

# Donor Connection

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Dear Friends:

Please take a few moments to review the November 2002 edition of the *Donor Connection*, a donor service of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. This quarterly publication is a service to donors seeking to connect with causes or non-profit organizations with charitable or program needs. The information contained in this *Donor Connection* will provide you with a variety of charitable giving opportunities and will inform you about the activities of specific agencies.

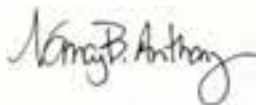
The agencies listed in the publication have Designated Endowment Funds with the Community Foundation and have submitted requests that our staff has carefully reviewed. Site visits and in-depth research may not have been conducted on each proposal. However, staff is willing to do this on a particular program or agency at your request. Please contact Gayle Farley 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 communicate directly with the agencies 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 the efforts of non-profit organizations in our community.

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 contact me. 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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Executive Director

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## Rosary School — Kidz Club

The Rosary School's Kidz Club provides a safe and fun environment before and after school for its students in kindergarten through eighth grade whose parents work. At Kidz Club, children receive assistance with their homework and are provided snacks and play opportunities.

The Rosary School, a parochial school affiliated with St. Francis Church, is seeking

funds and donations to provide further enrichment for its Kidz Club through musical exposure or lessons and updated computer equipment could assist with academic issues. Donations of \$150 will provide art supplies or an updated computer printer and \$350 will provide updated audio-visual equipment. A donation of music and or dance services will also be accepted.

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## Oklahoma City Police Athletic League — South Rotary Park

The Police Athletic League is a juvenile crime prevention program that provides educational and sporting opportunities for children, especially those from high-risk neighborhoods, in an effort to reach more children in high-crime areas. The League is developing South Rotary Park at 1800 S. Westwood and is offering tennis, basketball, t-ball, baseball, bicycle safety and soccer. The League has already added three baseball fields and five soccer fields and resurfaced

existing tennis courts. The League will need \$5.15 million to complete the project, which includes adding a gymnasium and a field tower and covering costs associated with managing the basketball, baseball and soccer leagues. The following donor levels are available: Individual Field Sponsor - \$5,000; Complex Field Sponsor — \$10,000; Field Tower Sponsor — \$75,000; and Main Facility Sponsor — \$2.5 million.

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## Rainbow Fleet — Mobile Toy Library & Child Health Care

Rainbow Fleet provides youth educational and support services to enhance the quality of life for children, their families and childcare professionals. Its Child Care Connection helps families find child care while the Mobile Toy Library visits providers in their homes for one-on-one training and loans educational toys, games and art projects.

The organization is seeking assistance with two of its programs: The Mobile Toy Library and the Child Care Health Consultant. For \$35, a donor can provide the

health care consultant with a pediatric blood pressure cuff and a \$40 donation will purchase a set of teeth to use in dental hygiene demonstrations. A \$10 donation will purchase 100 "Scrubby Bear" cards for children who have been taught proper hand washing. The Mobile Toy Library distributes puzzles, games and books.

A cash donation would be used to supplement the library. Rainbow Fleet also welcomes donations of books and art supplies.

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## Girls Scouts — Support Outreach Efforts

The mission of Girl Scouts – Red Lands Council is to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service so they may become happy and resourceful citizens. The Council is committed to serving every girl and is expanding its outreach efforts to meet this goal.

Financial assistance is provided to girls in need, approximately 15 percent of the Council's jurisdiction. A donation of \$500 will rent school buses to use for field trips; a

\$120 donation allows one girl to attend resident camp for a week; and \$60 purchases a science kit to use with the troop.

The Council is also seeking volunteers, especially individuals fluent in Spanish, to help with troop meetings, field trips and special events. Training is provided free of charge to volunteers. Time requirements vary from one-time, one hour commitments to leadership roles with monthly commitments.

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## Skyline Urban Ministry — OKC Jets

The Skyline Urban Ministry administers OKC Jets, a year-round program for Oklahoma City's low-income, at-risk children, grades 1-5. The after school program is held five days a week during the school year and for four weeks during the summer months.

Through Jets, children learn about serving their community, enjoy camping and field

trips, and develop leadership and social skills. A \$1,000 donation will provide a one-year scholarship to the Jets program, \$600 will sponsor one child for the Jets after school program and \$400 will fund a scholarship to the Jets summer program.

Other needs include a passenger van, art and school supplies, food, salaries and printing.

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## Sugar Creek Camp — Tuition

Sugar Creek Camp offers, at no charge, outdoor recreational and educational opportunities for children whose families fall below the federal poverty guidelines and live in the Oklahoma City School District. Outdoor activities are combined with a literacy program and are specifically designed to intervene in the cycle of poverty. Campers have the opportunities to explore the great outdoors, live in community with

others and discover individual talents in a safe environment.

A donation of \$300 will allow one child to attend a week-long resident camp or six weeks of day camp and pay for transportation, art supplies, literacy materials and insurance.

The Camp would also appreciate the following donated items: bedding, flashlights, children's swimsuits and electric fans.

