

# Donor Connection

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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation's *Donor Connection*, a donor service we provide three times a year to donors. This publication seeks to connect you -- donors -- with causes or non-profit organizations with charitable or program needs. Our intention is to provide you with a variety of charitable giving opportunities and to inform you about the activities of specific agencies.

The agencies in the publication have submitted requests to the Community Foundation that staff have carefully reviewed. Site visits and in-depth research may not have been conducted on each proposal. We encourage you to talk directly with the agencies and have provided contact information for that purpose. However, if you need additional information, please contact Gayle Farley at the Community Foundation, 405/235-5603.

Results from the *Donor Connection* are encouraging. The first three issues of the publication provided more than \$68,000 for the sixty programs profiled. The publications also resulted in non-cash donations that benefitted several agencies. The Community Foundation is excited about the response and plans to continue the program through the remainder of the year. Look for the publications to be mailed to you in July and October 2001.

If you would like to learn more about other charitable giving opportunities or about these and other Designated Endowment Funds at the Community Foundation, you may contact Penny Voss at 405/235-5603. There also is a wealth of information at the Community Foundation's web site, [www.occf.org](http://www.occf.org).

Thank you for your generosity in making the community a better place to live.

Sincerely,



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Community Foundation Executive Director

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## Edmond Historical Society – Art Exhibit Rental Fees

The Edmond Historical Society operates a museum to preserve and interpret the history of this central Oklahoma city.

The museum houses permanent exhibits and hosts traveling exhibits in addition to providing other services to the community.

July 2-Aug. 31, the museum will host a portion of an exhibit, *The American Legacy Collection*, by Kay Smith. Ms. Smith is a master storyteller, educator and historian who has traveled extensively to capture many historical events and landmarks.

The collection features 270 watercolors and black-and-white drawings that illustrate a broad sweep of the nation's history.

The museum will have approximately 40 of these works on display. The Edmond Historical Society is seeking donations totaling \$2,500 to help offset the exhibit rental fee.

In addition, volunteers are needed to staff the museum during the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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## International Photography Hall of Fame – Youth, Adult Education

The International Photography Hall of Fame and Museum (IPHF), located at the Omniplex, seeks to preserve and educate others on the history of photography. The organization offers children's education through a museum tour, a historical slide presentation, and a hands-on project with a pinhole camera, sunprint image or an art photography technique called photomontage.

IPHF recently developed "Museum Success Express," which sends education teams into schools for similar hands-on educational opportunities.

The organization also has workshops, lectures and seminars for adults that focus mainly on art photography techniques, conservation and history.

Donations of any size are sought for a variety of educational materials, including photographic chemicals and paper, sunprint-making chemicals and paper and various equipment such as trays, gloves and tongs.

For adult classes, a variety of materials are also needed, in addition to a liquid crystal display (LCD) unit for projecting computer images.

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## Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma – Interpreters for the Hearing Impaired

The Lyric Theatre is Oklahoma's only professional musical theatre. Lyric produces a five-show season each summer and schedules other appearances throughout the year.

Starting with its 1998 Summer Season, Lyric began providing an interpreter for the hearing impaired at each matinee performance. Donors made it possible for this service to continue in the seasons that followed. In cooperation with the Oklahoma Service to the Deaf, Lyric is seeking to once

again provide two hearing impaired interpreters for each matinee performance.

A total of 10 signers (two signers for each matinee performance) will be needed through the season. Each signer receives \$150 for his or her service. The entire program could be funded by a contribution of \$1,500. Gifts to provide for single performances are also welcome.

Lyric would also consider the use of volunteer signers with a signing level of III or higher.

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### Oklahoma City Philharmonic Society, Inc. – Youth Education

The Oklahoma City Philharmonic offers professional symphonic performances for audiences in central Oklahoma. Concert offerings range from classical to jazz to midwinter holiday festivals and Fourth of July concerts in the park.

As part of its mission, the Philharmonic seeks to educate the next generation of concert goers. Several programs throughout the year help accomplish this goal.

The Philharmonic presents concerts to about 18,000 students in grades 3-5. The Philharmonic also supplies curriculum materials to classroom teachers so they may prepare students for the Civic Center

concert experience. The Philharmonic provides a concert series for families that features a balance of entertainment and education.

