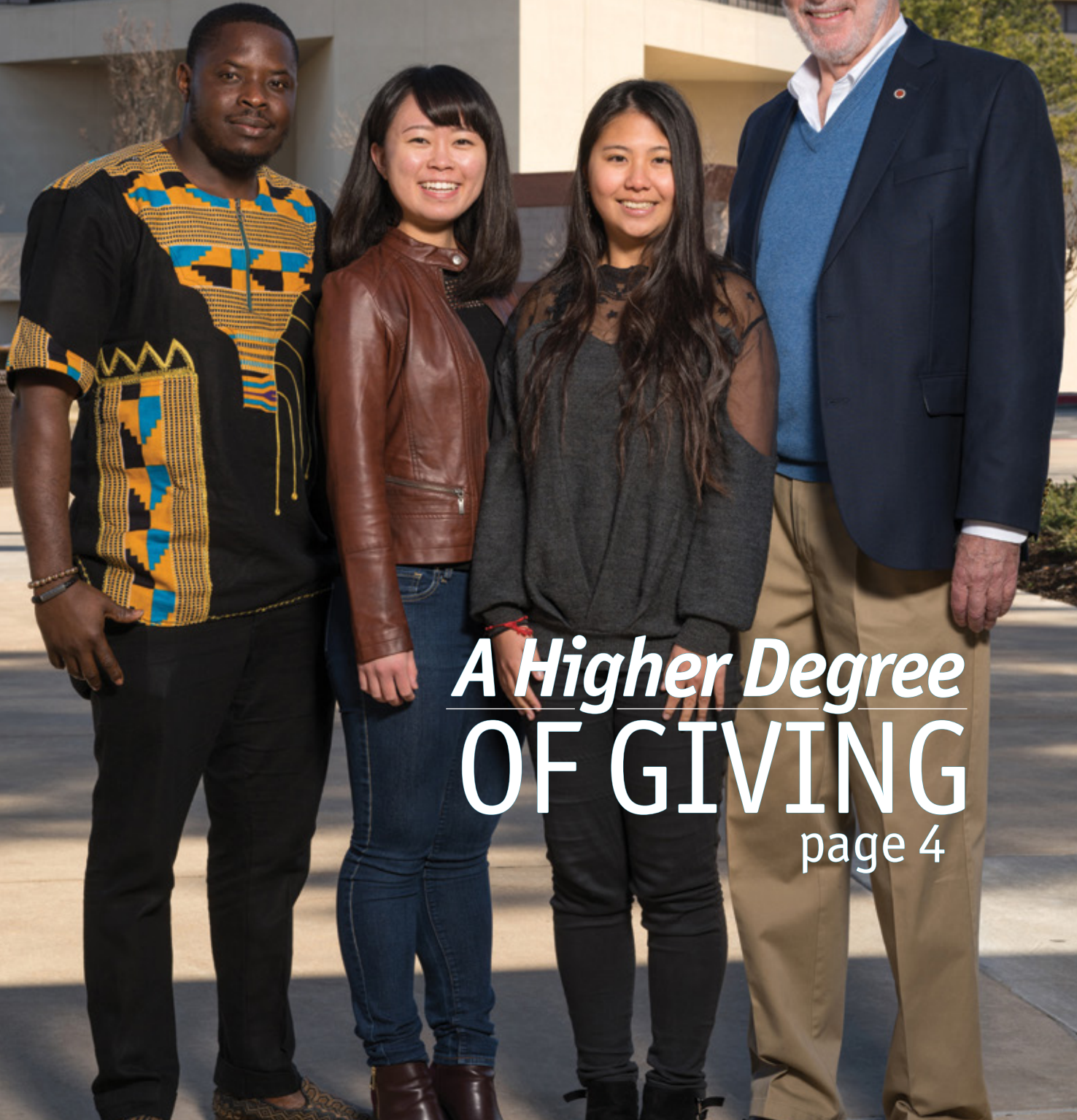


Charitable Organization Endowment

PROGRAM REVIEW



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Helping Charitable Organizations Thrive Today. Tomorrow. Forever.