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## Sunbeam Family Services — Holiday Gifts

Sunbeam Family Services provides therapeutic foster care for low-income children, youth, working-age adults and senior citizens in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. Services include specialized early childhood care and education; counseling services; in-home support for at home senior citizens; and an emergency shelter for victims of elder abuse.

Sunbeam Family Services is seeking donations to help brighten the holidays for its

clientele and are asking for assistance in providing gifts for up to 34 foster children, 10 victims of elder abuse and 44 children at the Sunbeam Child Development Center. A gift of \$15 will provide a toy and an article of clothing for a child enrolled at the Center while a donation of \$50 will provide gifts for one foster child or one resident of the senior shelter. The Sunbeam emergency shelter has no holiday decorations and would appreciate any donated items.

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## Oklahomans for Special Library Services (OSLS)— Ongoing Library Programs

Oklahomans for Special Library Services (OSLS) supports the programs and services of the Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (OLBPH). The organization's purpose is to promote the interests and welfare of the library as a cultural, educational and recreational asset to Oklahomans of any age who are print handicapped. OSLS funds the needs of the library as they arise such as the need for additional descriptive videos of popular and

classic movies and television programs where action scenes are described. A donation of \$20 will add one title to the library's descriptive video collection and \$100 will add two new titles and copies of three existing titles. Additional donations will be used to fund ongoing library projects and services as well as special projects. The organization also welcomes donations of 10 children's books or three hours of volunteer time to assist with its annual special event.

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## Presbyterian Urban Mission — Santa Store

Presbyterian Urban Mission is an emergency social service agency that assists families and children with food, clothing, medicine, emergency needs as well as tutoring and education. Special events throughout the year include a toy store and back-to-school supplies for at-risk children.

For the past 28 years, the Mission has sponsored the Santa Store, a project that provides needy families with new toys, food, clothing, trees and decorations. Each family is screened carefully for eligibility then given a specific time to shop for their children.

The children have a Gingerbread Mall to shop for gifts for their parents and grandparents. The Santa Store also assists seniors on limited incomes and patients living in an AIDS care facility with Christmas gifts. A donation of \$25 will provide one of the following gifts: a comforter and slippers for a senior citizen, socks, underwear, mittens and hats for two children, gifts for AIDS patients or three new toys for a child. The Mission is also seeking volunteers, especially Spanish speaking, to assist during the holidays.

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### World Neighbors— Uganda Program for Women

The World Neighbors program in Uganda, initiated in 1990, focuses on helping rural women in two districts to develop organizational skills and mobilize local resources to meet their needs. The program works with more than 500 women's groups to implement savings and credit schemes, improved agriculture strategies, small-sale income generation projects and reproductive health training. Each women's group has about 12 members.

The program leaders are in need of bicycles to facilitate outreach activities. While there are more than 100 program leaders, bicycles will be selectively provided to those with more than five groups to reach and with the greatest distances to cover. A donation of \$2,750 will provide 50 bicycles, \$1,650 will provide 30 bicycles, \$550 will provide 10 bicycles and \$55 will provide one bicycle.

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### YWCA of Oklahoma City — Crisis Services Program

The YWCA of Oklahoma City administers a Crisis Services Program for victims of domestic violence/sexual assault. The Program's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) provides victims with immediate, compassionate and culturally sensitive treatment and comprehensive evaluation by a trained medical professional. The program assures that there are professionals trained in collection, preservation, documentation and proper "chain of custody" maintenance for sexual assault evidence. SANE is a collabo-

orative effort between the YWCA, metro area police departments, the district attorney's office and three local hospitals. A \$1,000 gift will provide one week of 24-hour rape crisis hotline services, \$500 will provide clothing for 25 rape victims when they leave the hospital, \$100 will provide photo documentation of forensic evidence for 50 rape exams and \$30 will provide forensic supplies for three rape exams. Other monetary needs include a colposcope for the clinic at a cost of \$26,244.

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### Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City — Community Programs

The Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City, Inc. serves as a tool to empower African Americans and others in the Greater Oklahoma City MSA to achieve social parity, economic equality and achieve the American Dream. Urban League operates several programs to accomplish this including: Youth and Family Assistance, Community Health and Education and Workforce Development.

Donations would ensure those participating

in these programs improved quality of life. A donation of \$375 would provide 25 nursing home residents with Christmas baskets and infant car seats can be provided for a donation of \$35. \$50 provides a holiday meal for a family, a mammogram for a high-risk woman over 40 years of age or an outfit for an unemployed individual to wear to a job interview. A variety of volunteer opportunities exist for each of these programs.

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### Payne Education Center — Teacher Training

The Payne Education Center trains teachers to prepare children with dyslexia and reading difficulties for success in reading, writing and spelling and to serve as a referral and resource center for teachers and parents. The ultimate beneficiary of services are the children and trained teachers are the vehicle that provides increased opportunities for reading success. Payne trains teachers in Alphabetic Phonics, Reading Readiness and Language Basics.

