Impacting the Community Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Our Charitable Organization Endowment Program



OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Helping you help the community





Since our establishment in 1969, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has been steadfast in our mission to serve the charitable purposes of our donors and the charitable needs of the community through endowment. We believe, like our founders John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick, that these permanent endowments are vital to providing lasting support to charitable organizations. Through this publication, we invite you to learn more about our Charitable Organization Endowment Program.





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A History of Our Program

John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick: Visionaries for Endowment

Since its beginning in 1970, with a \$25,000 gift to benefit the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation's charitable organization endowment program has grown to more than 330 funds with a total market value of \$169 million. In October 2015, these endowments generated \$8 million in annual distributions to participating nonprofit organizations.

This impact in the community is possible today because of the vision of our founders, John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick. Committed to the idea of creating sustainable revenue sources for charitable organizations through endowment, they planted the seeds that grew into what is now the nation's largest program of its kind.

On September 11, 1979, in an effort to help charitable organizations build their endowment funds and attract new donors, Mr. Kirkpatrick issued a memorandum (see inset page 3) that launched the first Kirkpatrick match. This initial match offered funds up to \$25,000

each for 61 Oklahoma City nonprofit organizations to create or add to charitable organization endowment funds at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. When the match ended on Dec. 20, more than 170 individual donors contibuted a total of \$739,493 in gifts that were matched dollar for dollar by John and Eleanor. Between 1979-99, the couple funded a total of seven additional match opportunities for the benefit of charitable organization endowment funds.

"Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick not only started these endowment funds, they continued to support them and encourage others to do so for the next 20 years," says Nancy B. Anthony, president. "Their commitment was unique and essential to the success of this program and the development of endowment funds in the community."

The tradition continues today through the Kirkpatrick Family Fund's matching endowment program for organizations establishing a new fund or working to build an existing endowment at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.



1970
The first charitable organization endowment is established by Oklahoma City banker Jasper D. Ackerman to benefit the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

1979

John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick offer the first challenge match to 61 charitable organizations to grow their endowment funds, raising nearly \$740,000 from 170 individual donors that the Kirkpatricks matched dollar for dollar.

2001

Central Oklahoma Charities is launched at occf.org to provide a directory of organizations participating in the endowment program.

1971

Using proceeds from a real estate sale, Harn family member Florence Ogden Wilson establishes funds to benefit five charitable organizations: Oklahoma Zoologicial Society, Allied Arts, YWCA, YMCA and the Oklahoma City Museum of Art.



1992

The Kirkpatricks issue a series of six challenges in 1992, 1993, 1994, 1997, 1998 and 1999 to help organizations increase the value of their endowment funds and attract new donors.

1970 1 fund \$25,000 **1975** 20 funds \$1.2 million

1980 93 funds \$5.4 million **1985** 120 funds \$10.3 million 1990 160 funds \$22.7 million

KIRKPATRICK

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MEMORANDUM

701 Oklahoma City Community Foundation

John E. Kirkpatrick PROM: DATED: 11 September 1979

The Kirkpatricks would like to offer matching funds up to the amount of \$25,000 per institution listed on attachment "A". This offer is effective from this date until December 20, 1979. The funds would be added to existing permanent Oklahoma Caty Community Foundation designated funds, or, in instances where no funds are in existence, a new fund will be established with a minimum amount of \$5,000, natched with our \$5,000 would make the new required minimum of \$10,000 for the establishment of a designated fund.

We wish to remain anonymous in this effort to build the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

Settlement date will be on Friday, December 21, 1979 will make payment to the Oklahoma City Community on in amounts matched by others.

JOHN E. BIRKPATRICK

Above: Copy of the memorandum from John Kirkpatrick initiating the first match challenge. Right: John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick

John Kirkpatrick



2008-09

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Kirkpatrick, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and the Kirkpatrick Family Fund offer the John Kirkpatrick



Centennial Endowment Challenge, attracting nearly 3,000 donors and adding nearly \$4 million to endowments.



2011

Oklahoma City Community **Foundation Trustees offer** a dollar-for-dollar match to charitable organization endowments with lower fund balances. More than 300 donors contributed to help increase the endowment funds of 43 charitable organizations by \$582,033.

Give Smart OKC

2012

GiveSmartOKC.org is launched, offering charitable organizations in central Oklahoma a platform to provide donors with detailed information to make informed giving decisions.

2014

The minimum initial gift requirement increases to \$40,000 to provide greater annual distributions to charitable organizations.

eeds of PlannedGiving 2016 and Beyond

In 2016, we are offering a series of planned giving trainings to help nonprofits grow their endowment funds through beguests and other estate gifts. We look forward to continuing our impact in the community and building on John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick's vision for an endowment program that will support our community's charitable organizations in perpetuity.

1995

185 funds \$58.6 million 2000

218 funds \$120.2 million 2005

258 funds \$116.5 million 2010

300 funds \$124.7 million 2015

336 funds \$160.8 million

Charitable Organization Endowment Program

About the program:

More than 330 charitable organizations have permanent endowment funds at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. These funds provide nonprofit organizations with a reliable source of income though annual distributions and offer a simple way for donors to contribute.

Who can participate?

Any 501(c)(3) public charity serving Oklahoma can apply to participate. Upon approval, an endowment can be started with a minimum \$40,000 gift from the organization itself, from a donor or from a group of donors.

How does an endowment fund work?

Endowment funds at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation are invested in our general pool, so all funds - large and small - benefit from our investment performance. Our investment policy is designed to allow the funds to generate annual distributions to the charitable organization in perpetuity, while also growing and preserving the fund value. Participating charitable organizations receive an annual distribution check every fall. The distribution amount is calculated using 5 percent of the fund's average market value over the prior 12 quarters.

This publication features the more than 330 nonprofit organizations that participate in our Charitable Organization Endowment Program listed according to 15 focus areas. The organizations listed have established funds as of Jan. 31, 2016. Please note that many organizations have more than one endowment fund to benefit various programs or activities. For this publication, we are only listing primary organizations.

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Arts & Culture

Allied Arts Foundation | 1995 ■

Formed in 1971, Allied Arts promotes the arts in central Oklahoma and conducts an annual fundraising campaign that benefits 26 cultural organizations to help provide free or low-cost arts and cultural events for the community.

Ambassadors' Concert Choir | 1990

Founded by Maestro Kenneth Kilgore as an extension of the music ministry of Saint John Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, the 75-100 member choir publically performs a diverse blend of music of all genres and cultural traditions.

American Banjo Museum | 2012 ■

Located in Bricktown in downtown Oklahoma City, the museum preserves and promotes the music heritage of America's native musical instrument the banjo. The facility displays more than 300 instruments and provides education on the history of the banjo.

American Choral Directors Association | 2009 ■

Headquartered in Oklahoma City, the association provides music education programs and professional development opportunities for its nationwide membership of choral directors. Additionally, the organization promotes public awareness and understanding of choral music.

Arts Council of Oklahoma City | 1977 ■

Founded in 1967 with the Festival of the Arts, the Arts Council of Oklahoma City has grown to present year-round performances and events to connect the community with the arts. In addition, the organization provides arts education and outreach activities to underserved populations in Oklahoma City.

Canterbury Voices | 1982 ■

Initially founded as Canterbury Choral Society at All Souls Episcopal Church in Oklahoma City, the 125-member adult volunteer chorus performs at the Civic Center Music Hall and collaborates with the Oklahoma City Philharmonic, Oklahoma City Ballet, Oklahoma City University singers and others. The organization also houses a children's choral program.

Chamber Music in Oklahoma | 1974

Established by a group of music lovers, the organization brings internationally-recognized chamber music ensembles to Oklahoma City through an annual music series held at Christ the King Catholic Church in Nichols Hills.

Cimarron Opera | 1983 ■

Located in Norman, Okla., the Cimarron Opera performs fully-staged and costumed opera performances and offers learning opportunities for young vocalists and musicians.

Fine Arts Institute of Edmond | 1989 ■

A nonprofit community arts organization, the Fine Arts Institute of Edmond provides year-round art classes in visual and performing arts for children and adults in the Edmond community.

Individual Artists of Oklahoma - Linda Jaeger Memorial | 1999

The fund was established through memorial gifts in honor of Oklahoma City artist and IAO member Linda Jaeger to encourage others to support the organization. Located on Film Row in downtown Oklahoma City, the IAO Gallery supports contemporary artists through audience development, community participation and publicity.

Jacobson Foundation | 1994 ■

Located in Norman, Okla., the foundation operates the Jacobson House Native Art Center in the former residence of Swedish-American artist Oscar Jacobson, who served as director of the University of Oklahoma School of Art from 1915-1954. The foundation supports educational exhibitions and programs celebrating Native American culture.

Jasmine Moran Children's Museum | 1993

Located in Seminole, Okla., the museum features interactive indoor and outdoor exhibits that provide opportunities for children to explore a variety of potential careers.

Jazz in June | 2007 ■

The annual Jazz in June festival is a free, three-day concert series held in Norman, Okla., that features Oklahoma and national jazz and blues artists.

Ladies Music Club of Oklahoma City | 1997

Founded in 1908 by a group of Oklahoma City residents who wanted to bring culture to the prairie, the organization supports musical activities in the community and awards scholarships to students.

Lawton Philharmonic Society | 1994

The fund was established to support the Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra that provides orchestral music to southwest Oklahoma through an annual season of classical, pops and children's concerts.

Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma | 1971 ■

Lyric Theatre is a year-round professional musical theatre company that produces classic, family and contemporary productions at the Civic Center Music Hall and Plaza Theatre in Oklahoma City. In addition, Lyric's Thelma Gaylord Academy offers professional musical theatre classes for youth.

Melton Art Reference Library - Legacy Collection | 1994

Established as a private collection by Oklahoma City artist Howard Melton and his wife Merle Buttram Melton, the library is now a center for art research that works to educate the public on the importance of art.

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum | 1991 ■

Located in northeast Oklahoma City, the museum houses an extensive collection of Western art and artifacts and sponsors educational programs to stimulate interest in the history and culture of the American West

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum - Docent Council | 2006

The fund supports the docent council that provides continuing education and training to the museum's volunteer docents.

OK Chorale | 2002

The men's a capella chorus provides performances, seminars and competitions that promote the art of four-part harmony singing known as barbershop throughout Oklahoma.

Oklahoma Arts Institute | 1978 ■

The Oklahoma Arts Institute enlists nationally-renowned literary, visual and performing artists to teach a multidisciplinary fine arts program for Oklahoma youth and a series of continuing education workshops for adults at the Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center in southwest Oklahoma.

Oklahoma Children's Theatre | 1978 ■

Located on the Oklahoma City University campus, Oklahoma Children's Theatre engages children to participate in theatrical production through a regular performance season. The organization also provides educational experiences through drama classes, summer camps and residency programs at various Oklahoma City schools.

Oklahoma City Ballet | 1975

The professional ballet company provides classical and contemporary dance performances through its residency at the Civic Center Music Hall and touring productions. The organization also houses a dance school and offers various arts education programs for youth.

Oklahoma City Museum of Art | 1992 ■

Located in downtown Oklahoma City, the museum is home to a permanent collection of European and American art including the world's largest collection of Dale Chihuly art glass. The museum also features national and international traveling exhibitions, a film program and art education classes.

