

David Gorham *Committed to Giving Back*

David Gorham arrived in Oklahoma City in 1964 with the intent of staying one year and then moving on. Instead, in 2013 he celebrated his 50th year as a member of the faculty at Casady School.

During his tenure, Mr. Gorham has assumed various roles including Latin teacher, soccer coach, dean of students, associate headmaster and headmaster. Regarding his commitment to giving back, he says he learned that from his parents.

“When I was growing up, I was aware that my parents gave donations to the cerebral palsy residential center where my brother lived. They would discuss how even though his facility received federal and state funding, it could not succeed without private funding,” he explains.

In 2005 he established an advised fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and says he appreciates the ease and convenience the fund provides him.

“Donating appreciated stock is done so easily from brokerage firms, then distributions are made with the click of a mouse,” he says. “It’s also nice to know that should I die, I have given instructions on how to distribute my charitable funds.”

Mr. Gorham recommends grants to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma to help provide a Kids Café in 35 sites in central and western Oklahoma including the Boys & Girls Club of Oklahoma County location in Memorial Park. As an afterschool and summer program, Kids Café provides nutritional snacks and meals to the more than 300 members.

David Gorham, center, is joined by Jane Sutter, president and CEO of Boys & Girls Club of Oklahoma County, and Rodney Bivens, executive director of Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and several members of the Boys & Girls Club at the organization's Memorial Park location.

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