At the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, we work with donors to help meet the charitable needs of the community, both now and in the future. By building endowment funds designed to provide long-term support for charitable organizations, we help donors ensure their charitable gifts make a lasting difference. Within this publication, you will find a list of charitable organizations with permanent endowment funds at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

About the program

With permanent funds for more than 360 charities that serve our community, our Charitable Organization Endowment Program is the largest of its kind in the nation. These funds provide charities with an annual source of income and offer donors the ability to make an enduring contribution.

Why give to an endowment

A gift to a permanent endowment at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation is a commitment to the organization's future. Since the funds are permanent, annual distributions to the charity will continue forever, helping the organization carry on its important work in the community for years to come.

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As of June 30, 2016

360

number of charitable organization endowments

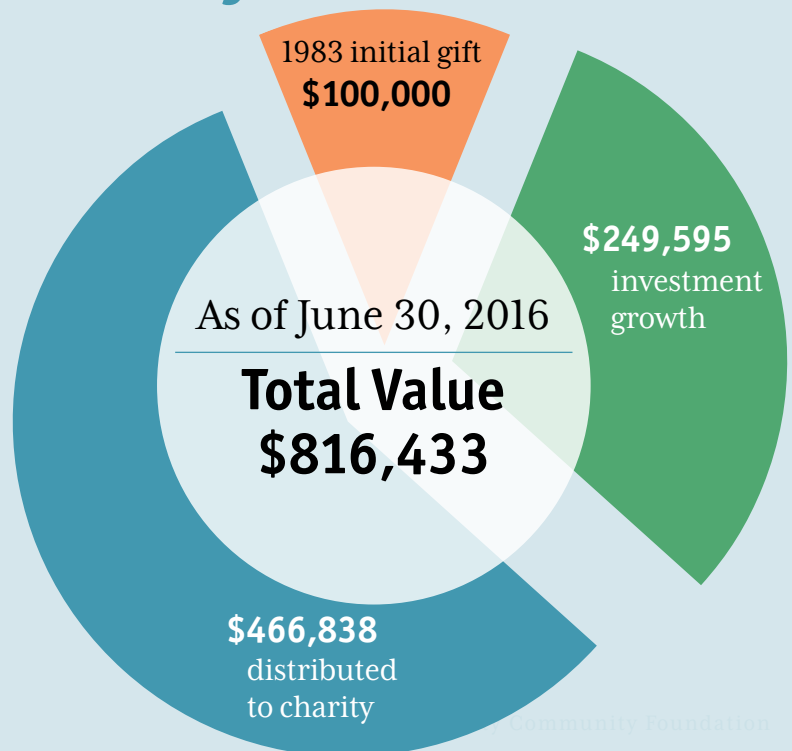
\$8 million
annual amount distributed back to charities

\$167 million
total market value

Impact of Your Endowment Gift Over 30 Years

Your gift to an endowment fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation goes into a permanent fund designed to provide distributions to charitable organizations forever. All endowment funds are invested in our general pool, providing for growth through investment performance. Each year, the charity will receive a distribution amount from the fund equal to 5 percent of the fund's average market value for the previous 12 quarters as of March 31.

Based on past investment performance of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation's general pool, a \$100,000 gift to an endowment in 1983 would be worth more than \$340,000 today, after administrative fees and distributions. Over the 34-year period, the charitable organization would have received \$466,838 in annual distributions, which is more than the amount of the original gift.