The organization also provides opportunities for members of the Oklahoma Youth Symphonies and Oklahoma Youth Orchestra to sit side-by-side with their Philharmonic counterparts for a unique concert event.

Donations of any size will help fund the \$1,000 cost of the performance of one piece by the full orchestra, the \$500 cost of cellists' performance in a side-by-side concert or the cost of the orchestra performing youth concerts.

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### Oklahoma Youth Symphonies, Inc. – Youth Education

Oklahoma Youth Symphonies, Inc., (OYS) provides talented young musicians with the opportunity to study and perform works of symphonic literature. At the same time, the organization seeks to develop leadership qualities and help encourage youth to be responsible citizens.

Approximately 150 students in grades 6 through 12 comprise three ensembles that perform 5 to 6 concerts each season.

Membership is by audition and is open to all public, independent and home school students.

The OYS organization sponsors several special programs for its students, including an annual Special Guest Conductor Concert featuring a nationally recognized music educator as conductor and instructor for a weekend workshop, music coaches, and a concerto concert featuring senior soloists.

OYS is seeking scholarships for students unable to pay the member participation fee. A contribution of \$150 will underwrite the fee for one student for a semester or \$300 for a season. Smaller donations can purchase sheet music or rent a performance hall.

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### Payne Education Center – Teacher Training

The Payne Education Center has been providing training for teachers since 1984. The center features a multi-sensory curriculum designed to meet the reading, writing and spelling needs of students, especially those with dyslexia.

The approach of the non-profit organization teaches a variety of phonics and meaning-based approaches that enable the student to hear, feel, write and see the sounds of letters and words.

The center is named for Katheryne B. Payne, whose initial support helped found the organization.

The average cost for one teacher to attend one day of specialized training is about \$125. The center charges teachers \$25. Through a generous commitment from the Oklahoma Scottish Rite Masons, public school teachers are provided with training materials and the opportunity for a \$50 scholarship.

Payne Education Center donors help fund the remaining \$50 that covers the cost of one day of a teacher's training.

Payne Education Center's goal this year is to train 700 teachers in their multi-sensory curriculum.

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### Villa Teresa School – Campus Beautification

Villa Teresa Schools have been providing spiritual and educational service to the community for more than 50 years. The facilities serve age 3 through fourth grade.

The Oklahoma City school has launched a campus-wide beautification effort that is involving the 195 students, administration, staff and some members of the surrounding community. The program is intended to not only promote beautification, but to also generate a broader appreciation among all

involved of the importance of community appearance and the hands-on nature of beautification and maintenance.

The school is requesting support materials for gardening and beautification.

Specific requests include child-size tools, gardening gloves, gardening supplies, butterfly and bird-feeding supplies, garden decorations and other appropriate items for helping students understand and appreciate nature and campus beautification.

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### Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics – Science and Art of Photography

The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) is a residential high school for juniors and seniors from across the state who are gifted in math and science. While studies naturally focus on math and science, the OSSM Fine Arts Department is offering studies of the science and art of photography.

Physics professors will collaborate with local photographic artists to allow students to explore the dynamics between photography and physics.

Areas of study will include exploring optical instruments, including the human eye and

camera, the principles of the telescope and an exploration of space photography.

The goal of this program is to provide students with an opportunity to explore science and technology through the use of fine arts and explore fine arts through the disciplines of science and technology.

To fully investigate the interdisciplinary principles of art or physics in the field of optics, the use of a camera is important. OSSM is requesting assistance in purchasing 10 35mm cameras at \$260 each. The cameras will also be used for outreach programs to science teachers.

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### Oklahoma City Literacy Council – Books for Tutoring Adults

The Oklahoma City Literacy Council teaches adults to read free of charge. Adults come to the Council for various reasons, including a desire to read a certain book, get a better job, read to their children or read personal mail. The organization hopes to reach 100 individuals during the year.

The Literacy Council provides volunteers who offer one-on-one tutoring to tailor the educational experience to the needs of the adult student.

A donation of \$25 pays for the books to tutor one student. In addition, the Council is

in need of office supplies that include colored paper and folders. To reach prospective students, the Council is seeking in-kind printing services, especially for brochures, and other means of publicity such as billboards.

Literacy Council volunteers also enjoy the rewards of helping others experience the possibilities afforded by knowing how to read. Volunteers would be asked to spend one hour a week teaching an adult to read. Instructional sessions are held at times and places agreed to by the tutor and the student.

