Vici Heitzke, Bonnie Hefner & Brenda Baldwin



Giving back is nothing new for the Hefner family. Bonnie Hefner began volunteering for Mobile Meals of Oklahoma County more than 40 years ago by preparing meals and delivering them to the elderly.

"Some of the seniors would donate a dollar or two, whatever they had," says Bonnie. "They were always very appreciative."

Today, her daughters Vici Heitzke and Brenda Baldwin are following in Bonnie's footsteps and delivering meals to area seniors. Since 1998, the family, including Bonnie's son Richard, has recommended grants to Mobile Meals and other charitable interests through the Raymond H. and Bonnie B. Hefner Family Affiliated Fund.

During 2009, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation is celebrating 40 years of helping donors like the Hefner family help the community.



Emily and C.G. Pendergraf volunteer their time to prepare food for the Mobile Meals program in the kitchen at Crown Heights Christian Church.

Great Grants

Delivering Meals and Compassion

There are home-bound elderly in Oklahoma County at risk of going hungry due to lack of transportation, inability to prepare meals and a limited income. Through Mobile Meals of Oklahoma County, volunteers at area churches and nonprofit organizations cook and deliver warm meals to seniors each week. "Often the food we deliver will be the only meal they receive that day," says Carolyn Rosnick, Mobile Meals project coordinator.

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation Trustees recently awarded grants ranging from \$300 to \$1,000 to 68 churches participating in the Mobile Meals program to help offset the cost of food and transportation. "We have no paid people, just people who simply want to help in any way they can," says Mary S., Mobile Meals volunteer. "We serve hot lunches to 35 people each week, and in some cases, it has allowed them to remain in their homes longer."

"Mobile Meals is a vital service for home-bound elderly in our community and we were pleased to be able to provide these grants from funds established by donors who wanted to help the elderly in their community," says Nancy B. Anthony, executive director, Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

The grants were made from several Field of Interest Funds created by donors who wanted to support services for senior citizens. Field of Interest Funds can be established to support a variety of charitable interests. If you are interested in learning more about Field of Interest Funds or other charitable fund options, contact us at 405/235-5603 or visit www.occf.org.



Helping Our Community Through a Great Grant.

Since 1971, Mobile Meals of Oklahoma County has been providing meals to home-bound elderly through area churches and nonprofits. The program serves nearly 1,000 seniors annually through more than 80 charitable organizations, and in 2008 delivered 132,000 meals throughout Oklahoma County.

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation recently awarded grants to 68 churches who participate in the program to offset the cost of food and transportation. The grants were made through the Elderly Services Fund, which represents Field of Interest Funds that support services for seniors. In addition, donors such as the Hefner family provide ongoing support to the program. If you're interested in supporting a charitable area of interest through a Field of Interest Fund, please contact us at 405/235-5603 or visit www.occf.org.



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