Oklahoma City Orchestra League | 1984

The group of music enthusiasts promotes orchestral music and music education through support of the Oklahoma City Philharmonic, annual music competitions for youth and other educational activities.

Oklahoma Community Theatre Association | 1986

The statewide association unites and supports community theatres in Oklahoma and connects them with community theatres nationwide through festivals, educational workshops and a lending library of resources.

Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center | 1989

Located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center provides the community with quality, accessible and affordable arts and education programming for adults and youth. Formerly City Arts Center, the organization features contemporary art exhibitions and offers a variety of classes, lectures, workshops and special events.

Oklahoma Museums Association | 1994

The organization provides support, professional training and other resources to museums, historical societies and related institutions statewide. The association also works to increase public awareness of museums as resources through advocacy and education efforts.

Oklahoma Philharmonic Society | 1995

The fund supports the Oklahoma City Philharmonic, an orchestra that performs a series of classical, pops, discovery and family concerts at the Civic Center Music Hall and other community venues. In addition, Oklahoma City Philharmonic provides collaborative performances with groups including the Oklahoma City Ballet and Canterbury Voices.

Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park | 1989 ■

The professional theatre company presents an annual outdoor summer series of Shakespearian works at the Myriad Botanical Gardens Water Stage in downtown Oklahoma City, as well as performances in the Paseo Arts District and other venues. In addition, the organization offers year-round touring productions, teaching residencies and educational programs to schools throughout the state.

Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition | 1998

The organization provides support for artists throughout the state through education, exposure and funding. OVAC promotes public interest in the arts and helps people of all ages understand the visual arts through publications and events.

Oklahoma Youth Orchestra | 1997

The group provides advanced orchestral education and performance opportunities for middle and high school students throughout central and western Oklahoma.

Oklahoma's International Bluegrass Festival | 2015

This annual festival in Guthrie, Okla., promotes the bluegrass industry and works to educate the public about bluegrass music, its history and presence in Oklahoma. In addition, the organization supports youth through music scholarships and educational opportunities.

Opry Heritage Foundation of Oklahoma | 2012 ■

The organization supports the Rodeo Opry, a live country music show in Stockyard City, and operates the Granville Community Music School that provides music lessons for children. In addition, the group provides performance and songwriting workshops for aspiring musicians.

Paseo Artists Association | 1992 ■

The fund was established to encourage others to support the preservation of the Paseo Arts District and its outreach programs, exhibitions and performances. Located in the area of 28th Street and North Walker Avenue in Oklahoma City, the Paseo features a community of artists, galleries, art schools and restaurants.

Photographic Society of America | 2010

With a headquarters in Oklahoma City, this international member organization promotes photography, image appreciation and cultural exchange through competitions and educational programs.

Prairie Dance Theatre | 1979 ■

The organization provides free dance education designed to engage and motivate students through outreach programs in Oklahoma City public elementary schools.

Red Earth | 1983 ■

The organization promotes and preserves the rich traditions of American Indian art and culture through education, fine art markets and a museum in downtown Oklahoma City. Annually, it holds the Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival with three days of dance and visual art.

Science Museum Oklahoma | 1991

Founded by John E. Kirkpatrick originally as the Kirkpatrick Center, the museum offers hands-on exhibits, educational programs and activities that promote science literacy for youth and adults at its location in northeast Oklahoma City,

Community Development Organizations Alliance Française d'Oklahoma, Inc. | 2009 ■

The membership organization teaches the speaking, reading and writing of the French language, cultivates appreciation of French culture and encourages friendship and mutual respect between the people of France and America. The group's Eleanor Kirkpatrick Franco-American Fellows Program supports students in a two-week French immersion/exchange program.

Association of Fundraising Professionals | 2001 ■

The fund supports the Oklahoma chapter of an international association that advances philanthropy by enabling people and organizations to generate support for a wide variety of charitable institutions utilizing the practices of ethical and effective fundraising.

ESCCO - Executive Service Corps of Central Oklahoma | 2007 ■

The group of retired professionals provide volunteer consulting services to nonprofit organizations in central Oklahoma on organizational issues including management, governance, finance and executive director coaching.

Executive Women International | 1982

The Oklahoma City chapter of an international women's organization, the group provides professional development opportunities for women and supports scholarships for students in central Oklahoma.

Groundswell International | 2013 ■

The organization develops education programs to help create sustainable farming and healthy food systems to improve quality of life and enhance community health throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Impact Oklahoma | 2008

An organization of women devoted to increasing philanthropy in central Oklahoma, Impact Oklahoma supports charitable organizations working in the areas of family, culture, health and wellness, community and education through an annual grant program.

Jewish Federation of Greater Oklahoma City | 1978

The organization was established to serve social welfare needs of the Jewish community in Oklahoma City. In addition, the Jewish Federation sponsors educational, cultural and community outreach programs and responds to issues in Jewish communities throughout the world.

Jim Thorpe Association | 2010

The association supports the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame and museum located in northeast Oklahoma City and provides awards, scholarships and youth programming to build self-esteem and confidence in student athletes.

Junior Hospitality Club | 1980 ■

A local service club of young women in the Oklahoma City area, the Junior Hospitality Club provides fundraising and volunteer activities to support the civic, charitable and philanthropic needs of the community.

Junior League of Oklahoma City | 1977

The local branch of the national organization of women, Junior League of Oklahoma City promotes volunteerism to improve the community through leadership training and a variety of projects including its annual fundraiser, Mistletoe Market.

Kiwanis Club Special Activities | 2000

The fund was established by the Kiwanis Club of Oklahoma City to support programs that benefit at-risk and special needs children in central Oklahoma. One supported program is the Kiwanis Early Education Center, a birth-to-school child development center located next to Mark Twain Elementary in northwest Oklahoma City.

Leadership Oklahoma City | 1994 ■

The nonprofit organization provides a one-year training program to create and educate a network of community leaders who have a commitment to service and a broad understanding of the Oklahoma City community.

Giving Back to a Community Through Endowment



Richard and Gayle Parr

Richard and Gayle Parry have made annual contributions to charitable organization endowment funds for nearly 20 years. They both grew up in Oklahoma City, married and raised two children here. Supporting charitable organizations is the couple's way of ensuring the opportunities they enjoyed as children and adults are available for the next generation including the newest addition to their family, grandson Colin.

"We love this city and want to enhance its progress," says
Richard who is the president and chief investment officer of Tom
Johnson Investment Management. "Both of us had wonderful
experiences while growing up and raising a family here, and it's
our desire to support various important institutions."

The Parrys say they prefer to give to endowments because their gifts have a perpetual impact for the nonprofit organizations they support such as Friends of Martin Nature Park, Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma, Boys & Girls Clubs of Oklahoma County and the Jesus House.

"The Oklahoma City Community Foundation provides a great conduit to research and support a variety of endowments that meet our interests," Richard explains.

"It's exciting to know that our grandson, Colin, has numerous adventures to explore in Oklahoma City as we did growing up," adds Gayle. "Our parents provided such a bridge for the next generation, and we would like to do likewise."

League of Women Voters of Oklahoma | 1999

The organization encourages informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

McAlester Scottish Rite Charitable & Educational Foundation | 2013

The principal philanthropic entity of the McAlester Scottish Rite, the foundation provides training to public school teachers working with children who have language disorders such as dyslexia and supports scholarships for McAlester-area high school graduates.

McAlester Scottish Rite Temple Restoration Fund | 2013

The fund supports restoration and preservation efforts for the historic McAlester Scottish Rite Masonic Center that was built in 1905.

Midwest City Rotary Foundation | 2008

The fund was established by the Midwest City Rotary Club to support scholarships for students in the Midwest City-Del City area to pursue a college education.

National Society of Colonial Dames of America in Oklahoma | 1979

The women's organization supports patriotic activities, educational programs and awards to increase awareness of Colonial history and promote patriotism.

Navy League for USS Oklahoma City (SSN-723) - US Navy TACAMO Wing, Tinker AFB | 2002

The organization supports services including recreation activities, awards and emergency leave for active duty Navy stationed at Tinker Air Force Base or onboard the USS Oklahoma City submarine.

The Ninety-Nines Association of Women Pilots & Museum | 1990

An international association of women pilots, the organization provides networking and scholarship opportunities and preserves the unique history of women in aviation through its museum and education programs. The 99s Museum of Women Pilots is located near Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits | 1993

Located in Oklahoma City, the organization provides training, consulting, advocacy and networking opportunities to nonprofit organizations throughout the state.

Oklahoma City All Sports Scholarship Relief Fund | 1995

The fund was established by the Oklahoma City All Sports Association to support scholarships for graduating high school students in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. The Oklahoma City All Sports Association serves as the sports commission for Oklahoma City and organizes family-oriented, amateur sporting events in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma City Crime Stoppers | 1983

The organization provides a process for citizens to anonymously report valuable information to law enforcement and offers rewards to assist with solving crimes in the Oklahoma City area.

Oklahoma City Fire Department Project Life Endowment | 2014

The fund was established by the Oklahoma City Fire Department to support public awareness of fire and other safety hazards and to provide funding for special projects such as smoke alarms for seniors and the Coats for Kids program.

Oklahoma City Foundation for Architecture | 2009

The organization promotes architecture in Oklahoma City through projects including architecture guides and tours, preservation efforts, competitions, educational programs and scholarships for students.

Oklahoma City Housing Services Redevelopment Corp. | 2001

Also known as Positively Paseo, this community housing development organization works to revitalize the Paseo Historic District, Classen Ten Penn and Classen's North Highland Parked neighborhoods in Oklahoma City by rehabilitating and constructing high-quality affordable homes for sale to owner-occupants.

Oklahoma City Metro Literacy Coalition | 2015

A collaboration of literacy providers, the coalition works to strengthen services and present a united voice for literacy in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. The organization provides a referral phone line and website to connect learners to literacy services, as well as funding for GED testing and tutor training.

Oklahoma County Bar Foundation | 1996

The fund was established by the Oklahoma County Bar Association to support its charitable activities including grants to nonprofit organizations that advance the administration of justice in the community.

Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation | 1992

The foundation was established as a fundraising arm to encourage Lions Club members in Oklahoma to support statewide service projects. Supported projects include the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank and the Lions Meadows of Hope a project of the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch, a foster care community.

Redbud Foundation | 2000 ■

The foundation sponsors the Redbud Classic, an annual Oklahoma City running and cycling event that promotes physical fitness in the community. Each year, proceeds from the event benefit a different nonprofit organization.

Rotary Club 29 Foundation | 1993

The foundation supports the charitable activities of Rotary Club 29, also known as Downtown Rotary. Located in Oklahoma City, the club supports a variety of local and international projects and provides matching grants for disaster relief.

SHINE Foundation | 2014

The organization provides opportunities for youth, non-violent criminal offenders and other volunteers to perform community service to assist with beautification efforts to make lasting improvements in Oklahoma County schools, parks and neighborhoods.

A Compassion for Others Leads to Giving Back

For the past 16 years, Georgia Devening has helped the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled become the largest adult day health services program of its kind in central Oklahoma. As executive director, she has overseen the improvement and expansion of the operations, services and infrastructure.

