



Science Museum Oklahoma receives an annual grant from the Tom A. Thomas Jr. Fund to support its various programs including its Aviation and Space exhibit that features one of the nation's premiere collections of vintage aircraft and the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame.

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Born in Ada, Okla., Tom A. Thomas Jr. was a fighter pilot for the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Following the war, Tom



founded Thomas Concrete Products where he served as president for more than 26 years. In his free time, Tom continued to fly and was an avid collector of antique aircraft. He was instrumental in creating the Mid-America Air Museum in Liberal, Kan. In 1997, he donated his entire \$3 million collection of 72 World War II era airplanes to be permanently housed at the museum.

Since 1979, Tom had made gifts to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to support a variety of charitable organizations. After his death in 1998, a bequest in estate created an advised fund that he designated to support more than 40 charitable organizations including Science Museum Oklahoma and the Salvation Army. Thanks to Tom's careful planning and thoughtful generosity these organizations will receive an annual grant from the Tom A. Thomas Jr. Fund in perpetuity.



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