

News from the Executive Director

OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

March 2008

Dear Community Foundation Donors and Friends,

Celebrating the life of John E. Kirkpatrick

February 13, 2008 was a wonderful day at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Many of you were here to celebrate the 100th anniversary of John E. Kirkpatrick's birth. A crowd of more than 300 attended the reception and enjoyed an outstanding video tribute to Mr. Kirkpatrick that was produced for us by Mac Troy Communications. We were able to interview 13 former friends, family and colleagues and use them to describe the vision and impact that John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick had on so much of the Oklahoma City community. We appreciate Nancy Berry, Max Nichols, Greg Burns and Chris Keesee all coming back into town to help us with the celebration.

As part of the birthday celebration, two important announcements were made. First, Chris Keesee, the Kirkpatrick Family Fund and the Oklahoma City Community Foundation announced a significant gift that pays tribute to Mr. Kirkpatrick's generosity and will impact our entire community. A \$3.3 million challenge – the John Kirkpatrick Centennial Endowment Challenge – has been offered to 350 charitable organization endowment funds and scholarship funds to increase their endowments. Almost every charity and scholarship fund is included in the opportunity to receive a dollar-for-dollar match. More information about the matching program will be available on our web site, www.occf.org. Gayle Farley (606-2910) or Kenneth Conklin (606-2926) can also answer questions about the matching program.

John Kirkpatrick Centennial Endowment Challenge

The second announcement was planned by the Trustees when the new building was completed. Kirk Hall, board president, and the Trustees dedicated the new building to John E. Kirkpatrick "for his leadership, vision and his encouragement of philanthropy throughout the community." The dedication was timed to coincide with the birthday celebration and to highlight the tribute to Mr. Kirkpatrick.

New Artwork

If you come by the building you will also see four great artistic additions. A wonderful painting by Ellsworth Kelly hangs behind the grand staircase and was purchased by the Kirkpatrick Family Fund as a tribute to Marilyn Myers, their long-time director. The painting is owned by the Oklahoma City Museum of Art and hung our building. Bronze busts of John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick by Leonard McMurry are now stationed in the gallery directly across from the Greg Burns' watercolor painting of the building. You will see the Greg Burns painting a lot on our printed pieces, announcements and invitations. Lastly, a new grand piano sits in the community room, a gift from the Bill and Sally McNutt Foundation. We are very appreciative of all of these gifts.

Get Moving OKC!

A lot of other work has been going on in addition to the birthday celebration:

Our healthy lifestyle initiative works to encourage preventive health activities and especially exercise. In the next few weeks you will hear more about Get Moving OKC!, a group-reward program that will give a cash incentive to groups of individuals to encourage walking as a regular form of exercise. Any group, from a church, neighborhood association, social or civic organization, or even an employee group can participate. Each person in the group must walk two miles a day, or 10 miles a week, for 13 weeks—a total of 130 miles. For each person who successfully completes the program, the group will receive a cash incentive of \$100. The award can be used for any charitable purpose by the group. At least 10 people must complete the program and the maximum cash award to

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the group will be \$2,500. Any group interested in walking for their health and generating some cash for a good cause is welcome to apply. More information is available at www.occf.org or at www.getmovingokc.org. The deadline to apply for the first round is March 15 so you will need to "get moving."



Staff Wellness Program

Our staff has started our own employee wellness program with a variety of activities including a recent health fair conducted by St. Anthony North that allowed each employee to receive baseline information about health status. Each Monday, a group of employees takes two-mile walk around the downtown and mid-town area. Employees have set their own goals for wellness and health improvement and will be rewarded at year-end for efforts to eat better, exercise more and monitor their own health status. In addition, a monthly luncheon program on both health and mental health topics is being provided.

2008 Professional Advisor Seminar

Each year we host a continuing education seminar for attorneys, accountants, and other professional advisors. The seminar provides free continuing education credit as well as information from nationally recognized speakers about current topics in estate planning, tax issues, and other charitable financial topics. The date for this year's seminar is Tuesday, June 3 from 9:00 A.M. until 12 Noon at the Oklahoma City Community College. Michael Cooney, an attorney with Nixon and Peabody, LLC in Rochester, New York will be the presenter. Mr. Cooney concentrates on matters related to nonprofit and educational organizations and their corporate governance, fundraising, state regulation and taxation and is a well-known speaker on charitable giving vehicles in the New York area. Save the date of June 3 and more information about registration will be sent soon.

Helping You Help the Community

As we filmed individuals who knew John Kirkpatrick and talked to them about why he started the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, I was reminded of a very important point. Mr. Kirkpatrick wanted other people to contribute to the community and to support the organizations and institutions that were necessary for this to be a great city. He loved Oklahoma City but he knew that the contributions of many were required. Our organization was started to encourage individuals to support the charities and causes that were important to them and to make it easy for them to do so. We hope to be good stewards of the opportunities that John Kirkpatrick provided and to help donors meet their charitable goals.

Please call if we can help you in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy B. Anthony". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Nancy B. Anthony
Executive Director