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Our Response to Recent Tornadoes

As you are well aware, the last two weeks of May brought extreme severe weather to central Oklahoma. As a community foundation, we serve a unique role in helping donors respond to these tragedies and the generosity has come from throughout the country. By the end of the day on May 20th, we had reopened the Tornado Recovery Fund that was initially established in response to the May 3, 1999 tornado. Gifts to this fund will focus on providing assistance with intermediate and long-term recovery efforts. We are also meeting with local nonprofit organizations that provide or support mental health services to begin discussions dealing with the long-term mental health needs of first responders and those impacted directly by the tornadoes.

Another fund that has been established and garnered several significant gifts is the Shelter Oklahoma Schools fund. Created by the owners of Norman Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram dealership, the purpose of the fund is to help to provide storm shelters in and around Oklahoma schools and communities. The Apache Foundation made a \$500,000 gift to the fund and is matching \$500,000 in gifts.

As of June 7th, we had processed more than 1,000 gifts for a total of \$1.8 million to the funds mentioned above. Of the gifts, 445 have been made through our secure online giving service. In comparison, we received a total of 280 online gifts during 2012. It has been an "all-hands-on-deck" scenario and I appreciate the staff's efforts. Read more about our efforts in the Donor Digest digital edition at www.occf.org/donordigest.

Board Update

The bylaws of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation requires that six of the 15 Trustees be nominated by outside organizations and nine Trustees be appointed by the current board. Nominated for three-year terms, a Trustee can serve up to three terms that equates to nine consecutive years. Effective June 30th, the following Trustees will have served the maximum terms allowed and will retire from the board: Jane Jayroe, Steve Mason and Larry Nichols. Each served three, three-year terms and we very much appreciate their service. Effective July 1st, the following three individuals will begin a three-year term as Trustees: Mark Funke (nominated by the United Way of Central Oklahoma), Judge Vicki Miles-LaGrange (nominated by the Trustees) and David Rainbolt (nominated by the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber). In addition, Steven C. Davis was appointed for a second term as chairman of the board. To review a complete list of our Trustees and their source of nomination, please visit www.occf.org/trustees.



Opportunities for Children iFund awards \$181,700 to 10 nonprofits

Ten nonprofit organizations recently received a total of \$181,700 in grants through the Opportunities for Children iFund program. Since 2011, the fund awards grants to nonprofit organizations who are

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GiveSmartOKC Update

I'm pleased to report that GiveSmartOKC, our online resource of nonprofit organizations in central Oklahoma, continues to garner interest of both nonprofits and donors. We currently have more than 170 nonprofit organizations with profiles and are adding new ones daily. Our analytics are showing that visitors are spending more than 10 minutes on the site and looking at more than 11 web pages per visit. In the Internet world, those are impressive numbers! If you haven't visited the site yet, please do so at www.givesmartokc.org. If you don't find your favorite nonprofit, please encourage them to contact Jana Steelman on our staff at 405/606-2922 or email givesmartokc@occf.org.

Anna-Faye Rose Retires from Scholarship Role

Effective July 1, Anna-Faye Rose will retire from her role as our scholarship administrator.



To say we will miss her leadership and guidance in this area is an understatement. She joined our staff in November of 1995 to help administer the Oklahoma City Disaster Relief Fund. Her role soon expanded with the growth of the scholarship program. I am pleased to report that she has agreed to stay on part-time to continue to oversee the Survivors' Education Fund and other programs around emergency assistance and recovery. Read more about the number of scholarships we awarded this spring in the Donor Digest digital edition at www.occf.org/donordigest.

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providing direct services in central Oklahoma to children from birth to age 14 who otherwise wouldn't have access to services. This year, the program gave special consideration to those programs that focused on preschool and services for physically or developmentally delayed children. The iFund grant program is funded through several Field of Interest Funds and additional support comes from funds whose original purpose is obsolete. In keeping with our variance power, the Trustees elected to pool the spendable amounts of the funds to support programs meeting similar needs of original intent. To review the grants awarded in May, please go to www.occf.org/donordigest.

John Lampton Belt

In late March, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation lost a great friend with the death of John Lampton Belt. John had served as our general counsel since 1985. Through his work with the Kirkpatrick family, John quickly became one of our most vocal advocates. A well-respected attorney, John was also an accomplished singer and actor. His passion for the arts led him to lead the charge on establishing the Harding Fine Arts Academy, a charter school housed in a former elementary school located near another product of his passion, the Paseo Arts District. To honor the many contributions to the arts and the overall community made by John and his wife Joy Reed Belt, the Kirkpatrick Family Fund recently established the John and Joy Reed Belt Arts & Education Fund, a permanent endowment fund for the benefit of the academy. A fitting and enduring tribute to a wonderful individual.



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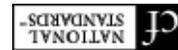
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