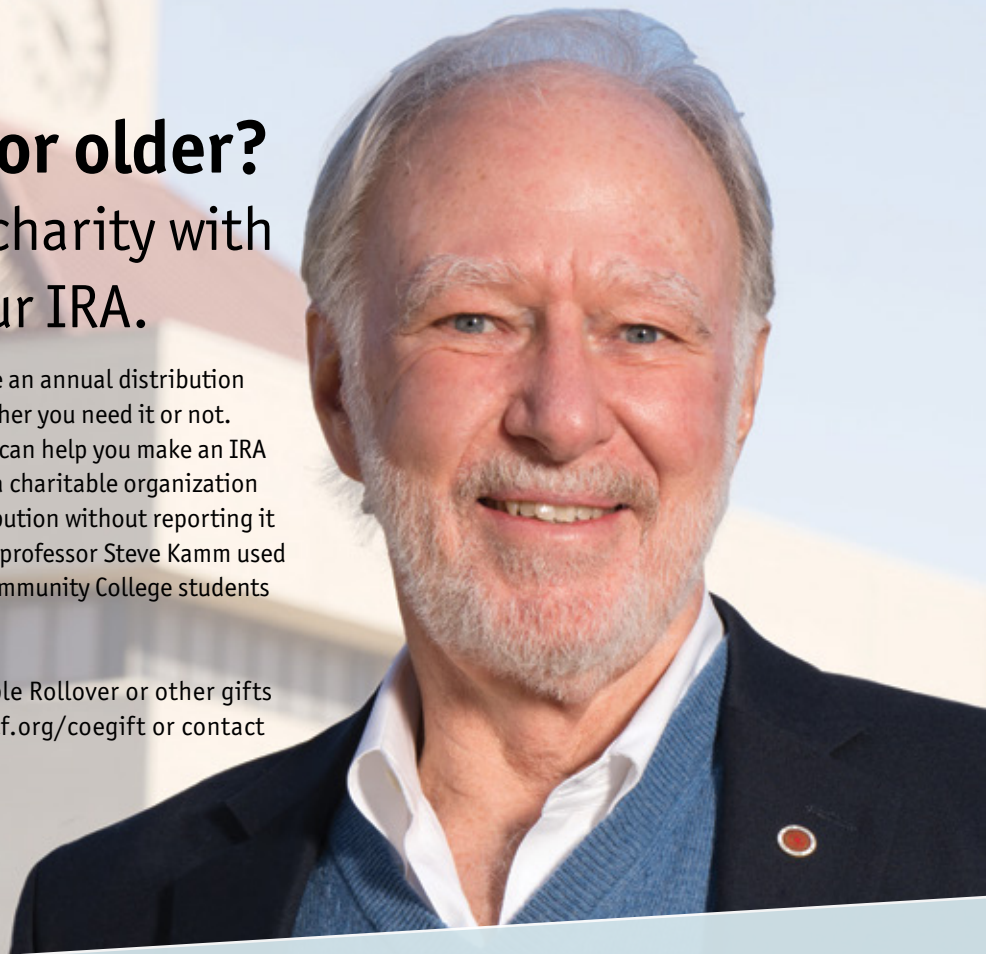


Are you age 70 ½ or older?

Support your favorite charity with a tax-free gift from your IRA.

If you are age 70 ½ or older, you are required to take an annual distribution from your individual retirement account (IRA), whether you need it or not. However, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation can help you make an IRA Charitable Rollover gift up to \$100,000 annually to a charitable organization endowment, fulfilling your required minimum distribution without reporting it as taxable income. Learn how retired Oklahoma City professor Steve Kamm used his IRA to create a fund to support Oklahoma City Community College students on pages 4-5.

To learn how we can help you with an IRA Charitable Rollover or other gifts to a Charitable Organization Endowment, visit occf.org/coegift or contact Joe Carter at 405/606-2914 or j.carter@occf.org.



How to give

By establishing an endowment, the charitable organizations featured in this publication have taken the first step to financially sustain their mission. Your endowment gift can further ensure permanent support for the causes you care about most. As an endowment fund grows, the amount the charity receives each year from the fund also increases. You can make a gift to any of the endowment funds we administer through a variety of giving options:

Cash gifts We can accept gifts of cash, check, money order or cashier's check. Mail contributions including the fund name to:

Oklahoma City Community Foundation
P.O. Box 1146
Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1146

Online gifts Visit occf.org/onlinegiving to make a secure, online gift with a credit card to any endowment we administer. Be sure to include the fund name in the online form.