Her association with the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled began when her brother, Gary Owen, became a client in 1998. Witnessing firsthand the positive impact the organization was having on her brother, Georgia soon found herself volunteering and filling in at the office, which led to her joining the board. In 2001, she was hired as the executive director.

Shortly before her husband died, the couple sat down with their attorney and the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to discuss estate planning. The couple's estate gift will create a Legacy Fund that will benefit the the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled's endowment fund and their church.

Working with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation on her estate planning was a natural fit for Georgia. The Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled is a longtime participant of the charitable organization endowment program, having established a fund in 1973.



Gary Owen and Georgia Devening

"I know what a good reputation the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has," Georgia says. "They have longevity, and I know the money that is invested with them will not be wasted."

Georgia stresses the importance of estate planning for the benefit of nonprofits. She says, "Nonprofits greatly depend on gifts to help cover operations and it's hard for nonprofits to save money unless someone helps them."

Women of AT&T, Oklahoma City Chapter | 2010

This service and support organization for female AT&T employees offers professional development and networking opportunities for members and provides financial and volunteer support for selected community organizations.

Women of the South | 2002

A membership group for women in south Oklahoma City, the organization offers members opportunities to become involved in the community through cultural, civic, educational and social activities, and provides scholarships for women.

Education: Community Organizations FOLIO - Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma | 2009 ■

The organization provides resources, services and networking opportunities to strengthen public libraries in Oklahoma through Friends of Libraries groups.

Friends of the Metropolitan Library System | 1983 ■

The organization provides promotional, fundraising and volunteer support for the public library system in Oklahoma County. Its annual book sale supports grants to local libraries.

Friends of the Mustang Public Library | 2006 ■

The organization provides financial and volunteer support for activities and programs of the Mustang Public Library.

Friends of the Norman Public Library | 2002

The organization provides financial and volunteer support for activities and programs of the Norman Public Library.

Institute of International Education | 1987

Based in Houston, the organization provides scholarships and promotes international understanding through educational training and professional exchanges for governments, foundations and businesses throughout the world.

Library Endowment Trust | 1991 ■

The trust was established to support the Metropolitan Library System in Oklahoma City to provide community educational programs, broaden access to information and enhance the quality of life for citizens in Oklahoma County.

Oklahoma Humanities Council | 1994

The organization provides funding and resources to connect Oklahomans with humanities education in subjects such as history, literature, art and philosophy. Through grants, traveling exhibits and other opportunities, the council helps to bring cultural programming to communities throughout the state.

Oklahomans for Special Library Services | 1998

The organization supports the Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped which provides free services to Oklahomans who are visually impaired, learning disabled or have a physical limitation that makes it difficult to use regular print books. The library is located in the Oklahoma State Capitol Complex.

Payne Education Center | 1987 ■

Located in Oklahoma City, Payne Education Center provides multisensory reading development training, curricula and resources to educators, therapists, tutors and parents to meet the special learning needs of students with language-learning differences such as dyslexia.

Weatherford Public Library Foundation | 2010 ■

The foundation provides financial and volunteer support for activities and programs of the Weatherford Public Library.

Education: Preschool through 12th grade Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School | 1985 ■

A program under the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School is a coeducational college-preparatory school for students in grades nine through 12 located in northwest Oklahoma City.

Calumet School Foundation | 2003

The foundation supports activities and programs for the benefit of the students and faculty of the Calumet Public School District located in Canadian County.

Casady School | 1977 ■

Located in northwest Oklahoma City, Casady School is an independent, coeducational Episcopal college-preparatory school for students in preschool through 12th grade.

Christ the King Catholic School | 1999 ■

A program under the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Christ the King Catholic School is an independent Catholic school for students in preschool through eighth grade located in northwest Oklahoma City.

Christian Heritage Academy | 2008

Located in Del City, Okla., Christian Heritage Academy is a coeducational, private Christian school for students in preschool through 12th grade.

Crescent Public Schools Foundation | 2009

The foundation supports educational programs of the Crescent Public School District located in Logan County.

Deer Creek Public Schools Foundation | 1995

The foundation supports academic enrichment opportunities for students of Deer Creek School District in Edmond, Okla. In addition, it supports a grant program for special academic projects for Deer Creek teachers.

Edmond Public Schools Foundation | 1989 ■

The foundation supports academic projects and teacher grants in the Edmond Public School District.

El Reno Public School Foundation | 2006 ■

Several funds support teacher grants, student scholarships and other educational opportunities for the El Reno Public School District located in Canadian County.

Erna Krouch Preschool | 1979

Located at Temple B'nai Israel in northwest Oklahoma City, Erna Krouch Preschool provides an early childhood education program for children ages 2 to 5.

The Foundation for Oklahoma City Public Schools | 1977

The foundation supports educational programs through collaboration with community partners to improve the quality of education in Oklahoma City Public Schools.

Guthrie Educational Foundation | 2009

The foundation supports grants, scholarships and awards for the Guthrie Public School District located in Logan County.

Harding Fine Arts Academy - John & Joy Reed Belt Arts & Education Fund | 2013 ■

The fund was established by Oklahoma City arts advocates John and Joy Reed Belt and the Harding Fine Arts Academy Trustees to support art education programs at the college-preparatory high school located in northwest Oklahoma City.

Heritage Hall School | 1996 ■

Located in north Oklahoma City, Heritage Hall is an independent, coeducational college-preparatory school for students in preschool through 12th grade.

Kingfisher Educational Foundation | 2013

The foundation supports educational programs and teacher grants for the Kingfisher Public School District located in Kingfisher County.

Midwest City-Del City Public Schools Foundation | 2000 ■

The foundation supports grants to teachers and schools to promote educational excellence in the Midwest City-Del City Public School District.

Millwood School District Enrichment Foundation | 2009

The foundation supports educational programs for the Millwood Public School District located in northeast Oklahoma City.

Moore High School Alumni Association | 2005 ■

The association provides scholarships and other services for Moore High School students.

Moore Public Schools Foundation for Academic Excellence | 2001

The foundation supports grants to teachers to provide additional educational opportunities for students attending Moore Public Schools.

Mount St. Mary Catholic High School | 1983 ■

Founded by the Sisters of Mercy of Oklahoma, Mount St. Mary Catholic High School is a coeducational college-preparatory school for students in ninth through 12th grade located in south Oklahoma City.

Noble Public Schools Foundation for Academic Excellence | 2014

The foundation supports grants to teachers and educational programs for the Noble Public School District located in Cleveland County.

Oklahoma Christian School | 2008

Located in Edmond, Okla., Oklahoma Christian School is an interdenominational, college-preparatory school for students in preschool through 12th grade.

Oklahoma FFA Foundation | 2000 ■

The foundation supports scholarships and programs to strengthen agricultural education and the FFA organization to help students develop their potential for personal growth, career success and leadership.

Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence | 1988

The statewide nonprofit organization provides educational programs and awards for students and teachers to recognize and enhance excellence in Oklahoma public schools.

Oklahoma Foundation for the Education of Blind Children & Youth | 1998

Located in Muskogee, Okla., the foundation supports educational services, grants and scholarships for blind and visually-impaired children statewide.

Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics | 1990

Located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics is a two-year residential high school for Oklahoma students who excel in science and mathematics.

Positive Tomorrows | 1997 ■

Located in Oklahoma City, Positive Tomorrows is an elementary school for children of homeless families. To help remove barriers to learning, the school provides resources including food, transportation and basic necessities for students.

Purcell Public Schools Foundation | 2016

The foundation supports educational programs to enhance academic excellence for the Purcell Public School District located in McClain County.

Putnam City Public Schools Foundation | 1992 ■

The foundation supports grants, scholarships and educational programs for the Putnam City School District located in northwest Oklahoma City.

Rosary Catholic School | 1996

Located in northwest Oklahoma City, the Rosary Catholic School serves students in preschool through eighth grade and is affiliated with St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

Sacred Heart Catholic School | 2000

Located in El Reno, Okla., Sacred Heart Catholic School serves students in preschool through sixth grade and is associated with the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

Committed to Helping the Community for Years to Come



The Oklahoma Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit offers free blood sugar, bone density and general health screening statewide.

As the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation looks to the future, planned giving has become essential to ensuring that the organization's support continues for generations. Through the organization's legacy giving program, they are encouraging members to consider giving to the organization's endowment fund and work with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation on their estate plans.

"Planned giving is one of the most important fundraising activities we can do," says Marie Burns, executive director. "Through planned giving, we can start building a solid foundation for the future. Our goal is to continue building our endowment so it can fund operations and free up donations to go directly to the state projects."

The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation provides assistance and funding for the charitable and benevolent services of the Oklahoma Lions Clubs. Since 1974, the organization has supported two state projects: the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch Meadows of Hope and the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank. For more than 15 years they have also operated a mobile health screening unit.

In 1992, a permanent endowment fund was established at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and is an annual source of income for the organization. In 2015, the organization established a sub fund to help build a long-term funding strategy for operations of their two state projects.

"By partnering with agencies and nonprofits, the work that the Oklahoma City Community Foundation does within the community helps more people with better results," Burns says. "I can't say enough about why this partnership is so important."

Southeast High School Alumni Support | 2012

The fund was established by alumni of Southeast High School in Oklahoma City to support programs and activities that enrich the educational opportunities for students and faculty.

Special Care | 1988 ■

Special Care provides year-round, early childhood education, specialized care, on-site therapeutic services and family support for children with and without disabilities at its location in northwest Oklahoma City.

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School | 1998

Affiliated with and located next to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in northwest Oklahoma City, the school serves students in preschool through eighth grade.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School | 1997

The school is affiliated with St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and serves students in preschool through eighth grade at its location in Edmond, Okla.

St. James Catholic School | 1991

Located in south Oklahoma City, the school is affiliated with St. James Catholic Church and serves students in preschool through eighth grade.

St. John Christian Heritage Academy - Waltine Lynette Jackson Endowment | 1996

The fund was established as a memorial to the daughter of a former pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in northeast Oklahoma City to benefit St. John Christian Heritage Academy. The Christian school serves students in preschool through seventh grade.

St. John's Episcopal School | 1983

The school is affiliated with St. John's Episcopal Church and serves students in preschool through eighth grade at its location in northwest Oklahoma City.

St. Mary's Episcopal School of Edmond | 1994

The school serves students in preschool through fifth grade and is affiliated with St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Edmond, Okla.

Trinity School | 1989

Located in northwest Oklahoma City, Trinity School is an independent, nondenominational Christian school for preschool through 12th-grade students with learning disabilities.

Westminster School | 1975

Established as a Montessori preschool by members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, today the independent, non-sectarian school serves students in preschool through eighth grade at its location in northwest Oklahoma City.

Education: Colleges, Universities & Vocational Schools Francis Tuttle Foundation | 1993

The foundation provides scholarship assistance including books and tuition for students attending one of the Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech Centers located throughout Oklahoma City.

Hillel Foundation - University of Oklahoma | 1982 ■

The Hillel Foundation at the University of Oklahoma provides students of the Jewish faith with the opportunity to experience social, religious and cultural programs throughout the year.

Langston University | 1985

Several funds support general operations and scholarships for students attending Oklahoma's only historically black university located in Langston, Okla.

Metro Tech Foundation | 2014 ■

The foundation supports the enhancement of facilities and programs and provides scholarships for adult and high school students at Metro Technology Centers, a career and technology education center with four locations in Oklahoma City.

