



Donna Nigh visits the Home of Hope in Vinita.

HOW IT ALL STARTED

It began in 1985 as a birthday gift to a special person. Friends of Donna Nigh joined together to form the Donna Nigh Foundation in honor of her commitment and work on behalf of the state's developmentally disabled citizens who are mentally retarded, a cause she has championed since 1968. As the only foundation in the state of Oklahoma that awards grants exclusively for the developmentally disabled, the Donna Nigh Foundation fills an important niche.

Since its inception, the Donna Nigh Foundation has awarded grants helping thousands of Oklahomans and their families. Many of these grants provide funding for adaptive equipment for those individuals in group homes or who are cared for by their families, helping them grow and be as self-sufficient as possible.

In 1998, the administration of the foundation was turned over to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. This move ensures that the foundation will continue to provide support for these special Oklahomans for generations. The Nighs extend a special thanks to all who have contributed to the Donna Nigh Foundation and they encourage your continued support.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Donna Nigh Foundation is dedicated to the benefit of developmentally disabled Oklahomans who have a diagnosis of mental retardation. Through the development of endowment funds, there is a guarantee of grant awards in perpetuity.

THE DONNANIGH FOUNDATION

*Dedicated to the benefit of Oklahomans with Development Disabilities
A Fund Administered by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation*

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In accepting a contribution to any fund, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation trustees commit to the donor that the contribution will be protected for the charitable purpose originally intended. The variance power, as described in the governing documents of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, assures donors that if the charitable purpose of their contributions becomes impractical or impossible, the distributions will be directed to similar purposes in the community.



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STORIES OF SUCCESS

The Donna Nigh Foundation is very proud of its accomplishments. Grants awarded through the foundation provide equipment and resources for developmentally disabled Oklahomans who have a diagnosis of mental retardation. These grants have literally changed people's lives. Through the generous support of donors, the Donna Nigh Foundation is able to fund a wide variety of support. Below are examples of past grants:

- *Sponsorship for Special Olympics Oklahoma*
- *An accessible bathroom for a young child.*
- *Funding for construction of handicap accessible restrooms for the workers at an employment service for adults with disabilities.*
- *Repair for a van used to transport workers to and from supported employment.*
- *Adaptive playground equipment in several public school districts and children's medical facilities.*
- *Adaptive equipment for community facilities.*
- *Sponsorship for an annual conference of Oklahoma APSE (Association for Persons in Supported Employment).*
- *Funding to build a handicap accessible ramp at the home of a young child.*
- *Specialized computer equipment to help students with communications and school work.*
- *Grants to assist with construction of homes to provide independent living.*

With your support, the Donna Nigh Foundation will continue to make a difference in people's lives.

HOW TO GIVE

It is easy and convenient to include the Donna Nigh Foundation in your financial and estate plans. Cash is the easiest and most convenient way to make a contribution. In addition to cash gifts, because the foundation is administered by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, we are also able to accept the following types of charitable gifts:

- Stocks and Bonds
- Retirement Plan Assets
- Real Estate
- Oil and Gas Interests & Royalty Interests
- Life Insurance
- Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Bequests in a Will

We encourage you to discuss all of these options with your professional advisor as you consider a charitable gift to the Donna Nigh Foundation.

If you have any questions, contact us at 405/235-5603.

MEMORIAL & HONORARY GIFTS

Memorial and honorary gifts are a great way to celebrate the memory and lives of those you care for. Consider the Donna Nigh Foundation for charitable gifts you may want to make in memory or honor of a loved one. When you make a memorial or honorary gift to the Donna Nigh Foundation, proper notification is sent to the person or persons being honored or to the family of the deceased.

The photographs featured were taken when Mrs. Nigh visited the Home of Hope campus in 2009. Home of Hope is a nonprofit organization that serves people with developmental and other disabilities living in a six-county region in northeastern Oklahoma. The organization offers housing and recreation as well as employment training at its two industrial workshops and two thrift stores in addition to a public restaurant operated by staff and clients. Home of Hope has received several grants from the Donna Nigh Foundation.