Other Assets We can facilitate many types of gifts to benefit endowment funds that charitable organizations may not be able to accept directly. Following are some of the tax-wise giving options we offer that can provide you with tax savings and possible income benefits:

- Real estate
- Appreciated securities
- Oil and gas royalty interests
- Life insurance policies
- Gifts through a will or trust (Bequests)
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Lead Trusts
- Charitable Remainder Trusts

Make your gift go further

The Kirkpatrick Family Fund offers an Endowment Matching Grant Program for organizations establishing a new fund or working to build an existing endowment at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. To make a gift to an organization currently participating in the match, visit occf.org/kffmatch.

Learn more at occf.org/coegift.

A Higher Degree OF GIVING

After living and studying abroad during his own college years, Steve Kamm understands the unique challenges faced by international students. During his 39 years teaching at Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC), Steve's experiences traveling the world helped him connect with students from other countries and they naturally gravitated toward his classes. Although Steve retired in 2011, he continues to help international students through an endowment fund he established at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

"When I learned that most financial aid programs are not available to international students, I wanted to find a way to help," Steve said. "My financial advisor suggested the Oklahoma City Community Foundation."


By working together with our development director, Joe Carter, Steve is achieving his goal of supporting students now and well beyond his lifetime. He established a charitable gift annuity at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation that provides him with an annual income stream. After his death, the remaining value in the annuity would establish the Kamm International Student Fund to support awards for international students attending OCCC.

Steve liked the idea of receiving an annual income from his gift, but he still longed for the opportunity to financially help students during his lifetime. Once Steve turned 70 ½, his tax situation changed. He was able to perfect his charitable plan by utilizing the IRA charitable rollover provision to create the Kamm International Student Fund now, instead of after his death.

"Everyone my age realizes when you turn 70 ½, you are required to take a minimum distribution from your retirement account," Steve said. "By making an IRA charitable rollover gift with those funds, I didn't have to pay taxes on the distribution and I could begin helping international students now through the endowment fund."

The Kamm International Student Fund distributes annual funding to OCCC, enabling the college to present the first award for international students this spring.

"International students add so much to the OCCC community," said Randy Cassimus, OCCC acting director of development. "Their experiences and willingness to share their perspectives help broaden vistas for classmates who, quite literally, may have never traveled beyond the state line. We are so grateful to Mr. Kamm for the philanthropic action he has taken to further enrich life experiences for all of our students."

A portrait of Steve Kamm, an older man with grey hair and a beard, wearing a blue V-neck sweater and a dark blazer. He is standing outdoors in front of a building with a red roof. The background is a clear blue sky.

Make a greater impact with your charitable gifts

By giving to any of the endowment funds featured in this publication, you can ensure your charitable gift will not only benefit a charity today, but will provide lasting support that will help sustain that organization forever.

Learn how the Oklahoma City Community Foundation can help you with tax-wise giving options like an IRA Charitable Rollover gift on pages 2-3, or visit occf.org/coegift.

Steve Kamm at Oklahoma City Community College

Photo by Brandon Snider

Charitable Organization Endowment Funds

The following charitable organizations have established permanent endowment funds at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation as of Jan. 1, 2017. Please note, many of these organizations have more than one endowment fund to support various programs. Organizations are listed categorically by service area with the date the fund was established. [Learn how you can make a gift to any of these funds at *occf.org/coegift*.](#)

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 publicly 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 Oklahoma City | 1977

Founded in 1967 with the Festival of the Arts, the Arts Council 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 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.

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.

KCSC Classical Radio Foundation | 2016

The foundation provides support for the classical radio stations owned by the University of Central Oklahoma - KUCCO, KBCW and KCSC. The three radio stations reach an audience of nearly 1.5 million people across Oklahoma.

