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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the final *Donor Connection* for 2001. This publication is a donor service of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Our intention is to provide you with a variety of charitable giving opportunities and to inform you about the activities of specific non-profit organizations.

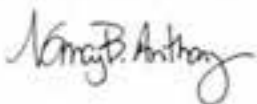
The agencies listed in the publication have endowment funds with the Community Foundation and have submitted requests that staff have carefully reviewed. Site visits and in-depth research may not have been conducted on each proposal. However, staff are willing to do this on a particular program or agency at your request. Please contact Penny Voss at the Community Foundation, 405/235-5603, if you wish to obtain additional information or have comments on this publication. We also encourage you to deal with the agencies directly, and we have provided contact information for that purpose.

Serving donors is our top priority at the Community Foundation. We encourage you to consider these opportunities to help strengthen efforts by non-profit organizations in our community.

We hope that you find a giving opportunity that fits with your charitable goals. However, if you would like to learn more about other charitable giving opportunities or would like further information about these and other Designated Endowment Funds at the Community Foundation, please call. There also is a wealth of information at the Community Foundation's Web site, www.occf.org.

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

Sincerely,



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Individual Artists of Oklahoma – Office Remodeling

Individual Artists of Oklahoma (IAO) is committed to sustaining and encouraging emerging and established artists in all media who are intellectually and aesthetically provocative or experimental in subject matter or technique. IAO provides arts space for 20 visual arts exhibitions each year as well as two juried exhibits. In addition, IAO hosts exhibitions, poetry readings, theatrical performances and film and video created by Oklahomans, mentoring for emerging artists, and hosts workshops and seminars.

IAO is in the process of renovating space at 811 N. Broadway, located in Automobile Alley. Local businesses are donating in-kind services and materials for this project. A benefactor is providing for the renovation and a largely discounted rental amount.

Donations are being sought for track lighting, art storage shelving, portable walls and treatment to existing plaster walls. These project costs range from \$1,700 to \$4,700. Donations will be designated for the project you choose. IAO also welcomes contributions of materials, furniture and fixtures.

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Social Services

Consumer Credit Counseling Service – Financial Management Education

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) helps people help themselves become financially strong individuals and families through counseling, debt management and education. Donations are being requested for the education program for high school and college level. There is no requirement to teach money management, personal finance or credit education to provide young people these "education for life" skills. Teens in America spent over \$160

billion in 2000; the average college student has about \$20,000 of debt, including student loans, when he or she graduates. The goal is to reach these students before they make financial mistakes that will plague them.

A contribution of \$150 will provide a class of high school or college students instruction in many financial areas including how to properly establish and maintain credit. A contribution of \$1,000 will provide "Are Credit Cards Free Money?" to freshmen at several colleges.

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Contact Crisis Helpline – Volunteer Training

CONTACT Crisis Helpline listens, educates and empowers the people of Oklahoma through 24-hour crisis support, suicide prevention programs and information and referral services. CONTACT has provided the vital services of highly trained, skilled, compassionate volunteer listeners. All calls are free, confidential and anonymous. CONTACT's 160+ volunteer telephone listeners provide support and information to individuals in crisis, referral information about more than 800 agencies and 2000 programs and receive calls on a statewide 1-800-SUICIDE line and Parenting Helpline. Volunteers receive over 34,000 calls annually.

Constant recruitment and training of volunteers is essential to this program. Volunteers receive 52.5 hours of specialized university-level training and are asked to commit 8 hours per month to the program. Volunteers are asked to pay a \$50 fee per training period which sometimes hinders willing volunteers who are unable to pay. A gift of \$600 would provide 6 scholarships @ \$50 per training period for this twice a year education. In addition, training manuals are needed for each session. A donation of \$800 will provide the printing, collating and punching of these manuals. Volunteers interested in training for the Crisis Helpline are a vital need as well.

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McCall's Chapel School – Special Olympics

McCall's Chapel School was established in 1954 to provide a residential school for children with developmental disabilities and/or mental retardation. Today, McCall's is a residential facility for 160 adults, many of whom came to McCall's as children.