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**Variety Health Center – Clinic Visits**

Variety Health Center provides maternal and child health care to low-income women and children.

Last year, 13,550 patients came to Variety for a total of nearly 36,000 visits. Variety's staff of physicians, nurse practitioners and medical support personnel provides patients with comprehensive prenatal care, family planning services and pediatric care.

Variety also offers nutritional assessment, education and supplemental foods through

the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

Variety Health Center's fees are based on income. No one is refused care because of an inability to pay.

All gifts help provide services to patients. A \$50 donation will provide one WIC Clinic visit. A gift of \$125 will provide two OB Clinic visits. A \$250 donation will provide four Family Planning Clinic visits, and \$525 will provide eight Pediatric Clinic visits.

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**St. Anthony Foundation – Supplies for Youth Behavioral Center**

The St. Anthony Foundation helps provide St. Anthony Hospital with new equipment, facility enhancements, education and community outreach.

One such outreach activity is the St. Anthony's Center of Behavioral Medicine. The Center provides acute as well as residential care for young people who may be experiencing depression, severe attention deficit disorder or other problems. In the United States, one out of every ten children and adolescents suffers from some form of mental illness.

Many of the Center's patients, who range in age from five to 18, come from disadvantaged backgrounds where books and other positive activities were not available.

The Center is requesting cash gifts to underwrite the purchase of books, educational videos, field trips, art activities and games that give young patients the opportunity to learn, discover and play in ways that feel comfortable and are more typical of childhood. In-kind donations of art supplies, children's books, music and videos are also welcomed.

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**Daily Living Centers – Diabetic Medical Supplies**

The Daily Living Centers, Inc., was the first non-profit to provide adult day services programs in Oklahoma. The organization's programs are designed to care mainly for frail elderly, but its three centers also serve many younger adults with special needs who are seeking to maintain more independence than is offered in institutional care.

Those benefitting from the services include those impaired by strokes, arthritis and Alzheimer's disease. Nursing care is provided by licensed medical personnel. The

program includes a full activity schedule, therapeutic exercises, meals and health monitoring. Centers can also provide special meals, transportation for its clients and support groups for family caregivers.

Daily Living Centers are in need of \$3,500 to provide medical supplies for frail elderly diabetics. The funds will provide supplies for a full year.

The organization also needs volunteers to play bingo, assist in arts and crafts and the music program.

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## The Education and Employment Ministry, Inc. – Adult Scholarships

The Education and Employment Ministry (TEEM) is dedicated to helping unemployed and underemployed adults through a program of self help and job training.

The organization has a well-developed, three-month curriculum designed to give individuals the tools necessary to gain employment, recover personal dignity and break the cycle of dependency.

Current classes include a Career Develop-

ment Workshop, general educational development degree, computer software applications, life skills, computer technology and repair, health and nutrition, pre-cosmetology, parenting instruction and food-service training.

These opportunities are free to participants. The cost is \$1,659 per student for a 13-week curriculum, but gifts of any size are appreciated.

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## Central Oklahoma Association for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired – Summer Activities for Children

The Central Oklahoma Association for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (COAD-HI) provides programs, information, support and advocacy for those dealing with hearing impairments.

Programs include summer outings to the zoo, Omniplex, camp, a picnic, an ice cream social, horseback riding and the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

The organization also helps low-income individuals obtain a hearing aid and provides information and referral services through

quarterly newsletters.

COAD-HI is seeking to continue the children's summer program and add activities for teens. These activities will give children the opportunity to develop socially while interacting with their peers.

The group is requesting financial support that will provide sports, arts and crafts and other teen-related activities during the summer. Volunteers are also needed to assist with these programs, annual events and the newsletter.

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## Oklahoma City All Sports Association – Sooner State Games

Oklahoma City All Sports Association was established in 1957 to support excellence in amateur athletics. All Sports annually sponsors a number of quality athletic competitions in Oklahoma, especially the Sooner State Games.

Based on the Olympic format and officially endorsed by the United States Olympic Committee, the Sooner State Games take place each winter and summer and are open to every amateur athlete in our state, regardless of age, sex or ability.