OIC - Opportunities Industrialization Center | 1979

The center provides individualized services through education and skills training at its location near the Capitol in Oklahoma City. Services include GED preparation, literacy skills, computer training and other education programs for individuals age 16 or older residing in Oklahoma, Cleveland, Logan and Canadian counties.

Oklahoma Baptist University | 1984

Several funds support general operations, the business and pre-medicine programs, a lectureship and scholarships at the four-year, Christian liberal arts university that is located in Shawnee, Okla. and affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Oklahoma Christian University | 1971

Several funds support general operations, scholarships and a faith and literature program at the four-year, Christian liberal arts university that is located in Edmond, Okla., and affiliated with the Church of Christ.

Oklahoma City Community College | 1983

Funds support general operations and scholarships at the two-year public higher education institution located in south Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City University | 1971 ■

Several funds support general operations, scholarships and other programs at the four-year, Christian liberal arts university that is affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

Oklahoma City University Film Institute | 1998

The fund was established to support the Oklahoma City University Film Institute that offers the university and the community the opportunity to view classic and contemporary international films in the Kerr McGee Auditorium in the Meinders School of Business.

Oklahoma City University Meinders School of Business | 1998

Several funds support general operations and scholarships at the Meinders School of Business and its programs including the Steven C. Agee Economic Research and Policy Institute. Located on the Oklahoma City University campus, the school provides business education to graduate and undergraduate students.

Creating Endowments to Benefit The Community

Once the owner of the world's largest floral delivery service before he sold the business in 1994, Herman Meinders remains an astute businessman. LaDonna Meinders is an accomplished pianist and the author of four books. Together the couple, married since 1986, are creating a legacy through their generous support of the endowment funds benefitting charitable organizations they believe in.

Herman and LaDonna became aware of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation during one of the "Kirkpatrick Matches" (see box). The match opportunity prompted the couple to make their first gifts in support of several charitable organization endowment funds.

"The idea of matching your donated gifts was very appealing and it was a real no-brainer to get that type of return on your investment," explains Herman.

Since those initial gifts, the Meinders have continued to contribute to permanent endowment funds both through the Meinders Foundation and individually. In addition, they have established charitable organization endowment funds that benefit and support the following:

- The Meinders Red River Journey Exhibit at the Oklahoma History Center.
- The Meinders Gardens at the Myriad Botanical Gardens in downtown Oklahoma City.



- Scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students attending the Meinders School of Business at Oklahoma City University.
- Building and maintenance of the Myriad Botanical Gardens. "We choose to partner with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation because we know they will be in the community for a long time, they have strong investment performance, a great staff and committed and involved Trustees," Herman adds.

For a period of 20-plus years, John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick offered dollar-for-dollar match opportunities that became known as the Kirkpatrick Matches. The couple's intent was to help nonprofit organizations increase the balance of their endowment funds or establish a new endowment fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. The Kirkpatricks also wanted to help organizations increase the number of donors supporting their endowments. Read more about the Kirkpatrick Matches on pages 2-3.

Oklahoma City University School of Law | 1976

Funds support the Oklahoma City University School of Law that is now located in downtown Oklahoma City in the historic building at 800 North Harvey Avenue that was constructed in 1910 as the city's first high school. A graduate program of OCU, the law school is also home to the Oklahoma Innocence Project, Chickasaw Nation Law Library and the Judge Alfred P. Murrah Center for Homeland Security Law and Policy.

Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City | 1983

Several funds support the two-year branch campus of Oklahoma State University and its horticulture program.

Oklahoma State University - School of Civil & Environmental Engineering | 2009 ■

Funds support scholarships for undergraduate students majoring in civil and environmental engineering at the OSU campus in Stillwater.

Redlands Community College | 2000 ■

Several funds support general operations and scholarships at the twoyear public higher education institution located in El Reno, Okla.

Southern Nazarene University Scholarship | 2001

The fund supports scholarships at the four-year, Christian liberal arts university that is located in Bethany, Okla., and affiliated with the Church of the Nazarene.

St. Gregory's University | 1979 ■

Funds support general operations and scholarships at the four-year, Christian liberal arts university. Located in Shawnee, Okla., the university was founded by Benedictine monks and is affiliated with the Catholic Church.

United States Air Force Academy - John E. Kirkpatrick Fund | 1978 United States Military Academy - John E. Kirkpatrick Fund | 1979 United States Naval Academy - John E. Kirkpatrick Fund | 1978

John E. Kirkpatrick briefly attended the U.S. Military Academy in West Point before being appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy. After resigning from his commission in 1935, he enlisted with the Navy Reserves before retiring as a Rear Admiral. Mr. Kirkpatrick remained loyal to the military even as a philanthropist by establishing funds to support the three service academies.

University of Central Oklahoma | 1992 ■

Several funds support fine arts and scholarships at the four-year university located in Edmond, Okla.

University of Central Oklahoma - Department of History & Geography | 2000 ■

The fund supports developmental and research expenses for history and geography students at the University of Central Oklahoma.

University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center | 1986 ■

Several funds support the alumni association, library and scholarships at the academic health center located in Oklahoma City.

University of Oklahoma Norman Campus - Bizzell Memorial Library | 1979 ■

The fund supports purchase of materials at the main library on the Norman campus that provides traditional library services to students and faculty.

University of Oklahoma - Jerry Cooper Marching Band | 1991 ■

The fund was established in memory of former band member Jerry Cooper and supports a scholarship for a member of the Pride of Oklahoma marching band.

University of Oklahoma Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art | 1993

The fund supports the art museum located on the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman, Okla.

University of Oklahoma Naval ROTC | 1988 ■

The fund supports activities that strengthen and ensure viability of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Program at the university.

Education: Scholarship and Support OrganizationsBeta Eta Lambda Scholarship Foundation of Alpha Phi Alpha | 2007

The foundation provides scholarships to deserving high school students and leadership and life skill training for middle school students in Oklahoma City to improve high school drop-out and incarceration statistics.

Marie Welch Independent Insurance Agents of Oklahoma Scholarship | 1992

The fund was established by the Independent Insurance Agents of Oklahoma in honor of the first female president of the American Association of Managing General Agents and supports scholarships for students who have chosen insurance as their major.

Markoma Christian Ministries | 2007

The fund was established following the closure of the Markoma Christian School in Tahlequah, Okla., and supports scholarships for former students of the school as well as students attending a Christian secondary school.

Oklahoma Engineering Foundation Scholarship | 2000

The fund was established by the Oklahoma Engineering Foundation to support scholarships for engineering students at Oklahoma universities. The Oklahoma Engineering Foundation works to advance STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education in Oklahoma and keep engineering professionals employed in the state.

Oklahoma National Guard Association Scholarship Foundation | 2014

The fund was established by the Oklahoma National Guard Association to support scholarships for undergraduate and post-graduate students who are members of the National Guard.

Oklahoma Pilots Association Vic Jackson Scholarship | 1997

The fund was established by the Oklahoma Pilots Association in memory of pilot Vic Jackson to support an award for students studying aviation, aviation education or airport management.

Oklahoma Youth Expo | 2013

The state's largest youth livestock show, Oklahoma Youth Expo hosts participants from throughout Oklahoma at the annual event located at the Oklahoma State Fair Park and provides scholarships and leadership activities for students.

OSU - Agricultural Education Scholarship Inc. | 2000

The fund was established to support scholarships for students enrolled in the agricultural education program at Oklahoma State University.

Will Rogers Air National Guard Scholarship | 1997

The fund was established by the Will Rogers Air National Guard Retirees Association, also known as the Gray Eagles, to support awards for dependents of Gray Eagle Members.

Society of Petroleum Engineers International, Oklahoma City Section Scholarship | 2014

The fund was established by the Oklahoma City section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers to support scholarships for dependents of members or students pursuing a degree in petroleum engineering.

A. Kurt Weiss Lectureship | 2006

The fund supports an annual ethics lecture series for medical and dental students at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. The lectureship is named after a former physiology professor who took a personal interest in teaching medical students about ethical and morality issues of medicine.

Environment & Animal Organizations

Best Friends of Pets | 2004 ■

The organization provides a spaying and neutering assistance program, pet ID tags to help reunite lost pets with families and other resources for pet owners in central Oklahoma.

Central Oklahoma Humane Society | 2012 ■

In partnership with the Oklahoma City Animal Welfare Division, the Central Oklahoma Humane Society works to place healthy, adoptable pets in permanent homes. In addition, the organization provides spay/ neuter services, a pet foster program and education on the humane treatment of animals.

Choctaw Parks Foundation-Historical Sculpture Gardens Perpetual Care | 2006 ■

The fund supports beautification and improvements of public parks in Choctaw, Okla., and provides for the care and maintenance of the Historical Sculpture Gardens located on Northeast 23rd Street.

Free to Live | 1992 ■

Located in Edmond, Okla., Free to Live provides housing, food and medical services for pets as they await adoption. Animals that are not adopted live out their lives at the sanctuary.

Friends of Martin Park Nature Center | 1998

The organization supports programming and activities at the nature center that is part of the Oklahoma City parks system. Located in northwest Oklahoma City, the 144-acre park is home to many species of animals and hiking trails.

Meinders Garden Maintenance for Myriad Gardens | 2012

The fund was established by Herman and LaDonna Meinders to encourage others to support the care and maintenance of the Meinders Garden located in the northeast section of the Myriad Botanical Gardens. The Meinders Garden was named after the Oklahoma City philanthropists, whose support helped complete the specialty gardens' original design.

Morris Animal Foundation | 1996 ■

The fund was established by Joan Kirkpatrick to encourage others to support the Morris Animal Foundation. Headquartered in Denver, Colorado, the foundation provides funding for scientific research throughout the world that will improve the health and quality of life for animals through advanced veterinary medicine.

Myriad Gardens Foundation | 1987 ■

The foundation provides capital funding, promotional support and volunteer involvement for the Myriad Botanical Gardens, a 15-acre park and botanical garden in downtown Oklahoma City. The property features the Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory, Meinders Gardens, Great Lawn and Children's Garden.

The Nature Conservancy - Oklahoma Chapter | 1993 ■

Working in Oklahoma and around the world, the conservation organization strives to protect lands and waters through scientific research, fundraising and partnerships to address conservation challenges.

OKC Beautiful | 1993 ■

The nonprofit organization works to improve the image and appearance of Oklahoma City through beautification, anti-litter, education, adopt-apark and advocacy programs.

Increasing the Impact of Charitable Giving through Endowment



Lawrence and Doretha Van Horn

Longtime Oklahoma City residents Lawrence and Doretha Van Horn began contributing to the charitable organization endowment program in 1977. Active members of the community, Lawrence served on the board of directors for more than 20 different charitable organizations. The couple knew that by giving to endowment funds, they could provide lasting support of the organizations they cared about.

Without fail, the couple made an annual \$1,000 gift that was divided equally between the endowment funds for Mercy Health Center and World Neighbors. Following Lawrence's death in 2003, Doretha continued to make the same annual gift until her death in 2012. Over a period of 35 years, the Van Horns gave a total of \$53,000 to benefit the two organizations.

