expand. **Cathy Lippard** has joined our accounting staff and is working on reporting projects for the more than 900 funds we administer. She was previously with Lawyers Title Company. **Liz Eickman** has become the assistance director of the Kirkpatrick Family Fund and will work on their grant programs. Liz was most recently the Executive Director of the Arts Council. **Sandy Wright** is the new community programs administrator coming to us from the Mabee Gerrer Museum. **Margo Reneau** is the communications/development coordinator. She most recently worked in athletic development at Oklahoma State University. **Mary Surbeck**, a recently retired teacher from Casady School, will work on our new literacy and language focus area. We are pleased to have most of our staff vacancies filled and are ready for new services and programs to begin.

20 Years As Executive Director As of August 1, I will have been the Executive Director of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation for 20 years. A lot of changes have occurred since 1985 including the sale or acquisition of all of the original banks that were involved in the founding of this organization, the complete transformation of downtown Oklahoma City, and the development of significant interest in beautification, scholarships and endowments throughout the community. Our assets have grown from about \$20 million at that time to more than \$450 million today. More importantly, our base of donors, supporters, professional advisors and non-profit partners has expanded broadly into all parts of central Oklahoma. As illustrated by the announcement of plans for a new building, the new programs, and the additional staff, we are committed to continuing to help donors help the community and respond to changing needs and opportunities. We look forward to seeing you this fall and providing reports on the various funds and programs that benefit our community.

Sincerely,

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