With 47 events held around the state and more than 7,000 athletes participating, All Sports is seeking donations to help support

the cost of facility and equipment rental. The parks/facilities typically rent for \$250-\$600 each. From basketball to Tae Kwon Do, your donation can make a difference in how many Sooner State Games events are held and the quality of participant's experience.

The Summer Games will begin in June and the Winter Games in January 2002. Any size donation will help the Oklahoma City All Sports Association obtain its goal "to provide an opportunity for all Oklahomans to enjoy the benefits of sports played in the spirit of the Olympic creed."

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## Central Oklahoma Christian Camp – Scholarships for Handicapped Youth

The Central Oklahoma Christian Camp is affiliated with Make Promises Happen, which provides recreational, educational and therapeutic experiences at a camp for medically at risk or disabled persons, their families and caregivers.

Make Promises Happen serves 2,000 children in 35 different camps and retreats each year.

The organization has groups that are working on new opportunities that include 36-hour, 48-hour and five-day camps.

The organization is seeking scholarships for handicapped children and youth to attend these camps. Individual scholarships are \$166 for a 36-hour camp, \$210 for 48 hours, and \$265 for a five-day adventure.

In addition, the organization welcomes the help of trained volunteers to work one-on-one with the campers. Volunteers must be 18 or older.

If you can also provide a special fun activity for the campers, such as a carnival, please feel free to contact us.

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## Willow Springs Boys Ranch – Youth Scholarships

Willow Springs Boys Ranch provides basic care for boys who are 7 to 12 years old.

Boys can remain at the ranch until they turn 18 or graduate from high school or earn their general educational development degree.

Boys accepted at the ranch are orphaned, abandoned, neglected or in the need of supervision. All boys are provided scholarships through private donations, which are the only source of the ranch's revenue.

The first home at the ranch is full. The second home is currently under construction and will be ready for an additional eight boys in the fall of this year.

The ranch is seeking eight scholarships to provide the care for these boys. The total cost is \$800 a month for each boy.

Administrative costs for the ranch are funded by a corporate sponsor. The ranch also welcomes volunteers for various work projects or relief service.

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## Last Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America – Tents, Volunteers

The Boy Scouts work to develop character, citizenship and fitness in young people. One of the important tools in this process is the outdoor program, which makes learning fun and exciting for youth.

There is a growing effort by the scouting program to offer these opportunities to youth from areas where there are fewer volunteers and resources to support traditional troops. These two groups have typically had less opportunity to participate in the scouting program.

The growth of this outreach effort, which is called Scoutreach, has outpaced the organization's supply of camping equipment.

The Council is requesting funds to purchase new tents and other camping gear. The specific request is for donors to provide one or more tents at a cost of \$186 per tent. In all, 75 tents are needed at a total cost of \$13,950.

The Council would also appreciate volunteer support, whether working directly with young people or in a support role.

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## Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater OKC – Two Computers

Big Brothers/Big Sisters helps children reach their highest potential by providing a one-on-one relationship with a positive mentor.

The organization is requesting funding for two computers, which will cost about \$2,000. One computer would be used for running new fundraising software that houses donor base data, budgeting and outcome analysis tools. To complement the technology, the organization is developing a structured, five-year fundraising plan.

The second computer would be used for a

rapidly expanding program based in schools. The program matches volunteers with elementary school children for a short term relationship.

The program also allows high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to be Big Brothers and Big Sisters. In the past year, this program has grown exponentially.

Not only does the school-based program allow the organization to reach children who may otherwise be unable to benefit from the services, but it also teaches the value of voluntarism and community service to high school students.

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## Oklahoma Arts Institute – Summer Arts Institute Scholarships

The Oklahoma Arts Institute (OAI) holds educational workshops and residential summer camps related to the arts.

The Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute at Quartz Mountain provides students with the opportunity to experience intense study of their chosen area of visual, literary or performing arts.

During the two-week residential school, students ages 14 to 18 are immersed in their area of study, which can range from orchestral music, drawing/painting, film/video, photography and poetry. The daily schedule includes six hours of class and additional time

for coaching or rehearsing. Students are exposed to other art forms during a range of evening programs.

Students are selected for this program through a statewide competitive audition process. The summer institute is scheduled for June 9-24.

The cost of each student's participation is \$2,000. All 300 students attend on private scholarship donations of \$1,000 that are matched by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. OAI is seeking donors interested in sponsoring a student, perhaps in a selected area of study.

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