

News from the Executive Director

OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

March 2007

Dear Friends,

Beautification Grants in Full Bloom. The sun is shining brightly today and the warmer weather has brought out many of the flowering plants that make Oklahoma so pretty this time of year. Our efforts through the Parks & Public Spaces Initiative and the Margaret Annis Boys Trust really come to life in the spring. The natural beauty of the landscape was Miss Boys' motivation and inspiration for establishing the fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to support the landscaping and beautification of public land. As we watch the flowers emerge and the bushes and trees begin to blossom, we appreciate both her foresight to establish a fund that would be so effective and her trust in this organization to fulfill her wishes.

As we have reported before, June 27, 2009 will be the 100th anniversary of Margaret Annis Boys birth and we are conducting a special grant program for "Boys Trust Signature Projects" to establish a number of significant public landscaping projects in her memory. More information about the Boys Trust Signature Project program is available at our web site, www.occf.org.

Trustees Approve \$289,000 in Grants. At the February 2007 Trustee meeting, a record \$289,000 in grants to 43 organizations were approved. Some of the highlights included:

Oklahoma Children's Theatre — \$14,800 to begin an after-school and summer arts program for schools in the O.C.U. area.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters — \$20,000 to provide staff to recruit and train volunteers to support mentors for 150 new children.

Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park — \$3,000 to assist with the promotion for their move to the Myriad Gardens this summer.

Preservation Oklahoma — \$2,700 to help with an interior assessment of the Overholser Mansion to prepare for restoration of the historic mansion.

Western Village Academy — \$6,200 to support the expansion of their fitness program and the addition of nutrition classes for parents.

Education and Employment Ministry — \$7,000 to purchase and install computer-based literacy software to teach basic reading skills.

Scholarship Program Expands. The Community Foundation Scholars program will make 97 awards this spring to high school students from 43 high schools, the largest number in both categories in the eight-year history of the program. This year's program includes every high school in Oklahoma County, public and private, as well as public high schools in Moore, Norman, Piedmont, Yukon and Mustang. In addition to these scholarships, approximately 80 Foundation of Promise awards will be made to students who will be the first in their family to attend college. Each of the awards is \$1,200 for the freshman year with an opportunity for additional awards in future years. We will host luncheons to recognize the recipients, their parents and the high school guidance counselors on April 20 and April 27.

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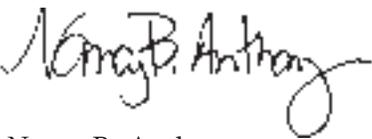
Building Progress. The new building at 1000 N. Broadway is really starting to take shape with bricks, glass and interior walls all being installed. The enclosed card provides an updated look at the progress of the construction and some interesting facts about the building. Office furniture has been ordered and trees for the exterior landscaping have been identified and will be planted soon. Our targeted move-in date is July 1, and the architects and contractors say that we are still on schedule for a completion date before then. There will probably be a week around the time of the move where communication by telephone will be disabled, but we expect to have a direct-dial telephone system at the new building which will make it easier to talk to specific staff. We are all looking forward to the new location and keeping you informed of the progress.

ReadOKC.org is a directory for literacy services. As part of our LIFE initiative, we compiled a directory of literacy and English as a Second Language (ESL) providers in the metropolitan area and created the web site, www.ReadOKC.org in 2006. The site is for people who are in contact with individuals in need of literacy services. The directory lists key information on each provider's physical address and contact information, type of service and any costs, if any, associated with the service. Earlier this month, we launched a Spanish version of [ReadOKC.org](http://www.ReadOKC.org). You can reach this site at www.ReadOKC.org/Español as well as via a link on the English site.

Professional Advisor Seminar. Timothy J. Prosser, director of Institutional Trust Consulting for TIAA-CREF Trust Company, will be the presenter for the annual Professional Advisor Continuing Education Seminar on June 6. The seminar will be held from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Oklahoma City Community College and will focus on charitable gifts of retirement plan assets. Before joining TIAA-CREF, Mr. Prosser practiced law in St. Louis and is a frequent presenter on charitable and estate planning topics. The program provides three hours of continuing education credit for accountants, attorneys and financial advisors. If you are interested in attending, please contact Ann Kilpatrick or Cathy Lippard on our staff at 405/235-5603.

20 Years and Counting. Carla Pickrell, our Director of Administration, is celebrating her 20th anniversary with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation this year. She has been an integral part of the growth and development of this organization since joining as our comptroller in November of 1986. At that time, we had only three employees but we have grown to a staff of 26 today. Carla oversees all of our accounting, investment and fund management activities and has made a significant contribution to the quality of service that we provide to our donors and the overall success of the organization. We certainly look forward to many more years with Carla directing these very important activities.

Best wishes for a lovely spring season.



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Executive Director