

Paul and Ann Milburn *Giving to Make Life Better for Children*

The dictionary defines philanthropy as the practice of giving money and time to help make life better for others. Those who have been impacted by real estate developer Paul Milburn's philanthropy may lobby that his picture should appear next to such a definition.

In 2007, he transferred the assets of his private foundation and established an advised fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Since then, he has created additional funds through the sale of real estate as well as established several charitable gift annuities.



For a number of years, he and his wife, Ann, have been committed supporters of Children's Hospital Foundation, providing funding for four endowed chairs. The foundation is the only nonprofit organization in Oklahoma whose sole focus is the advancement of pediatric research and education while supporting specialized clinical care for Oklahoma's children. The Endowed Chairs Program is what drew Dr. Kenneth Copeland to the hospital 14 years ago. Dr. Copeland cares for children with diabetes and is the CMRI Paul and Ann Milburn Endowed Chair in Pediatric Diabetes/Endocrinology.

"This extraordinary program does not exist anywhere else in the world," Dr. Copeland says. "The program generates funding each year to support our new and ongoing children's diabetes research projects while the corpus of the gift remains intact for generations to come."

Dr. Kenneth Copeland with one of his patients, Hayley Smith of Edmond. Hayley is eight years old and has Type 1 Diabetes. Dr. Copeland is the Paul and Ann Milburn Endowed Chair in Pediatric Diabetes/Endocrinology at OU Children's Hospital.

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