Today, because of the Van Horns' endowment support, the impact of their giving is even greater. Through the funds' investment gains, the value of their original \$53,000 in contributions is now \$95,603. In 2015, Mercy Health Center and World Neighbors received nearly \$4,800 in annual distributions from the Van Horns' gifts alone. These organizations will continue to benefit from the annual earnings of these gifts for years to come.

Oklahoma City Boathouse Foundation | 2007 ■

The foundation supports the facilities and programs along the Oklahoma River to improve the quality of life for citizens through sports and fitness activities including rowing, kayaking, running and cycling.

Oklahoma City Geological Foundation | 2004

The foundation supports science education in Oklahoma through awards and grants for schools, teachers and students from elementary school through college.

Oklahoma Horticultural Society | 1989

The society encourages interest in horticulture in Oklahoma through educational gardening events, public meetings and scholarships for students studying horticultural science.

Oklahoma Iris Society | 2009

The group of iris enthusiasts promotes the growth, appreciation and study of the flowering plant through educational activities, exhibitions and other events. Members also provide care for the Iris Gardens at Will Rogers Park in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma River Foundation | 2005

Initially established with proceeds of the Holiday River Parade, the fund will provide continual support for maintenance, activities and public use of the Oklahoma River.

Oklahoma Zoological Society | 1971

Also known as ZooFriends, the organization supports and promotes the Oklahoma City Zoo and its programs in education, conservation, zoological research and recreation.

The Tree Bank | 1990 ■

The nonprofit organization coordinates collaborative landscape projects to promote and plant trees to enrich Oklahoma communities.

Health-Related Organizations

Ability Connection Oklahoma | 1988 ■

Formerly known as United Cerebral Palsy of Oklahoma, the organization works to enhance the quality of life for people with physical disabilities statewide through support programs, access to durable medical equipment and adaptive technology, residential facilities, scholarships and financial assistance.

Alzheimer's Association - Oklahoma Chapter | 2003 ■

The Oklahoma chapter of the national organization works to advance research and enhance care for those affected by Alzheimer's disease. The chapter serves as a resource for patients and their families through education programs, a family caregiver series and support groups.

American Cancer Society | 1975

The fund supports the Oklahoma City office of the national organization that supports cancer research and provides education, advocacy and other services for patients and their families.

American Diabetes Association | 1977

The fund supports the Oklahoma City office of the national organization that works to educate the public about diabetes prevention and provides support for those living with the disease.

Arthritis Foundation - Oklahoma Chapter | 1992

The Oklahoma chapter of the national Arthritis Foundation works to improve the quality of life for those impacted by arthritis through advocacy, patient resources and funding for medical research.

Catalyst Behavioral Services | 2003

The organization provides substance abuse treatment services through educational programs, outpatient counseling and long-term residential treatment at five locations in central Oklahoma.

Cavett Kids Foundation | 2001 ■

Through camp experiences and other programs, Cavett Kids Foundation provides Oklahoma youth who have life-threatening illnesses the opportunity to connect with others facing similar experiences and participate in character-building, leadership and recreational activities in a supportive environment.

The Children's Center | 1996 ■

Located in Bethany, the rehabilitation hospital provides 24-hour medical care, therapy and special education for patients and their families. The facility offers a complex care unit for children with complex medical needs, inpatient pediatric rehabilitation, outpatient therapy and a pediatric clinic.

Children's Hospital Foundation | 1985 ■

Formerly known as Children's Medical Research Institute, the foundation supports pediatric research and education programs, partnering with Children's Hospital physicians to improve the health and wellbeing of children.

Community Health Centers - Mary Mahoney Memorial

Health Center | 1999 ■

Community Health Centers is a federally qualified health center in central Oklahoma that provides primary health care and other health-related services on a sliding scale basis. The main site, Mary Mahoney Memorial Health Center, is located in eastern Oklahoma County and additional sites serve the homeless, infants and children, families and rural Oklahoma.

Dean A. McGee Eve Institute | 1972

Located on the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center campus in Oklahoma City, the institute provides eye health care for patients, supports vision research and sponsors education and training programs for medical students, residents and clinical fellows.

Epilepsy Association of Oklahoma | 1981 ■

The organization provides support groups and other resources for Oklahomans with epilepsy and their families. In addition, the group works to raise awareness about the disease through education and outreach programs.

Health Alliance for the Uninsured | 2014 ■

In collaboration with a network of clinics, community health centers and other partners, the organization coordinates health care services and access to prescription medications for uninsured individuals in Oklahoma County.

A Passion for History Creates a Legacy for the Future

Mike Sheriff spent his career in the engineering and energy industries, but his passion for history is what's keeping him busy in retirement. From Civil War soldier to a U.S. Deputy Marshal, Mike not only volunteers as a living history docent at the Oklahoma History Center, he also brings history alive with his vast knowledge.

As a frequent speaker on history and quest lecturer on the Civil War in Indian Territory, it was only natural to think of history when he and his wife sat down to start their estate planning. With a recommendation from the Oklahoma History Center, the couple, who reside in Norman, Okla., came to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to establish an endowment for the education department of the Oklahoma History Center.

In 2015, the couple named the Oklahoma City Community Foundation as a beneficiary of their retirement plan assets. The Sheriffs like the idea that the endowment will allow the money to grow and ensure that the funds can be used for many years to help the history center educate visitors and student groups on Oklahoma history.



"The decision to set up an endowment was an easy one," Mike says. "The Oklahoma City Community Foundation has been around for many years, and we have confidence that they will continue to be around. Their history of helping the community greatly reflects what they will do in the future."

Hearts for Hearing Foundation | 2013 ■

Located in Oklahoma City, Hearts for Hearing provides hearing health care for children and adults with hearing loss including auditory-verbal therapy, cochlear implants and other services.

Integris Foundation | 1973 ■

Several funds support Integris Foundation and various areas of the Integris health care system. Integris Foundation works to improve the health of the people and communities it serves by promoting philanthropy and providing funding for health care and wellness programs.

Integris - James L. Hall Center for Mind, Body & Spirit | 1999

Part of the Integris health care system, the James L. Hall Jr. Center for Mind, Body and Spirit provides integrated health care services and educational programs and resources related to mental, emotional, social and spiritual health issues.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society | 1999

The fund supports patient services through the Oklahoma chapter of the national organization that provides education and support for individuals diagnosed with a blood cancer, their families and health care providers. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society also funds blood cancer research and advocacy to improve patient access to treatments and services.

Lupus Foundation of Oklahoma | 1995

The foundation provides education and support to Lupus patients and their families throughout the state. In addition, the organization works to increase awareness of the disease and supports research toward finding the cause and cure for Lupus.

Mental Health Association Oklahoma | 2015 ■

The organization offers programs for individuals and families impacted by mental illness including counseling and support, housing services and other resources. In collaboration with various community partners, the association works to eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness, identify gaps in services and promote access to effective treatment.

Mercy Health Center | 1971 ■

Located in northwest Oklahoma City, Mercy Health Center is affiliated with the national Catholic health care system founded by the Sisters of Mercy. The health center provides medical services based on Christian values and works to positively impact the health and wellbeing of the communities it serves.

NAIC - Norman Addiction Information & Counseling | 2007 ■

The nonprofit organization provides outpatient treatment and counseling services for individuals and families affected by substance abuse and other addictions. In addition, the group works with communities and schools to prevent and reduce substance abuse through education, early intervention and other awareness programs.

National Multiple Sclerosis - Oklahoma Chapter | 2000

The fund supports the Oklahoma chapter of the national organization that provides medical research and patient services and support for individuals affected by Multiple Sclerosis.

NorthCare | 2014

NorthCare provides outpatient behavioral health services including crisis intervention, counseling, child abuse prevention and court-related services in Oklahoma and Logan counties. Additionally, the organization provides home-based services for families and children impacted by child abuse in communities throughout central and western Oklahoma.

Oklahaven Children's Chiropractic Center | 1999

The center provides chiropractic care and a natural, drug-free treatment alternative for children with illnesses and disabilities at its location in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma Blood Institute | 2008

Headquartered in Oklahoma City, the organization works to provide blood products needed for transfusions at medical facilities statewide through blood drives and recruitment of blood donors.

Oklahoma Brain Tumor Foundation | 2006

The organization provides education, support and services to Oklahoma families, caregivers and patients affected by primary brain or central nervous system tumors.

Oklahoma Caring Foundation | 2012

Administered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Caring Foundation provides children with access to preventive health services including free immunizations through its Caring Van program and free health benefits for children in working families who cannot afford private health insurance.

Oklahoma Heart Hospital Research Foundation | 2014

The foundation supports cardiovascular research and continuing medical education to reduce the impact and severity of heart disease. In addition, the foundation helps provide access to specialized treatments, clinical research and trial studies for heart patients at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital that has locations in north and south Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation | 1983

Located on the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center campus, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation is a biomedical research institute focusing on understanding and developing more effective treatments for human disease.

Oklahoma Physical Therapy Foundation | 2004 ■

The foundation offers a grant program that provides support for education, research and community projects to enhance the skills of physical therapy professionals and improve the quality of physical therapy services for Oklahomans.

Planned Parenthood of Central Oklahoma | 1982 ■

An affiliate of the national organization, Planned Parenthood of Central Oklahoma provides affordable reproductive health care services and education through a network of medical centers in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area.

Prevent Blindness Oklahoma | 2004

The organization provides free vision screenings to children throughout the state, as well as vision health and safety information through community, corporate and school health fairs to help preserve sight and prevent blindness.

The Recovery Center (TRC) | 1992

Formerly the Referral Center for Alcohol and Drug Services, The Recovery Center provides both inpatient and outpatient medically-supervised detoxification services from alcohol and drugs. Located in Oklahoma City, the center also offers counseling, education and case management services for individuals and families affected by substance abuse.

Russell-Murray Hospice | 2006

Headquartered in El Reno, Okla., Russell-Murray Hospice is an openaccess, nonprofit hospice that provides end-of-life care through several locations in central and western Oklahoma.

St. Anthony Hospital Foundation | 1973 ■

The Catholic healthcare foundation provides support for programs and patients of St. Anthony Hospital, located in Oklahoma City, as well as Bone and Joint Hospital at St. Anthony and other SSM Health Care affiliates.

Stroud Regional Medical Center Foundation | 2012

The foundation supports the medical center and other community needs in the Stroud, Okla., area including a scholarship for students entering the medical field.

Variety Care | 1985 ■

With a network of locations in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area and southwest Oklahoma, Variety Care seeks to improve the health of communities without ready access to health care. The federally qualified health center provides primary medical, dental, vision and behavioral health care services on a sliding scale basis.

History & Preservation Organizations

45th Infantry Division Museum | 1974

Located in northeast Oklahoma City, the museum collects, preserves and displays artifacts relative to the military history of Oklahoma.

95th Division Foundation | 2005

The foundation supports activities that honor the accomplishments of the 95th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army that was first activated during World War II. The division headquarters is now located at Fort Sill, Okla., along with a memorial museum.

Arcadia Historical & Preservation Society | 1993

This volunteer membership organization works to preserve and promote the history of the Round Barn, a unique structure that was built in 1898 in Arcadia, Okla., on world famous Route 66.

Break O'Day Farm and Metcalfe Museum | 2007

The farm and museum provide insights into the life and art of nationally recognized Western artist, Augusta Corson Metcalfe, on the family's original homestead located in Roger Mills County.

