



Margaret Annis
Boys



Oklahoma City schoolteacher Margaret Annis Boys loved Oklahoma's natural beauty. A seasoned world traveler, one of her favorite trips was a Sunday drive in the Oklahoma countryside with friends, admiring her favorite native plants and flowers.

Miss Boys was born on her family's farm near Anadarko in 1909. While the family moved to Oklahoma City when she was a child, they kept the farm. After a 42-year career as both an elementary school teacher and principal, Miss Boys sold the farm and used the proceeds to establish a trust to fund beautification projects. When she died in 1990, the proceeds of the trust — \$1.2 million — was bequeathed to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to be used to beautify public parks and lands.

Through the Margaret Annis Boys Trust, we continue to honor her memory and wishes so that all in Oklahoma City can enjoy the natural beauty of native trees and flowers in public places.

Great Grants

*Dogs and owners alike enjoy
PAW Park, Oklahoma City's
first off-leash dog park.*

PAW PARK

Two acres of heaven.

That's what PAW Park, Oklahoma City's first off-leash dog park, represents to the community's canine residents.

Based upon similar parks in major U.S. cities, PAW Park has become a haven for animals and owners alike since it opened in 2003. And thanks to a Great Grant from the Margaret Annis Boys Trust at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, the park has 40 vital shade trees as well as an irrigation system.

The park was initiated by Partners for Animal Welfare of Oklahoma (PAW), a nonprofit group that sought to create a place where city-dwelling dogs of all shapes and sizes could safely exercise and play while learning to socialize with other animals. Whether it's chasing their favorite tennis ball or swimming in the duck pond, Oklahoma City's dogs now have their own slice of heaven. And the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, through the Margaret Annis Boys Trust, helped to make it a reality.



When schoolteacher Margaret Annis Boys left a bequest 15 years ago to fund beautification efforts in public parks and lands in Oklahoma City, she probably never imagined that this would include providing trees for a dog park. But we believe she would be quite pleased that her gift has helped to make a project like PAW Park a reality.

If your nonprofit group is interested in a Great Grant through the Margaret Annis Boys Trust, please contact Brian Dougherty at 405/235-5603 or b.dougherty@occf.org. If you are interested in helping to fund projects such as PAW Park, please contact Jennifer Stewart at 405/235-5603 or j.stewart@occf.org.

Helping Our Community



Through Great Grants, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation helps good organizations do projects that impact the entire community like PAW Park. And through Great Grants, we are able to accomplish the charitable goals of donors like Margaret Annis Boys, who wanted to leave a lasting legacy of natural beauty to Oklahoma City.

Since its founding 35 years ago, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has established itself as a charitable leader in central Oklahoma. We work with individuals and non-profit organizations to create endowment funds for the benefit of the community. The Oklahoma City Community Foundation makes charitable giving easy, flexible, effective and powerful.

For more information on the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and how we can help you help the community, please visit www.occf.org or call us at 405/235-5603.



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