McCall's Life Enhancement program offers a variety of activities to insure a high quality of life for the residents. This spring, 70 residents will participate in Special Olympics, a sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with mental retardation.

They compete in Special Olympics events in both Ada and Stillwater. Special Olympics competition helps improve physical fitness, motor skills, self confidence and produce a more positive self-image. It's also a time for making new friends and involving the residents' families in an organized event.

The cost to participate is \$100 per person. This will cover the cost of a hotel, transportation, t-shirts, meals and snacks for a resident. Any contribution to support a high quality of life will be appreciated.

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Education

CELEBRATIONS! Educational Services – Relocation Expenses

Celebrations! Educational Services, Inc., is a nationally accredited bilingual preschool and kindergarten program for disadvantaged children 3½ to 5 years. Celebrations! provides high quality education to 30 multicultural, inner-city children Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., September through May. Children receive a balanced breakfast, lunch and snack daily. Transportation is provided to and from their caregiver's home.

Celebrations! is especially designed to teach English to children from non-English

speaking homes. Attendees show proven academic success and emotional readiness upon entering first grade because of the guidance of certified early childhood teachers.

Celebrations! has recently relocated to a new church/school shared environment. Of special need are locked bookcases to replace the flood damaged open shelves. Donations of any amount would also be appreciated. Each contribution of \$450 will cover the cost of one locked bookcase. Other needs include clothing for children age four to 6, school supplies and food.

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Southern Nazarene University – Community Service Program

Southern Nazarene University is a private Christian four-year liberal arts institution located in Bethany, Okla.

Each year, the university conducts a new student orientation program designed to demonstrate the importance of community service while introducing students to the community. Approximately 400 new students, along with SNU faculty, staff and student leaders, are deployed throughout the metro area for a full afternoon's work. This

year, students painted, landscaped, cleaned up property, repaired Christmas lights, sorted clothing and provided needed assistance at various community agencies.

Donations are needed for material for specific projects. For example, a \$500 contribution will provide paint and painting supplies or haulage, \$100 will purchase plants for landscaping and \$50 will purchase work gloves or trash bags. In-kind contributions are also welcome.

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Retired Senior Volunteer Program – America Reads Program

RSVP of Central Oklahoma, Inc., links volunteers age 55 and older with essential local community needs. Each year, 1000 RSVP volunteers contribute over 225,000 service hours to 165 local non-profit organizations. RSVP also sponsors five programs that meet the needs of both the elderly and the youth populations, including the America Reads program.

America Reads links senior volunteer tutors with elementary school children who have been identified as at-risk for academic

programs, specifically reading. Tutors meet with the students on a weekly basis, assisting with reading related exercises and providing additional motivation to succeed, as well as serving as a mentor figure. Last year, 85 percent of the children in the program showed a significant reading improvement.

Specific needs of the program are 150 new Dr. Seuss books, donations of \$25 to buy reference material for a tutor and incentive items, such as bookmarks, pencils or stickers. Volunteers are also needed.

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Youth

United Methodist Boys Ranch – Academic Retreat

The United Methodist Boys Ranch is a residential group home for boys ages 12 to 18 who are experiencing differing problems and for various reasons cannot live at home or foster care.

The home provides a family-like living experience, counseling, an animal therapy program, alternative school and individualized care to help these boys have every chance at a successful life.

As an incentive, the ranch provides an annual Beach Retreat for Academic Achievement for boys that excel at school.

A donation of \$200 will pay the cost of sending one boy to camp for one week. The donation covers the costs of transportation and food for the week. Accommodations and costs associated with programs are provided to the boys for free. Donations are needed for 20 boys.

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Health

Children's Medical Research Institute – Volunteer Training Room

The Children's Medical Research Institute strives to improve the health of children through its support of research and education at the Oklahoma Health Center. CMRI is the only organization in the state providing private support exclusively for pediatric research and education.

The organization's volunteer base has grown rapidly, and now the institute reports a need for a training area for volunteers. There will be space available for this purpose

in July 2002.