Cleveland County Historical Society | 2004 ■

The organization preserves the artifacts and properties of Cleveland County and Norman, Okla., showcasing turn-of-the-century living in the Moore-Lindsey Historical House, a Queen Anne-style house built in 1900.

Edmond Historical Society | 1999 ■

The organization preserves the history of Edmond, Okla., through a museum, education programs, collections and a research library located in the heart of Edmond in a 1936 native sandstone Armory built by the WPA.

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Medal of Honor Maintenance | 2007

The fund was established by former World War II prisoner of war Pendleton Woods to encourage gifts to assist with the care and maintenance of Oklahoma's Medal of Honor grove in Valley Forge, Pa. The 52-acre Medal of Honor Grove pays tribute to the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, with a one-acre area dedicated to each state.

Friends of the Oklahoma Historical Society Archives | 1998

The fund was established to support the historical archives division of the Oklahoma Historical Society. The Friends of the Oklahoma Historical Society Archives promotes the preservation of Oklahoma history and archive collections through volunteer assistance, educational programs and funding support.

Frontier Country Historical Society | 2009

Located in Crescent, Okla., the society's museum preserves and exhibits an outstanding collection of pioneer artifacts from pre-20th century to the present.

Harn Homestead Museum | 1987 ■

Located near the state Capitol on original Land Run property that was later purchased by William Fremont Harn, the outdoor museum works to educate the public about the territorial years of Oklahoma. The museum offers hands-on activities for visitors to experience early pioneer life on a territorial farm with a one-room school house and Victorian home.

Lincoln County Historical Society | 2015

The society operates a museum in Chandler, Okla., that preserves the local history through exhibits, collections and archival material to provide for the education of future generations in a shared heritage.

Military Order of the World Wars | 2014

The fund was established by the Oklahoma City chapter of the national patriotic organization to encourage others to support the group's youth programs including a leadership conference and awards for Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets.

How Planned Giving is Helping Further an Organization's Mission



Hosted by Phil Sanders, In Search of the Lord's Way's television ministry is broadcast on all 210 television markets in the United States, 150 local cable stations and 50 radio stations including Pacific Broadcast Radio that reaches more than 30,000 islands in the Pacific Rim.

In 1979, concerned with low attendance at his community church, Pastor Mack Lyon started a local television program in Ada, Okla., for those who couldn't attend services in person. Today, In Search of the Lord's Way continues to broaden its reach as a worldwide television and radio ministry and is under the oversight of the Edmond Church of Christ.

As the organization grew, they realized the need to secure their financial future, as well as have the ability to accept a wider range of both immediate and planned gifts. In Search of the Lord's Way turned to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to help build a continuous funding stream for their ministry through planned giving. By working together, the organization can provide a variety of giving opportunities to their donors including charitable gift annuities. This partnership simplifies the giving process for the organization by allowing them to refer donors directly to foundation staff.

"Charitable gift annuities are a perfect giving avenue for our donors. By providing current income to the donor and a gift that will benefit our organization in the future, it's a win-win giving strategy," says Chris Lyons, director of operations at In Search of the Lord's Way. "Working with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has been a really positive experience for us across the board. The staff is knowledgeable and easy to work with, and donors are comfortable talking to them about CGAs and other types of planned gifts," Lyons added.

Oklahoma Archaeological Survey | 1995

In cooperation with the State Historic Preservation Office and the Oklahoma Historical Society, the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey works to preserve and protect Oklahoma's significant archeological sites and artifacts. In addition, the group provides education about Oklahoma's cultural heritage through school programs, publications and public presentations.

Oklahoma City-County Historical Society | 1979

The society works to preserve and promote state and local history with an emphasis on Oklahoma City and the surrounding Oklahoma County through educational programs. The group also honors individuals who have contributed to the improvement of their community through the annual "Pathmaker Awards."

Oklahoma Hall of Fame | 1978 ■

Formerly known as the Oklahoma Heritage Association, the Oklahoma Hall of Fame honors Oklahomans who have given outstanding service to the state during their lifetime. Located in Oklahoma City at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum, the organization also supports scholarship for students.

Oklahoma Historical Society | 1974 ■

The Oklahoma Historical Society preserves and shares the history and culture of Oklahoma through its research, collections and archives. The society maintains museums, historic homes and military sites throughout the state, including the Oklahoma History Center that is located northeast of the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame | 2015

The organization honors current and former military members from Oklahoma for outstanding service to our nation through the annual induction of 10 nominees into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. The stories of each inductee are presented through an interactive display at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma Railway Museum | 2004

Located in northeast Oklahoma City, the outdoor museum honors the heritage of railroad and street rail transportation in Oklahoma. Exhibits include a variety of railcars, railroad equipment and memorabilia, as well as train rides. The organization also promotes railroad safety through a public education and awareness program.

Oklahoma Society Daughters of the American Revolution | 2013

Affiliated with the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the organization supports programs throughout the state that promote historic preservation, education and patriotism and offers scholarships for students.

Oklahoma State Firefighters Museum | 1999

Located in northeast Oklahoma City, the museum features a collection of antique fire equipment and artifacts including the Fort Supply Firehouse, the first firehouse built in Indian Territory. Also located on museum grounds is the Oklahoma Fallen and Living Firefighters Memorial.

Oklahoma Westerners Indian Territory Posse | 1975

The local chapter of Westerners International, the organization promotes the study and preservation of the history of the American West through programs, field trips and speakers.

Overholser Mansion | 1978

The territorial-era mansion offers guided tours and programs to educate the public about the life of Henry Overholser, a businessman who was instrumental in the development of Oklahoma City. Located in the Heritage Hills neighborhood, the restored mansion is under the care of Preservation Oklahoma.

Preservation Oklahoma | 2002

The organization promotes the preservation of Oklahoma's heritage and historic places through advocacy, education, financial resources, networking and technical assistance.

Stillwater Museum Association - Sheerar Museum | 2000

The fund was established to encourage others to support the Sheerar Museum located in Stillwater, Okla. The museum preserves and shares the history and culture of the Stillwater area and also houses the Sheerar Cultural Center Auditorium.

Westerners International | 1988

The organization supports the study and appreciation of the heritage and culture of the American West through local chapters throughout the United States.

Neighborhood Associations

Crown Heights-Edgemere Heights Neighborhood Association | 1994

The association supports the maintenance and beautification of medians and common areas within the historic preservation neighborhood located north of downtown Oklahoma City.

Edgemere Park Preservation | 2002

The neighborhood association provides member services, community building activities and support for the preservation and enhancement of the Edgemere Park historic district that includes a 15-acre park north of downtown Oklahoma City.

Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association | 1992

The association supports landscaping, maintenance other improvements within this northwest Oklahoma City neighborhood.

Mesta Park Neighborhood Association | 2003 ■

The group supports the activities and maintenance of Perle Mesta Park and other public areas of the historic neighborhood located north of downtown Oklahoma City.

Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma | 1993 ■

The organization coordinates the development of neighborhood associations in central Oklahoma through training, networking, organizational support and information services to improve active participation in building sustainable neighborhoods.

Putnam Heights Preservation Area - Anderson Family Endowment | 2000

Established through a bequest from Charles Guyton Anderson III, a resident of the Putnam Heights historic district in northwest Oklahoma City, the fund benefits the neighborhood association in supporting historic preservation, maintenance and other activities.

Retirement Fund Assets Make a Perfect Planned Gift

While attending a ceremony benefiting YWCA Oklahoma City and its services for victims of domestic violence, Margie A. Humdy was touched by what she heard and asked the YWCA about leaving a gift through her will. Seeking assistance with the details of such a gift, the YWCA introduced Margie to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.



As a longtime employee at the State

Regents for Higher Education, Margie found the perfect fit for her giving goals by naming the Oklahoma City Community Foundation as a primary beneficiary of her retirement plan. The funds will one day benefit YWCA Oklahoma City as well as her church and several other charities.

"I had no idea I could utilize the services of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation," Margie says. "I imagined my meager

In October 2015, YWCA Oklahoma City opened the Thelma Gaylord Emergency Shelter for domestic violence victims and their children. The new shelter has the capacity to house up to 120 women and children who are escaping domestic violence.

funds were not worthy. I am excited that the funds will be given as I have requested and may be given in perpetuity."

Shartel Boulevard Development Authority | 2003

The organization supports improvement, beautification and maintenance of North Shartel Boulevard and Northwest 18th Street in Oklahoma City to improve the quality of life for area residents.

Religious Organizations

4HIM - His Healing Helping Hands International Ministries | 2007 ■

An Oklahoma City-based Christian ministry, the organization mobilizes volunteers and resources to assist with social service needs in underserved areas throughout the world. The group facilitates medical clinics, construction projects and other community-building activities in five continents, concentrating in Africa and Southeast Asia.

All Souls' Episcopal Church | 2003

The fund supports programming, community outreach, family activities and mission work for the church located in Nichols Hills.

Assemblies of God of Oklahoma Foundation | 2014

The foundation supports Oklahoma ministers and ministries in fellowship with the Assemblies of God faith.

In Search of The Lord's Way | 2010

Founded by preacher Mack Lyon in Ada, Okla., the organization supports an international television and radio ministry based on the teachings of the Church of Christ.

Life.Church | 2005

Based in Oklahoma, Life.Church provides Christian programs and ministry through webcast productions serving congregations throughout the United States.

Scope Ministries International | 1982

The Oklahoma City-based ministry provides Christian education programs and Biblical counseling for adults and teenagers.

Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Israel | 2005

The women's auxiliary of Temple B'nai Israel, the sisterhood provides support for projects and programs that benefit the Temple and its community.

Sisters of Benedict | 2004

The fund supports the Benedictine Sisters at Mount St. Scholastica, a campus of women located in Atchison, Kan., who are devoted to a communal life of prayer, work and serving the community.

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral | 2009

The fund supports activities and ministries at St. Paul's Cathedral that is located in downtown Oklahoma City and affiliated with the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma.

Temple B'nai Israel Centennial Fund | 2003

The fund was established to support the Holocaust resource collection at the Downtown Metropolitan Library. The collection includes nearly 1,000 books, videos, audiotapes and other materials related to the Holocaust.

Senior Adult Service Organizations

Areawide Aging Agency | 1992 ■

The organization coordinates with community partners to provide services and resources that advance the independence and quality of life of senior adults in central Oklahoma.

Baptist Village Communities | 1982

Formerly known as Baptist Retirement Center, the organization provides quality housing and compassionate health care to senior adults in a Christian setting at eight locations throughout Oklahoma.

Daily Living Centers | 1978 ■

The organization provides adult day health care services in a community-based group setting at locations in Oklahoma City and Edmond, Okla.

Edmond Mobile Meals | 2012 ■

Through a team of volunteers, Edmond Mobile Meals delivers meals to homebound elderly and disabled individuals in Edmond, Okla., who are unable to prepare meals for themselves.

Edmond Senior Community Foundation | 2002 ■

The foundation supports programs and activities for senior adults and their families in Edmond, Okla.

