



**OKLAHOMA CITY
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Dear Donors and Friends,

We are writing to you in regard to the recent media coverage of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and its administration of the Oklahoma City Disaster Relief Fund. We want to assure you and the public that we are taking seriously the allegations and claims made by several survivors of the Murrah Federal Building bombing. Below is our public response that we have distributed to the media. We have also enclosed an editorial published in the Nov. 14 Oklahoman. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions or concerns.

Steven C. Davis, Chairman

Nancy B. Anthony, President

Since 1995, the Oklahoma City Disaster Relief Fund has worked with many survivors and families of those directly impacted by the Murrah Building bombing. We provide both services and financial assistance to meet their needs and help them move forward. Initially, more than 40 separate funds worked cooperatively to provide assistance. These cooperative efforts and the services provided are hallmarks of the "Oklahoma City response" that has been recognized and lauded throughout the country.

The Oklahoma City Disaster Relief Fund and the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma are the only two funds still actively assisting survivors. There are approximately 50 active cases where services and assistance are ongoing in addition to 45 students who are either still in college or are eligible for scholarships through the Survivors' Education Fund. Two case managers continue to respond to any individuals or families who have physical or psychological needs related to the bombing.

Recent news reports have raised questions about services provided to or requested by specific individuals. We are committed to the confidentiality of those we've served and are unable to publicly respond to those allegations but we believe that a number of the representations and statements in the articles are inaccurate. In response, a comprehensive performance audit will be conducted by an independent firm to confirm whether the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has properly administered the Oklahoma City Disaster Relief Fund. We agree with former Gov. Frank Keating and former Oklahoma City Mayor Ron Norick that this is an appropriate way to address the reported concerns. We welcome that review. If any shortcomings are identified, they will certainly be rectified. Correspondingly, the performance audit will assure that any criticism is based upon actual facts.

The charitable funds that have been administered since 1995 were contributed by donors to meet the needs of the bombing survivors and families. There are legal and tax requirements for the distribution of charitable funds to individuals that we are required to satisfy, and have complied with. These funds were not established to provide monetary compensation to those impacted by the bombing, and are not the result of a legal settlement (like certain funds related to the 9/11 tragedy). The funds are required to be used to meet specific bombing-related needs and the needs of those impacted, especially those who were critically injured. The Oklahoma City Disaster Relief Fund is fortunate to have the financial resources to continue providing this support. Our allocation of long-term funds reflects a commitment to meet those ongoing needs.

Since 1995, the overriding goal of all involved has been to assist families and individuals as they recover, attempt to heal and seek to move forward. Our Trustees and staff are passionately committed to assisting survivors and their families, fulfilling donors' trust and providing certainty that the Oklahoma City Disaster Relief Fund is properly administered. We look forward to working with a duly appointed independent auditor to assure any legitimate concerns or complaints are addressed, and to be certain that any future publicly-aired complaints are factually accurate.