The Center is seeking funding to provide financial assistance for teachers participating in specialized training. The funding will be applied toward tuition and teaching materials. A donation of \$125 will cover the tuition costs for one full-day of training for one teacher and \$50 will provide partial tuition for one teacher who is receiving partial tuition assistance from another source. A donation of any amount will be applied to cover costs associated with class materials.

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### Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma — Kids Cafes

The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma helps the charitable community effectively feed people in need. Through its 23 Kids Café sites, low-income children receive nutritious food, academic enrichment and a safe haven after school and during the summer. At Kids Café, children receive academic tutoring as well as participate in educational activities and learn about cooking, nutrition and hygiene. A donation of \$900 will provide one computer to a Kids

Café site, a gift of \$60 can provide reading, math and general educational software for one computer and a gift of \$42 will provide one Microsoft Office program for one computer. A \$23,046 gift would provide one computer and software at each of the 23 sites. The Food Bank is also seeking training services from a qualified computer specialist for its site directors as well as maintenance of the computer workstations.

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### St. John Christian Academy — Media Center

St. John Christian Heritage Academy is a private Christian elementary school dedicated to the education of Children in a Christian atmosphere, teaching Christian principles while also providing excellent academic opportunities for all students. The Academy serves students pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. The Academy offers a full curriculum and is certified by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

State law requires that all elementary schools must have a media center equipped

with 2,000 children's books. The Academy falls well short of this requirement and needs donations of story books conducive to elementary-age children. Used story books, with original cover, are acceptable. Encyclopedias and resource books are not included in the state's requirements.

The Academy is also seeking a state certified librarian to work one day a week as a media specialist; this could be a paid position.

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### Eldercare Access Center — Holiday Baskets for Elderly

Eldercare assists persons 60-plus in Oklahoma County with free services that allows them to live in their homes, safely and independently. Services include Mobile Meals; case management; and SEARCH – Support, Encouragement and Assistance for Residents of Community Housing.

To assist with Eldercare's annual holiday baskets for 100 needy elderly, they are seeking donations of baskets, deodorant,

dental care products, hand/body lotion, talcum powder and non-perishable snack items such as cookies, crackers and cans of soup.

Eldercare is also seeking donated medical equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs and bedside commodes or donors can contribute \$5.00 per week so Eldercare can provide these items to those in need.

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### RSVP of Central Oklahoma — Provide-A-Ride

RSVP links volunteers age 55 and older with essential community needs. Its 1,000 members contribute more than 230,000 service hours to 240 nonprofit organizations in central Oklahoma, a value of more than \$3.7 million.

RSVP provides several community enrichment programs including Provide-A-Ride, a transportation source for low to moderate income elderly people. Each month, 80

volunteer drivers use their own vehicles to drive more than 500 elderly clients to doctor's appointments.

A \$25 donation will provide transportation for two low-income elderly people. Donations of any amount will be used to offset the mileage reimbursement expense.

RSVP also appreciates the donation of canned goods and toiletries to distribute to low-income Provide-A-Ride clients.

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## Beautification

### The Tree Bank Foundation — Centennial Groves

The Tree Bank is dedicated to creating more livable Oklahoma communities by providing trees to public and nonprofit lands. The Tree Bank is committed to promoting sustainable urban forestry throughout the state by creating an awareness of the importance of planting trees and enhancing the environment through an ongoing public education campaign. Between now and the Oklahoma State Centennial celebration in

2007, the Tree Bank is promoting the planting of the Centennial Groves in communities throughout the state. These groves consist of 100 trees selected locally and planted in public areas designated by municipal governments or service organizations. A gift of \$35 will provide a Centennial Grove tree. The Tree Bank is also in need of a \$200 gift to purchase a scanner and \$50 to fund video reproduction.

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### Variety Health Center — Children's Eye Exams & Prescriptions

Variety Health Center provides health care to low-income children and young women through extensive pediatrics, obstetrics and reproductive health programs. In fiscal year 2001-02, the Variety witnessed a 29 percent increase in the number of patients served for a total of 15,500 individuals. Variety is also the state's second largest administrator of the WIC nutrition program.

Many families who utilize the services are not financially able to purchase eyeglasses or

prescriptions. Variety provides assistance through its Specific Assistance Fund to provide eye glasses for children and funding to pay for antibiotic prescriptions for children.

A gift to the Fund of \$37 will provide an eye exam and eyeglasses for one child and \$52 will provide antibiotics for a child during the cold and flu season. Variety also welcomes donated exams by optometric professionals.

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### Special Olympics — Recruitment

Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for adults and children, ages eight and up. Statistics show there are more than 80,000 people in Oklahoma with mental retardation. The goal of the Special Olympics Oklahoma is for all persons with mental retardation to have a chance to become useful and productive citizens who are accepted and respected in their communities.

As a result, the Special Olympics is implementing an outreach program to recruit more athletes and hopes to reach 100 new athletes in the Oklahoma City area.

A gift of \$270 will provide one new athlete with several opportunities each year to participate in Special Olympic programs. The Special Olympics also welcomes volunteers to help run the more than 100 events it holds around the state each year.

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