Foundation for Senior Citizens | 1975 ■

The organization provides affordable housing for senior adults and individuals with disabilities at the Superbia Retirement Village located in northwest Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma Alliance on Aging | 2008

Through identifying the needs of aging Oklahomans, providing education and advocating for solutions, the Oklahoma Alliance on Aging works statewide to improve the quality of life for senior adults.

Oklahoma County Senior Nutrition Program | 1992

The program supports a network of nutrition sites in Oklahoma County that provide hot, nutritious meals for senior adults. The locations also offer social activities and health and wellness education.

Rebuilding Together OKC | 2002 ■

The organization provides free home repairs and modifications for senior adults in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area to make homes safe, warm and dry and allow for safer mobility and independence.

RSVP - Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Central Oklahoma | 1985 ■

A local branch of the national organization, RSVP of Central Oklahoma promotes volunteerism of senior adults by connecting them with community needs and nonprofit organizations.

Social Services Organizations

A Chance to Change | 1982 ■

The nonprofit organization provides prevention education, counseling and support for families and individuals to reduce chemical dependency and other compulsive behaviors.

Aid for Individual Development | 1981

The organization provides affordable residential services and life skill training for adults with developmental disabilities at its housing facility in northwest Oklahoma City.

American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma | 1979 ■

The Oklahoma chapter of the American Red Cross provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prepare for and respond to emergencies.

CARE - Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Center | 1982

Located in Oklahoma City, the CARE Center provides a safe place for child abuse victims to tell their story. Serving Oklahoma County, the organization coordinates with law enforcement, child protective services and health care professionals to provide services in a child-friendly atmosphere.

CASA of Oklahoma County | 2008 ■

CASA of Oklahoma County provides trained, court-appointed volunteers to advocate for the best interest of victims of child abuse or neglect cases in the juvenile court system.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City | 1988 ■

Associated with the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Catholic Charities provides a variety of social services to at-risk individuals in central and western Oklahoma including disaster relief, counseling, residential assistance, adoption and pregnancy programs and immigration legal services.

Center for Children and Families, Inc. | 2009 ■

Located in Norman, Okla., the organization provides services and resources to support children and families impacted by child abuse, neglect, divorce and other traumatic experiences. Through community partnerships, CCFI provides counseling, education, after-school care and other support services for families.

Central Oklahoma Association for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing | 1987

The organization provides services for individuals and families experiencing the effects of hearing loss including hearing aid assistance, sign language training, referral services and other resources.

Citizens Caring for Children | 1988 ■

The organization addresses the unique needs of youth in foster care in central Oklahoma through a mentor program and a resource center that provides clothing, toiletries, school supplies and other necessities.

City Rescue Mission | 1999 ■

In addition to providing a shelter for the homeless at its location near downtown Oklahoma City, the City Rescue Mission offers complete case management services providing food, clothing, education and employment assistance to help homeless individuals obtain permanent, affordable housing.

Coffee Creek Riding Center | 1994 ■

Located in Edmond, Okla., Coffee Creek Riding Center provides therapeutic horseback riding to children with disabilities to help maximize strength and coordination.

Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Central Oklahoma | 1999 ■

This organization provides programs and services to help people become financially strong through counseling, debt management and education.

Dale Rogers Training Center | 1978 ■

Located in northwest Oklahoma City, the center supports individuals with developmental disabilities through paid vocational training, in-house programs and employment, mobile workforce groups and community employment opportunities.

Deaconess Pregnancy & Adoption Services | 1975

Located in Oklahoma City, the organization assists women and families with pregnancy and adoption services.

EARC - Employment & Residential Centers | 2003

The organization offers in-home services and residential centers in Edmond, Okla., to support independent living skills for adults with developmental disabilities. In addition, EARC provides vocational training, operates thrift stores and facilitates community employment.

Easter Seals of Oklahoma | 1988 ■

The organization offers services to enhance the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities including a learning academy, day center for adults, rehabilitation services and support for medical or educational equipment.

Faith Works of the Inner City | 2012

In partnership with Shidler Elementary and the Shidler-Wheeler community, the ministry serves families of southeast Oklahoma City through educational and afterschool programs, teen and adult work programs, summer camps, housing and other support services.

Genesis Project | 1983

Located in Jones, Okla., the Genesis Project provides a residential group home for boys ages 6 to 12 who have experienced severe emotional, physical and sexual abuse.

Goodwill Industries of Oklahoma | 1979 ■

An affiliate of the international organization, Goodwill Industries of Central Oklahoma offers employment training and placement services for individuals with disabilities and unemployed adults. The organization also provides a youth mentoring program for at-risk students in Oklahoma City and support for low-income veterans.

HeartLine | 1986 ■

HeartLine connects Oklahomans in need to health and human services through its 2-1-1 information and referral helpline, suicide prevention and outreach programs and crisis intervention services.

Hope Center of Edmond | 2005 ■

Hope Center of Edmond serves as a central agency for Edmond residents, providing social services to help meet the basic needs of citizens undergoing personal emergencies or crises. Services and programs include a resale shop, food pantry and a health clinic.

Building Endowment to Create a Better Community



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Oklahoma County provides youth programs at its main location at Memorial Park located at Northwest 36th Street and Western Avenue and three school sites, Cesar Chavez Elementary at 600 SE Grand Ave., Santa Fe South at 53255 S. Pennsylvania Ave. and Telstar Elementary in Midwest City.

Each day after school and during school breaks, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Oklahoma County opens its doors to serve 800 youth, ages 6 to 18. For a club membership fee of \$10 a year, each child receives tutoring and mentoring and has the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities focused on the arts, sports, music and technology at four separate locations.

The low annual fee makes the club accessible to any interested child but doesn't begin to cover the costs, says Jane Sutter, president and CEO. "We are completely reliant upon support from the community," she adds. "That is why having and building an endowment fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation allows the organization to rely on a steady stream of annual income."

In addition to support from individuals, another way the organization builds its endowment fund is through participation in the endowment matching program offered through the Kirkpatrick Family Fund. The program offers a match of one dollar for every three dollars raised by the organization over a 12-month period.

"We will continue to strive to deepen the impact on the youth we serve, as well as plan to serve more youth in the community as financial resources allow," Jane says. "Having an endowment fund is a significant tool to help us and other worthy nonprofits as we work to create a better community."

Infant Crisis Services | 1986 ■

Located on Lincoln Boulevard in Oklahoma City, the agency provides formula, food, diapers and clothing to babies and toddlers in times of crisis.

Jesus House | 1991 ■

Located in downtown Oklahoma City, Jesus House is a recovery program for individuals experiencing homelessness, addiction and mental health issues. In addition to an emergency shelter, the organization provides food, clothing, household items and other social services to help support independence among clients facing adversity.

Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma | 2008 ■

The organization provides legal assistance on civil, non-criminal matters to low-income individuals and senior adults through a network of offices and volunteer attorneys throughout Oklahoma.

Limbs for Life Foundation | 2009 ■

Located in Oklahoma City, Limbs for Life Foundation provides fully-functional prosthetic care for low-income amputees throughout the United States and internationally and raises awareness of the challenges facing amputees.

Lions Meadows of Hope a Project of the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch | 2015

Formerly the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch, the Lions Meadows of Hope is now a licensed foster care community providing family homes for sibling groups and boys and girls of all ages at its campus located in Perkins, Okla.

Make Promises Happen - Central Christian Camp | 1997 ■

The fund was established to support Make Promises Happen, a program of Central Christian Camp that provides outdoor recreational opportunities for individuals age 6 and older with disabilities. Events take place throughout the year and allow campers to participate in fishing, boating, swimming, archery and other activities at the 40-acre camp located near Guthrie, Okla.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Oklahoma | 1997 ■

The Oklahoma chapter of the national organization, Make-A-Wish fulfills wishes of children in Oklahoma who have been diagnosed with lifethreatening illnesses.

Mary Abbott Children's House | 2011 ■

Located in Norman, Okla., the Mary Abbott Children's House provides a safe place for child abuse victims to tell their story. Serving Cleveland, McClain and Garvin counties, the organization coordinates with law enforcement, child protective services and health care professionals to provide services in a child-friendly atmosphere.

McCall's Communities for Life Enrichment | 1999

The fund supports the services and residential living facilities of McCall's Chapel School in Ada, Okla., that serves adults with developmental disabilities. The school provides life skills, social activities, vocational training and residential support for its residents.

Meadows Center for Opportunity | 1987 ■

Operating as a sheltered workshop in Edmond, Okla., the Meadows provides supervised employment and training services for adults with developmental disabilities.

Neighborhood Services Organization | 1982 ■

The organization provides services including housing, nutritional and medical/dental assistance for the low-income and homeless population of Oklahoma City to help encourage independence.

NewView Oklahoma | 1999 ■

NewView Oklahoma provides employment opportunities and rehabilitation services for blind and visually-impaired Oklahomans through its Low Vision Clinics in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Formerly the Oklahoma League for the Blind, the organization also offers support groups and recreational programs for adults and children with vision impairment.

OKC Metro Alliance | 1992 ■

The alliance provides an opportunity for individuals to recover from substance abuse through programs leading to sobriety including Firstep, a residential work-therapy program.

Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children | 2008

An affiliate of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, the organization offers services for children in foster care through residential services at four campuses throughout the state. In addition, the group offers family support and resources, pregnancy centers and adoption services.

Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled | 1973

The organization provides activity-oriented, day health services for adults with developmental disabilities at its location in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma Halfway House | 1971

The nonprofit organization provides residential services to help formerly incarcerated individuals positively transition from federal or state penal institutions into the community.

Oklahoma Lawyers for Children | 2006 ■

Serving Oklahoma County, the organization provides volunteer attorneys for children who are abused or neglected and in need of legal services. In addition, the group provides services for children in foster care including mentoring programs, recreational activities and assistance with special needs.

Parent Promise | 1993 ■

Established by members of the Exchange Club service organization, Parent Promise works to prevent child abuse in Oklahoma through free educational programs, parenting classes, support services and community awareness.

Peppers Ranch | 2006 ■

Located near Guthrie, Okla., Peppers Ranch is a foster care community providing a network of foster parents and adult mentors for abused and neglected children in Oklahoma. The community offers residential care and on-site services for children in foster care including counseling, therapeutic art, equestrian riding, tutoring and other education programs.

GiveSmartOKC: Helping Connect Donors with Area Nonprofits

Featuring more than 260 area nonprofit organizations, Give Smart OKC.org is helping donors make informed decisions regarding their charitable giving, while also connecting donors with nonprofits like the Oklahoma Museums Association.

"Participating in GiveSmartOKC is a way for us to share credible information about the Oklahoma Museums Association with a variety of audiences," says Brenda Granger, executive director. "We use GiveSmartOKC in a variety of ways including orienting new board members, linking to our GiveSmartOKC profile in our annual report and referencing it with donors and in grant proposals."

The free, online database is also a resource for community groups and businesses as they consider supporting nonprofits through grants.

For Bank of Oklahoma employees in Oklahoma City, GiveSmartOKC.org provides reassurance that the nonprofits they support through their Together We Give program are credible organizations, says Vonnie Garner, assistant vice president for Oklahoma City Community Relations. Together We Give is a program that recognizes outstanding employees by enabling them to use GiveSmartOKC.org to choose a local nonprofit to receive a \$100 donation.



BOK employee Renata Long pictured with Crystal Frost, director of community engagement with Oklahoma Family Center for Autism.

