



## **Donna Nigh**

For nearly 40 years, former Oklahoma first lady Donna Nigh has dedicated her public and private life to improving the quality of life for the state's developmentally disabled citizens. Her efforts over the years have helped thousands of Oklahomans and their families such as those involved with the Miracle League of Edmond.

In 1985, Donna's close friends established the Donna Nigh Foundation in celebration of her commitment. Since its inception, the foundation has been instrumental in helping the state's developmentally disabled become as self-sufficient as possible.

In 1997, George and Donna Nigh turned over the administration of this private foundation to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. This has allowed the couple to focus their full attention on continuing their work on behalf of this special group of citizens with the reassurance their efforts will continue for generations to come.

## The Miracle League of Edmond

Great Grants

Leveling the playing field

A Great Grant to the Miracle League of Edmond has helped to level the playing field for individuals with special needs who want to experience the simple joy of playing baseball.

The Miracle League of Edmond offers an organized baseball league with five teams for children and young adults ages three to 25 who are physically and or mentally challenged. These five teams play one another at Mitch Park in Edmond on a special field that features a completely flat and rubberized turf, painted to look like an actual baseball field. The surface eliminates any barriers to wheelchairs or walkers and makes it easier for the visually impaired players so everyone can safely catch, run and hit without fear of injury.

The Great Grant through the Fund for Oklahoma City helped the league purchase specialized equipment

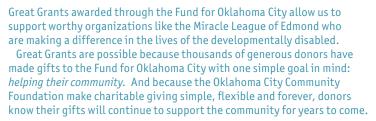
for players including uniforms, bats, balls, helmets, gloves, sound equipment and pitching machines.

The Miracle League of Edmond is the first of its kind in the area. Currently, more than 180 Miracle League fields exist across the country.

Great Grants through the Fund for Oklahoma City allows us to help organizations such as the Miracle League meet their objective. The Fund for Oklahoma City exists because of donors who recognized the need for resources that are flexible and can be used to respond to the community's changing needs and opportunities.

If you are interested in helping your community through the Fund for Oklahoma City, please contact Jennifer Stewart at 405/235-5603.





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



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