

## Help for Those Experiencing Homelessness amid Covid-19

For more than a year, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has convened the Central Oklahoma Health Impact Team (COHIT), a collaboration of central Oklahoma's largest health systems including INTEGRIS Health, Mercy Health, OU Medicine, SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma.

In response to Covid-19, COHIT developed a response plan to support the shelter of up to 190 central Oklahoma individuals experiencing homelessness who tested positive for Covid-19 and are ready for discharge from the hospital, or those who do not require hospitalization but are unable to isolate at home. Community partners include: the Oklahoma City-County Health Department, the Homeless Alliance, City Care, Oklahoma City Homeless Services, Oklahoma County, Grace Rescue Mission and City Rescue Mission.

The operation was made possible through funding from a \$150,000 Oklahoma City Community Foundation 2020 Disaster Relief Fund grant as well as funding from the Oklahoma City-County Health Department and from Oklahoma City Community Foundation Trustee, Ronnie and Shahnaaz Irani.

Learn more about the partnership at [occf.org](http://occf.org).

## Charles Wiggin and Pete White Join Oklahoma City Foundation Trustees in July

On July 1, 2020, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation will add two new Trustees to the board for three-year terms. Charles Wiggin, founder/president and CEO of Wiggin Properties, and Pete White, a retired Oklahoma City councilman. White and Wiggin will succeed Ann Johnstone and P.B. Odom II, whose terms end June 30, 2020.

Welcome and thank you!



A \$60,000 2020 Disaster Relief Fund grant was awarded to the Boys & Girls Club of Oklahoma County to fund five weeks of an essential emergency childcare facility for first responders and health care workers.

## Nearly \$1 Million Awarded Through Emergency-Response Grants Helping with Covid-19

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation awarded 76 emergency-response grants totaling \$1,075,630 between March 15 and April 10.

In March, we quickly established the 2020 Disaster Relief Fund to help local nonprofits providing direct services to those who are most vulnerable in our community. Directing our focus on awarding grants that support immediate health care needs, address isolation issues for the elderly and provide economic security for vulnerable populations, the OCCF awarded \$385,750 to 13 central Oklahoma charitable organizations. Additionally, \$689,880 was awarded through donor-established advised funds for emergency response.

"The magnitude of this current situation is nothing like any of us has experienced or imagined as it poses a different kind of uncertainty," said Jacque Parks, executive director of Metropolitan Better Living Center. "We will get through this crisis together through collaboration, sharing and most of all, trusting each other as we each do our part in serving those less fortunate. Your act of kindness is a rainbow of hope in these perilous times and know that your generosity makes a huge difference."

Learn more at [OCCF.org/Covid19](http://OCCF.org/Covid19).

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## Trustees Approve \$127,500 in Grants to Support Opportunities for Children

Oklahoma City Community Foundation Trustees approved \$127,500 in Opportunities for Children iFund grants to eight organizations providing direct services for children birth to age 14. This initiative offers access to enrichment activities that otherwise would not be possible.

Recipients include:

**Center for Children and Families** | \$12,000 to support an after-school program with the Boys & Girls Club of Norman that helps at-risk youth with academic success, physical fitness and character development.

**First Serve OKC** | \$8,000 to support the Serving Up Aces school outreach program, a safe place for students to learn tennis and the life skills it teaches throughout the summer months.

**Jubilee Partners** | \$7,500 to support the Summer Kid's Camp, a safe place for children to engage in safe, fun, recreational and educational activities throughout the summer months.

**Aspiring Attitudes** | \$10,000 to help children with physical and/or intellectual disabilities, who would not otherwise have the opportunity, participate in a dance performance program.

**Oklahoma City Community College Foundation** | \$20,000 to fund summer enrichment programming preparing students for STEM careers.

**Riversport Foundation** | \$15,000 to support the Thrive Outside OKC program that helps engage at-risk children in outdoor activities.

**Thick Descriptions** | \$15,000 to fund a science, technology, engineering, anthropology and math (STEAM) program that helps fill learning gaps for at-risk students during school breaks.

**Cavett Kids Foundation** | \$40,000 to help children with life-threatening illnesses attend Camp Cavett, a summer camp offering recreation, character-building and connection opportunities.



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