

Pearl Means



In July of 2005, family and friends helped Pearl Means celebrate her 100th birthday. Many of these friends were ones Mrs. Means gained through her longtime association with the C.R. Anthony company.

After marrying D.G. "Sonny" Means in 1927, the young couple began working together at a C.R. Anthony store where he served as a manager and she was the cashier. That same year, Mrs. Means and her husband began a 10-year assignment for the company that involved moving from city to city within Oklahoma to open new Anthony stores. In 1937, the couple settled in Oklahoma City when Mr. Means was named a director of the company, a position he held until his retirement.

In 1997, Mrs. Means made a charitable gift of real estate – a condominium in Oklahoma City – to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. The proceeds from the sale of the property established the Pearl Means Fund that supports important projects in our community through Fund for Oklahoma City grants and will do so for generations to come.



One Brilliant Summer

Great Gifts

"I learned to be loyal, honest and respectful."

This is what 11-year-old Bailey says she learned through One Brilliant Summer, a twice-weekly program presented by the Girl Scouts-Red Lands Council at nine sites in south Oklahoma City. The program, held during June and July, was made possible thanks to a Fund for Oklahoma City grant through the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

In all, nearly 350 young girls ranging in ages from four to 17 took part in the program that featured character-building curriculum as well as a service-learning component and anti-violence prevention efforts. Activities included participation in programs that taught respect and trust and a community service project.

One Brilliant Summer was held in conjunction with the Play in the Park program offered through the Oklahoma

City Parks & Recreation Department. For Girl Scouts-Red Lands Council, this pilot program presented an opportunity to provide structured activities that encouraged respect, cooperation and a sense of community among a group of girls from inner-city neighborhoods.

"Our goal as a council is to provide services to girls that promote positive programs and offer alternative opportunities," says Cathy Stackpole, CEO. "We were very excited to be a part of this summer program."

It is thanks to donors such as Pearl Means, whose gift of real estate helps to support Fund for Oklahoma City grants, that programs like One Brilliant Summer are able to have a positive impact on our community. To learn how you can support the Fund for Oklahoma City, please contact us at 405/235-5603.

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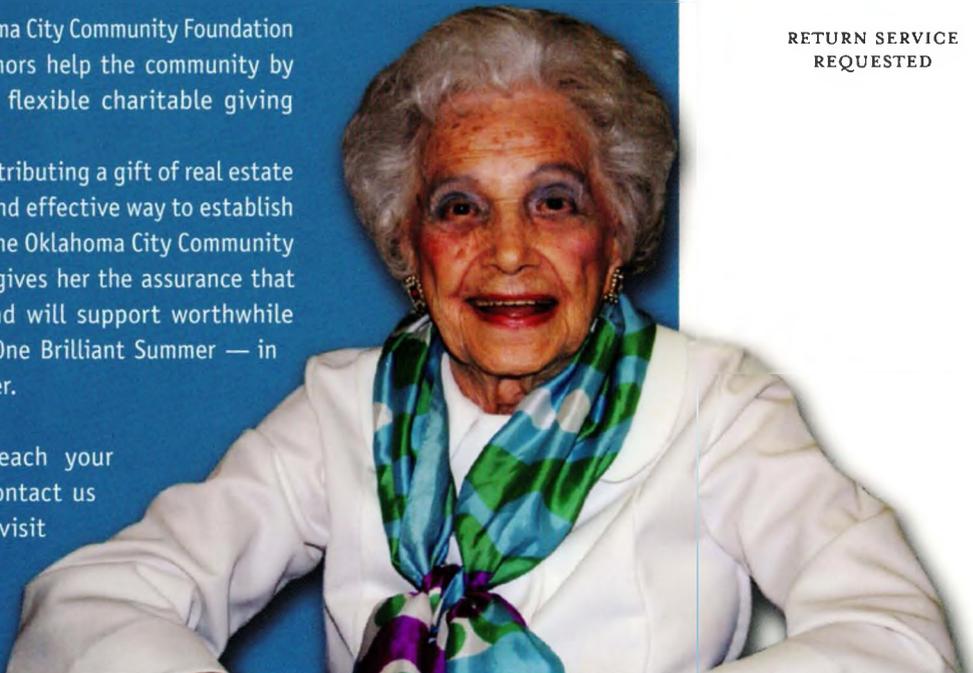
Through a Great Gift

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Since 1969, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has been helping donors help the community by offering simple and flexible charitable giving options.

For Pearl Means, contributing a gift of real estate in 1997 was an easy and effective way to establish a charitable fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. It also gives her the assurance that the Pearl Means Fund will support worthwhile projects — such as One Brilliant Summer — in the community forever.

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