

News from the Executive Director

OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

June 2010

Dear Donors and Friends,

Summer is here and the Oklahoma City Community Foundation is nearing the end of its fiscal year. FY2010 was much better financially than FY2009 for the national economy and we shared in the increase in the equity markets. For the nine months ending on March 30, 2010, our general investment pool was up 19.55 percent. Our endowment funds will benefit from this added value as well as the \$20 million in additional contributions that we have received this year. Thanks to everyone for their gifts and their continued confidence in our organization and the importance of endowment.

New Trustees

At the May 25, 2010 quarterly Trustee meeting, two new Trustees were elected. Dr. Mary Ann Bauman, medical director of the Integris Women's Health program, and Oscar B. Jackson Jr., secretary of human resources and administration for the State of Oklahoma, were both elected to three-year terms. Both Dr. Bauman and Mr. Jackson have been active with our Trustee Scholarship Initiative. They replace two Trustees who as of June 30, 2010 will have reached the nine-year term limit on service. We want to thank Paul Dudman and John Green for their exceptional service over the past nine years.

New Staff

We are pleased to announce that Rhonda Godwin has joined our staff as the director of administrative and investment operations. She will assume some of the responsibilities of Carla Pickrell, our longtime director of administration who is reducing her status to part-time. Rhonda has a 28-year career in banking and trust operations. Originally with First National Bank Trust Department and its successors, she was most recently president and chief operation officer of InvesTrust since 1997. We are pleased to have someone with Rhonda's experience and ability to join us.

Literacy

Get Reading Oklahoma, our adult literacy initiative, has started its second year of broadcasts on OETA. In June and through July 31st, viewers can watch the two TV series – TV411 and GED Connection – on OETA between 10 a.m. and 12 noon each week day. The two series, which were created by PBS LiteracyLink, offer an opportunity of accessibility for adults who are seeking to strengthen their literacy skills or are preparing for the GED exam. In addition to the OETA summer schedule, both series, 60 30-minute episodes, are also available to watch via Cox's OnDemand FreeZone, Cox Cable Channel 18, OETA Okla channel and online at www.getreadingoklahoma.org. Also, more than 100 DVD sets of all 60 programs have been provided to libraries, adult literacy programs and many other facilities that provide literacy training opportunities for adults. More than 1 million Oklahoma adults do not have the literacy skills necessary to perform simple, everyday tasks and an additional 465,000 Oklahoma adults do not have their high school diploma. Adult literacy impacts us all. If you know someone who could benefit from these series, please have them call 1-888-OK2READ (1-888-652-7323) or visit the website for a broadcast schedule and list of literacy providers. If you are interested in participating in efforts to address literacy in central Oklahoma, please contact Mary Surbeck in our offices at 405/606-2917 or by e-mail at m.surbeck@occf.org.



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Grants

Also during the May 25th meeting, the Trustees approved \$164,150 for Community Program grants to six metropolitan area charitable organizations and the creation of three scholarship endowments. Through our Community Program grants, we are able to assist charitable groups in central Oklahoma address specific opportunities and issues in a variety of focus areas. To read more about these grants, please visit our website at www.occf.org.

Scholarship Awards

Going into the mail this week is our annual Scholarship and Award Endowment Report. The report describes 118 scholarship funds that we administer and process. In all, the endowments fund more than 500 awards each year. The report serves as a guideline for individuals or groups who are interested in working with us to administer a scholarship endowment. Regarding starting such a fund, please contact Kenneth Conklin at 405/606-2926 or k.conklin@occf.org.

In addition, more than 180 graduating seniors from 51 central Oklahoma high schools received Community Foundation Scholar Awards and Foundation of Promise Scholarship Awards this spring through our Trustee Scholarship Initiative. Trustees, scholarship committee members and staff presented these awards at each school's award ceremonies. Scholarship awards will be made this summer to more than 60 students who qualify through the Oklahoma Youth with Promise program we administer for former foster care youth.

Facebook and E-mail

We have a Facebook page on which we add updates on a regular basis. If you are interested in keeping up with all of our activities, please find us at www.facebook.com/occf.org. We would also like to have your e-mail address. Please send your name and e-mail address to Jana Steelman at j.steelman@occf.org. We have a strict privacy policy that ensures we will not share your e-mail address.

Dr. Bob Woolsey

Dr. Woolsey, executive director of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation from 1982-85, died this past March in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Woolsey had spent almost 20 years as the headmaster of Casady School. Mr. Ed Joullian, president of the Community Foundation in 1982, asked Dr. Woolsey to come out of retirement to help him run the organization. Dr. Woolsey was loved and widely respected for all of his contributions to our community. We thank him for all of the encouragement he provided through the years.

We are looking forward to a very busy fall, reporting to donors and funds, and distributing the earnings on the endowment funds that are important to so many of our local charities. We look forward to seeing many of you at various meetings and events. If we can help you with any aspect of charitable giving or gift planning, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Nancy B. Anthony
Executive Director