"Not only do we get the benefit of knowing that each organization has gone through a vetting process, but our employees also receive financial information and performance results about the nonprofit," she says. "This information serves as a great reinforcement for them that they made a good decision."

Visit Give Smart OKC.org and learn more about these 260+ nonprofit organizations. Don't find your favorite nonprofit? Encourage them to contact Ashlee Adams (a.adams@occf.org) or 405/606-2918.

Rainbow Fleet | 1979 ■

The organization serves as a child care resource and referral organization for children and families in Oklahoma. In addition, training and resources are provided for teachers and day care providers.

Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma | 1985 ■

The nonprofit organization helps provide food for individuals and families in need through a network of charitable feeding programs including food pantries, homeless shelters, church pantries, soup kitchens, food resource centers and schools throughout central and western Oklahoma.

Reliant Living Centers of Oklahoma | 1979

With locations in Oklahoma City and Del City, Reliant Living Centers offers a home-like residential setting for adults with developmental disabilities. The Centers encourage independent living and skill development and offers vocational training to help residents obtain employment within the community.

SAFY - Specialized Alternatives for Families & Youth | 2007 ■

The Oklahoma affiliate of SAFY of America, the organization provides therapeutic foster care services for children with social service and behavioral health needs and their families.

The Salvation Army | 1971 ■

The Central Oklahoma Area Command offers services to support families, seniors and others in need of food, shelter and spiritual guidance. The Command also operates a Boys and Girls Club program in southeast Oklahoma City and is a major provider of disaster relief.

Skyline Urban Ministry | 1992 ■

Affiliated with the United Methodist Church, Skyline provides free and low-cost assistance to children, families and senior citizens. The organization provides clothing, meals and emergency food, eye care and eyeglasses and other support services.

Special Olympics Oklahoma | 2001 ■

An affiliate of the national organization, Special Olympics Oklahoma provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Area competitions take place throughout the state where participants qualify to compete in the state, national and world games.

Speck Homes | 1974

Speck Homes provides residential care through a group home for delinquent or neglected adolescent boys in Oklahoma City.

Sunbeam Family Services | 1971 ■

The organization provides a variety of social services to central Oklahoma residents of all ages including counseling, early childhood education, foster care programs and services for senior citizens and their caregivers.

TEEM - The Educational and Employment Ministry | 1994 ■

Located in Oklahoma City, the interfaith, nonprofit organization works to break the cycle of incarceration and poverty by providing education, social services, vocational training and job placement assistance.

Trinity Legal Clinic | 2014

Through partnerships with existing community-based organizations, Trinity Legal Clinic provides access to legal services to individuals in need through free legal clinics at various locations throughout the Oklahoma City metropolitan area.

United Methodist Boys Ranch | 1996

Operated by the Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care, the boys ranch provides residential and foster care services at its location in Gore, Okla.

United Way of Central Oklahoma | 1979 ■

The United Way of Central Oklahoma partners with social service agencies in central Oklahoma to help improve the lives of citizens in need. The organization coordinates workplace campaigns and annual fundraising drives to connect community resources to nonprofit organizations in the following focus areas: strong families, successful kids, healthy citizens, independent living and community preparedness.

Upward Transitions | 1983 ■

Located near downtown Oklahoma City, the organization that was formerly Traveler's Aid helps homeless and at-risk individuals and families obtain permanent, affordable housing and self-sufficiency. In addition, the organization provides job training and placement services and assistance with utilities, rent, food, clothing and medications.

Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City | 1988 ■

The local affiliate of the National Urban League, the greater Oklahoma City chapter works to provide equal opportunities for minorities by providing employment and training services, entrepreneurship opportunities, educational opportunities for youth, health and wellness activities and affordable housing.

The Urban Mission | 1978 ■

Located in northwest Oklahoma City, the organization provides a food resource center, after-school programs, school supplies and other services for families in need in central Oklahoma.

White Fields | 2013

White Fields is a foster care community for troubled and at-risk boys located on a 140-acre ranch near Piedmont, Okla. The community provides an on-site education center, recreational activities and therapy and counseling services for residents.

Willow Springs Boys Ranch | 1999

Located near Chandler, Okla., Willow Springs Boys Ranch is a long-term residential program that provides a structured family environment based on Christian principles for at-risk boys ages 7 through 12.

Work Activity Center | 1982 ■

Located in Moore, Okla., the center provides training and employment opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities.

World Neighbors | 1971 ■

Headquartered in Oklahoma City, the organization supports programs to eliminate hunger, disease and poverty in Asia, Africa and Latin America through economic and community development efforts.

Youth Services for Oklahoma County | 1980 ■

The nonprofit organization provides counseling, prevention education, crisis intervention, an emergency youth shelter and other resources for troubled youth and their families in Oklahoma County.

YWCA Oklahoma City | 1971 ■

A chapter of the national organization, YWCA Oklahoma City provides domestic violence and sexual assault services, leadership and employment training and advocacy for women and children in Oklahoma County. Services include an emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling and other support to help women heal from trauma and become self-sufficient.

Youth-Serving Organizations

American Energy Swim Club | 1988

American Energy Swim Club is an aquatic swim program for youth in central Oklahoma pursuing competitive swimming. The club provides certified coaches, systematic training and competitive opportunities in a family-oriented, team environment.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma | 1983 ■

The fund supports programs and services of the Oklahoma City office of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma that provides one-on-one mentoring and positive role models for children and youth.

Boy Scouts of America - Last Frontier Council | 1972 ■

Serving central and southwest Oklahoma, the Last Frontier Council promotes the mission of Boy Scouts of America through scouting programs, leadership training and civic service opportunities for boys.

Boys & Girls Club of Oklahoma County | 2002 ■

Affiliated with Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the organization provides activities and programs that encourage youth to be productive, responsible and caring citizens at its main location in northwest Oklahoma City and multiple school sites throughout the metropolitan area.

Camp Fire USA - Heart of Oklahoma Council | 1973

The organization provides a variety of outdoor activities, educational programs and camps at a 33-acre location in northeast Oklahoma City.

Denny Price Family YMCA of Enid | 2006

Located in Enid, Okla., the YMCA supports health and fitness classes, swimming programs, summer camp, child care and a wide variety of other programs and services for children, adults and families.

Fields & Futures Foundation | 2015 ■

The foundation offers health, wellness, academic performance and life skills to students in the Oklahoma City Public School District by providing additional opportunities to participate in interscholastic sports.

Girl Scouts - Western Oklahoma | 1978 ■

The area council of the national Girl Scouts organization, the group offers activities that build leadership skills, financial literacy, healthy relationships, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and outdoor skills for girls ages 5 through 17 in central and western Oklahoma.

Junior Achievement of Oklahoma City | 1977 ■

Junior Achievement of Oklahoma is affiliated with the national organization that provides volunteer-driven programs for students in kindergarten through 12th grade to foster work-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills.

Oklahoma City Police Athletic League | 1994

The organization provides a juvenile crime prevention program through physical and educational activities sponsored and led by Oklahoma City police officers.

Oklahoma FCA | 1976 ■

The state affiliate of the national Fellowship of Christian Athletes supports activities including youth camps, campus and women's ministries and other programs that encourage athletes and coaches to grow in their faith and sport.

Oklahoma Kidz Charities | 2012

Through fundraising activities and events, the organization provides support for nonprofit organizations in Oklahoma that focus on enriching the lives of children in the areas of education and health care.

Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Oklahoma City | 1991

Operated by the Central Oklahoma Area Command of the Salvation Army, the program promotes leadership, character and teamwork while providing a safe haven for at-risk children in south Oklahoma City.

United National Indian Tribal Youth - UNITY | 2010

Founded in Oklahoma by J.R. Cook, UNITY promotes personal development, citizenship and leadership among Native American youth through national youth councils, conferences and outreach programming.

Whiz Kids - City Care | 2007 ■

The fund supports Whiz Kids Oklahoma, a program of the nonprofit organization City Care. Whiz Kids pairs volunteer tutors and mentors with at-risk students in Oklahoma City who read below grade level for weekly tutoring sessions at sites hosted by local inner-city churches.

YMCA - Oklahoma City | 1971 ■

The YMCA provides services and programs for children, adults and families in central Oklahoma including child care, fitness activities, camping, teen leadership and other community support programs.

Youth Leadership Exchange | 2000 ■

A program of Leadership Oklahoma City, Youth Leadership Exchange provides education programs designed to teach the importance of community leadership and volunteer service to high school students in Oklahoma City.

Make a Greater Impact with your Charitable Giving

The charitable organizations listed in this publication are working every day to make our community a better place to live. From enriching our lives with arts and culture to serving our most vulnerable citizens, these essential services will continue thanks to the generous donors who support charitable organization endowments.

If you are interested in making a greater impact with your charitable giving, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation offers a variety of giving options. Our knowledgeable staff can help you structure a giving plan that offers the maximum tax advantages and provides lasting support for charitable organizations or causes you're passionate about.

Below are a few examples of the types of gifts we can help facilitate:

- Current gifts of cash or other assets
- Gifts through your will or trust
- Beneficiary designations of retirement plan assets or life insurance policies
- IRA Charitable Rollovers
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Trusts
- Retained Life Estate gifts (real estate)

To learn more about these giving options, contact one of our staff members below:



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Charitable Organization Endowment Program

Services and Resources

Charitable organizations with endowments at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation benefit from a number of services and resources, including:

Fund Management and Administration - We process all gifts and gift acknowledgements and provide each organization with an annual report of their fund(s) including gifts, distributions and investment performance. In addition, organizations receive a customized notebook with program policies and fund agreements.

Development, Communications and Training - Through publications and our website, we promote all of the endowment funds and encourage donor support. Each organization receives a monthly e-newsletter, as well as invitations to free seminars on planned giving and other current charitable issues.

Gift Acceptance – We can facilitate a variety of gifts for the benefit of endowment funds that charitable organizations may not be able to accept directly. We work with nonprofits and their donors to accommodate gifts including cash, credit cards, real estate, retirement plan assets, business-related assets, tangible property, oil and gas interests, royalty interest and stocks, bonds or mutual funds.

GiveSmartOKC.org - See information on page 25.

Lunch for 2 - We offer a free workshop that provides continuing education credits for CPAs that work with charitable organizations.

Central Oklahoma Charities - Each program participant is featured on our online directory at occf.org/CentralOklahomaCharities with its own web page that includes contact information, website links and a link to make an online gift to the organization's endowment.

Donor Central - Participants have 24-7 access to an online fund reporting service at occf.org/DonorCentral that provides endowment fund balances, gift and annual distribution history and quarterly investment performance.

The Toolkit - The online toolkit at occf.org/toolkit features resources to help organizations build and promote their endowment funds.

Planned Giving Services – We work with organizations and their donors to facilitate a variety of planned gifts that will benefit their endowment funds (see page 27). In addition, program participants can utilize our online planned giving resource LegacyGiving at OCCFLegacy.org.

Committee

The dedicated volunteers and community leaders below serve on the committee that oversees the Charitable Organization Endowment Program.

Steven C. Agee (Trustee), Chairman

Oscar Jackson (Trustee)

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Tina Burdett, Kirkpatrick Family Fund

Brenda Granger, Oklahoma Museums Association

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