

News from the Executive Director

OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

January 2007

Dear Friends,

2006 Ends With Record Numbers The Oklahoma City Community Foundation ended 2006 with a number of new donors and funds. Our total assets exceed \$500 million for the first time, and we are administering more than 1,000 active funds, another milestone. More than 90 percent of our total assets are in permanent endowment funds, ensuring that the benefit to the community will continue for many years into the future.

Radio Show Brian Dougherty, our in-house landscape architect and director of the Parks & Public Spaces Initiative and the Margaret Annis Boys Trust projects, is now the host of the Saturday Garden Show on KTOK-AM 1000 radio in Oklahoma City. From 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays you can tune in to hear Brian's expert advice on plants, trees and landscaping.

New Staff I am pleased to announce that six new individuals have joined our staff in the past few months. We feel very fortunate to have attracted a group of able and experienced people to work with donors and charitable organization in our community:

Elizabeth Heard is a new coordinator in our scholarship program and comes to us from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services where she worked with foster children. She recently completed a master's degree at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Tracy Treps is new to our donor services staff. Tracy grew up in Edmond and is returning to the Oklahoma City area after working for the 12th Man Foundation at Texas A&M University.

Ann Kilpatrick is an attorney and works on the development staff with charitable gift planning. Ann is a well-known volunteer in Oklahoma City and previously was in private practice.

Dini Massad joins the communications staff to coordinate publications and special events. She finished a graduate degree at the University of Oklahoma in 2005 and most recently worked as a loaned executive with the United Way of Central Oklahoma.

Neil Cambre is the new graphic designer/web manager on our communications staff. He is a native of New Orleans and comes to us from the Journal Record.

Cara Fraley is the new assistant comptroller. She is a CPA with extensive experience in financial services and public accounting.

Construction Update Enclosed with this letter is an update card on the construction of our new building at Northwest 10th and Broadway. We are still on schedule for a move-in date of July 1, and the staff is actively planning activities for the new building. Many of you have asked what will happen with our current building at 1300 N. Broadway Dr. once we relocate to the new facility. The current building was given to us by the Kirkpatrick Oil Company in 1995, and we will continue to use it as office space to support nonprofit activities in Oklahoma City. Also, we will continue to provide maintenance of Campbell Park and the USS Oklahoma Anchor memorial, both of which are located in front of the building.

IRA Charitable Deductions Many of you received our year-end mailing about recent federal legislation affecting gifts to charity from IRA accounts. We received a number of year-end gifts of this type and have had several

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inquiries from donors who are interested in making such a gift in 2007. If you will be 70 ½ in 2007 and have an IRA account, you may be eligible to make a charitable distribution up to \$100,000 without incurring income tax. Please contact Carla Pickrell at our offices for more information.

Support for Collaborative Effort Among Hospitals A significant health-care problem in Oklahoma City is the overuse of emergency rooms by individuals using the service for their primary care instead of for emergency purposes. Many of these individuals do not have a primary care doctor and the care they receive at the emergency room is often not suitable for chronic illnesses and conditions. St. Anthony Hospital, University Hospital and Integris Southwest Hospital receive most of these “non-emergency” emergency room visits. As a result, the three hospitals have joined together to form the Central Oklahoma Health Care Improvement Collaborative in hopes of finding a solution that will provide both better quality services for these patients and reduce the impact on true emergency room care. The Trustees have approved a grant of \$150,000 to the collaborative to provide each of the three hospitals \$50,000 to support better alternatives for these patients: St. Anthony will provide an onsite clinic; Integris Southwest will employ a bilingual case manager to direct non-emergency patients to Oklahoma Community Health Services; and University Hospital plans on constructing a new clinic near the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences campus in conjunction with Mary Mahoney Health Services. These three solutions will allow different approaches to this problem. We applaud these hospitals for working together to meet a community need and we are pleased to be able to participate in such a great cooperative effort.

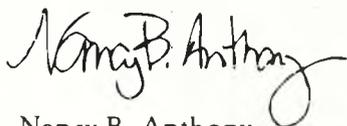
Literacy Efforts at the County Jail One year ago we provided grant funds to the Oklahoma City Literacy Council to support a program at the Oklahoma County Detention Center (aka the county jail) through which inmates with reading skills are trained to be tutors and assigned to work with other inmates who cannot read. There are many obstacles to overcome with this population and this program is having an impact. To date, 118 inmate tutors have been trained and significant progress has been made by a number of inmates learning to read. Those who are successful as either teachers or learners receive time off their sentence as an incentive. The tutors in this program often benefit as much as the learners.

A Birthday to Remember February 13, 2007 would have been John E. Kirkpatrick’s 99th birthday. In 1988, Mr. Kirkpatrick wrote a piece titled “Charity.” He said:

..The many endowment funds we have established in the OCCF are encouraging in their important growth from others as well as from us. ...In the long run, we may learn our best need was the establishment of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.”

The participation of so many donors in his efforts to establish a community foundation was certainly gratifying to him and a great tribute to his leadership and his legacy. Thank you for all of your gifts and support.

Best wishes for 2007.



Nancy B. Anthony
Executive Director