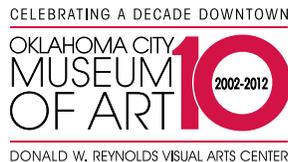


2012 is under way and there are lots of activities occurring at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. We look forward to seeing many of you throughout the spring at events here and across the community. If we can help you in any way, please contact us by phone, email or stop by.

Community Foundation Sponsors “Free Museum Weekend”

A grant to the Oklahoma City Museum of Art in celebration of its 10th year at its downtown location will allow the museum to be open free to the public on March 16, 17 and 18. We sponsored the free weekend in 2002 when the museum opened and record crowds came to see the new facility. We are pleased to join in the 10th anniversary celebration of such a valuable asset to our community.



Endowment Match Results

More than \$500,000 was added to the endowment funds of 43 charitable organizations as of December 31. The organizations participated in a dollar-for-dollar match opportunity we offered that was targeted at the smaller endowment funds with the goal of building the corpus and attracting new donors. The participating funds increased the value of their endowments by 50 percent.

Grants Approved

The Trustees approved \$247,000 in grants to 12 nonprofit organizations at the February 28, 2012 quarterly meeting. Included in the grants was \$198,000 from the Access to Health Care iFund program. The iFund grants will provide free or very low cost prescription drugs, medical and dental services or mental health screenings to residents of central Oklahoma who do not otherwise have access to care. Treatment of diabetes and preventive dental care were the services with the most need. We continue to work with the Health Alliance for the Uninsured and its efforts to design a system for improving care through these community-based organizations.

Comprehensive Parks Plan

The City of Oklahoma City is embarking on a comprehensive park planning effort to create a vision and mission for the parks system and a plan that uses resources most effectively for provide parks and public recreational facilities. We are funding one-half of the cost for a national consulting firm to bring its best ideas to Oklahoma City. The Parks Department staff is enthusiastic about the process and looking forward to a plan that neighborhoods, businesses and other groups can use to support and promote our city parks.

New Employees

We are pleased to announce that Rick Fernandez has joined our staff as the coordinator for scholarship programs. Rick was most recently at Oklahoma City University in admissions. Cher Golding started with us on February 27 in the donor services area. Cher most recently served as the director of the Mental Health Association of Central Oklahoma and has extensive experience as a nonprofit manager. We are pleased to have both Rick and Cher on our staff.



National Standards compliance

Earlier this year the Oklahoma City Community



Foundation received confirmation of our compliance with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. This designation denotes that we have met the most rigorous standards in philanthropy. The reconfirmation serves as an indication of a community foundation's integrity and demonstrated excellence. We received our initial confirmation of compliance in 2006 and must go through the reconfirmation process and submit supporting documentation every five years. Being in compliance with the National Standards is important to our organization as part of our ongoing commitment to accountability and due diligence as we help donors help their community.

Scholarship Awards

Spring is the season for scholarships and the Trustee Scholarship Initiative programs are in full swing. On April 5 and 6, we will host more than 200 Community Foundation Scholars and their guidance counselors for recognition lunches in our community room. In addition, Trustees, staff and Scholarship Committee members will make presentations of awards to students at 51 area high schools during April and May. A number of other scholarship award committees will be meeting and making awards for the Fall 2012 college term. More than 600 students will receive a scholarship award during the current fiscal year from the scholarship endowments we administer.

Professional Advisor Seminar

On June 7, we will host a seminar on the use of mineral interests for charitable gifts. Joe Hancock from the Baptist Foundation of Texas is the presenter for a seminar that provides continuing education credits for attorneys, accountants and other financial services professionals. Registration details will be available on our website at www.occf.org. For more information, contact our director of planned giving, Joe Carter, at j.carter@occf.org or 405-606-2914.

Boys Arboretum Improvements

A new entry, enhanced accessibility and other improvements at the Margaret Annis Boys Arboretum at Will Rogers Park are almost completed. It will be a very exciting place to view the trees and flowers as they bloom in the spring and summer. We will be working with the City of Oklahoma City to schedule an opening event but we hope that you will visit the arboretum and enjoy all of the improvements.

Sincerely,



Nancy B. Anthony

We are a Certified Healthy Business

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation has been selected as a Certified Healthy Business through the Oklahoma State Department of Health as part of its Shape Our Future initiative. The certification recognizes employers that provide health and wellness opportunities and are working to improve the health status of Oklahomans. To be certified, employers must provide employee health screenings, workplace health and nutrition education, opportunities for physical exercise activities, management support for healthy workplace environments, tobacco use prevention activities and sharing wellness activities.

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