The organization is seeking donations of equipment and furniture for its volunteer training area. Specifically, CMRI is seeking two sets of filing cabinets, computers, desks and chairs. In addition, a double size storage cabinet, video screen, six training tables and 24 chairs will ultimately be needed to finish out the space. In-kind contributions or a cash donation of any amount will help offset the \$10,000 budget for the project.

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Deaconess Foundation – Glucometer Strips

Deaconess Foundation was formed to provide financial support for Deaconess Hospital and its sister institutions, Deaconess Pregnancy and Advocacy Services and the Retirement Village at Copper Lake.

In 1993, Deaconess Hospital founded the Open Arms Free Clinic to provide short-term care for people with temporary illnesses or health problems. The clinic provides help for patients until they are financially able to begin seeing and developing a relationship with a physician. More than 6,000 patients have been served.

Last year, 86 physicians and 459 volunteers served 960 patients. Between 30 and 40 percent of the patients are diabetic. They must check blood sugar daily to control the disease. Multiple blood checks during the day may be required, depending on the level of the disease. Glucometers are used to read the blood sugar levels. The clinic is seeking donations of \$50 to purchase one bottle of glucometer strips, which are used to capture a blood drop that then is analyzed by the glucometer. The clinic also welcomes volunteer health care professionals.

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INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center Foundation – Uniforms

INTEGRIS is an Oklahoma-owned, non-profit health care system with the mission of improving the health of the people and communities it serves. In 1999, INTEGRIS developed a partnership with the Oklahoma City Public Schools to develop a charter school at Western Village Academy.

The school has been recognized for excellence for an integrated arts curriculum and test scores have increased in the areas of reading, math and writing. The school is no longer on the low performing, high challenge list.

According to recent school statistics, however, 90 percent of the students at Western Village participate in the free or reduced cost lunch program, which is based on the family income level. INTEGRIS is seeking donations to pay for the cost of a student's school uniform, which is \$25 a piece.

Other assistance can be provided by becoming a mentor or by providing in-kind donations for school and art supplies or cash donations to cover the cost of student admissions during field trips.

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Oklahaven Children's Chiropractic Center – Disadvantaged Family Fund

Oklahaven specializes in treating severely damaged children with asthma, cerebral palsy, Attention Deficit Disorder, seizures, ear problems, scoliosis, birth trauma, club foot, autism and many other difficult infant and childhood conditions.

Oklahaven has been treating children for nearly 40 years without state, federal or United Way funding.

Chiropractic treatment and natural health care provide the basis for successful remedies of these particular diseases. Most parents

who come to Oklahaven for the first time have exhausted traditional medical treatments and are burdened with incredible health care debt. Treatment is intensive and can be needed daily or weekly for several months. Oklahaven provides a specific evaluation and treatment plan for a child's optimal health.

Oklahaven is seeking \$75 donations that will cover the cost of an initial evaluation and consultation; \$125 for the cost of a single treatment, or \$375 for intensive, one-day treatment.

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After School Options – Activities for Youth

The Community Foundation has worked for six years to raise awareness in the community of the needs of children and youth for positive, value-oriented and developmentally appropriate activities during the non-school hours. The programs, developed by local non-profit organizations, targets children age 6 to 13 or in grades one through eight. Many successful programs have already been

developed and implemented. Four current programs need donor support. A \$500 donation would fund one of 19 artist-in-residence locations for a semester. Daily reading programs at one of 14 locations could be sponsored for \$1,000 per semester. Parental involvement efforts can be supported for \$500 per semester. A learn to swim program for 20 students can be funded with a \$1,000 donation.

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September 11 Fund – Help for Long-Term Needs

In response to requests from several donors, the Community Foundation will accept contributions for a fund to assist those who were affected by the tragic events in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. All funds received by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation will be forwarded to another community foundation in the

affected community for use in providing assistance to individuals and families in addressing the long-term needs in the weeks and months to come. We have been in direct contact and assisted community foundations and other non-profit organizations in affected areas and believe they will make the best decisions regarding the use of donors contributions.

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