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 and public education on the importance of art.

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.

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.

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 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.



Fostering Hope for **BRIGHTER TOMORROWS**

Forty years ago, El Reno, Oklahoma's most vulnerable residents had nowhere to go for help. With no emergency shelter in the area, the only sanctuary for abused and neglected youth was the county jail.

Recognizing this inadequacy, community leaders established a small emergency shelter in downtown El Reno called Youth and Family Services. Over time, as community demands surfaced, YFS answered. They now offer 10 youth-centered prevention programs including counseling, foster care and homeless services.

"Our programs are designed to meet the ever-changing needs of our community," said director John Schneider. "We are constantly enhancing our programs to provide help, safety and instructional opportunities for youth."

For their 40th anniversary celebration in 2015, YFS established an endowment fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to secure financial support to perpetuate their mission.

Dee Blose, the former director at YFS who helped start the fund, said the Community Foundation is well-known, well-trusted and offers a partnership that will help put YFS on the map to reach more donors.

"Our association with the Community Foundation is a powerful statement," echoed Schneider. "It sends a serious message to donors who are passionate about helping youth. We are here and we are making a difference."

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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

Originally founded by John E. Kirkpatrick 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.

Vocal Sounds of Oklahoma | 2002

Formerly known as OK Chorale, 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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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.

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.

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.

An Unexpected Gift Helps PLAY IT FORWARD

In 1908, one year after statehood, a group of Oklahoma City women set forth on a mission to bring culture to the prairie. Since that time, the Ladies Music Club has attracted scores of musicians to the community to perform.

In addition to enriching music appreciation among its members, the group also encourages aspiring musicians through a local scholarship competition. In 1997,

the Ladies Music Club established an endowment at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, setting the stage for ongoing support of the competition.

The concept of endowment resonated with longtime member Carolyn Nuckolls. "She wanted to build the fund to help the club expand our musical outreach to the schools and the community," said fellow member Nancy Austerman.

After Carolyn's death, the Ladies Music Club received an unexpected gift. Unbeknownst to her fellow club members, she included a substantial gift in her will for the club's endowment. Thanks to Carolyn's generosity, the Ladies Music Club will be able to continue sharing their enjoyment of music with audiences throughout the community.



**Carolyn
Nuckolls**

Members of the Ladies Music Club: (left to right) past presidents Margaret Allison and Wanda Davidson, current president Jo Ann Bradford and (seated) incoming president Barbara Atkinson.

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.

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 Temple Restoration/Education | 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) - U.S. 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 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, nonviolent 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.

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.

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 opportunities to become involved in the community through cultural, civic, educational and social activities, and provides scholarships for women.



EDUCATION: COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Alliance Francaise 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.

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.



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

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.

Enriching Education to FURTHER THE FUTURE

The Deer Creek School District, a historically residential area northwest of Oklahoma City, is faced with a unique challenge. Their district enrollment ranks in the top 5 percent of Oklahoma public schools and is rapidly growing by 300 students each year. This growth, however, is not bolstered with essential public funding. Apart from the biting sting of state funding decreases, the district also experiences a lack of significant commercial tax dollars flowing into its schools.

In 1981, Deer Creek supporters recognized this developing predicament and offered a solution future generations are thankful for. Investing in their youth, they established an endowment fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Deer Creek liaison Bob Medley, who died in December 2016, was influential in the endowment's establishment, scoring it "the most significant thing I've ever done."

The endowment, known as Deer Creek Schools Foundation (DCSF), has granted more than \$1.3 million to the eight Deer Creek schools for academic enrichment. The added support seems to be working, as the district boasts a 95 percent graduation rate, one of the highest in the state.

"We don't know where we would be without the fund," said Kyle Schulz, president of DCSF. "With our district's rapid growth, the fund consistently bridges the gap between federal and state funding and classroom necessities."

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Deer Creek 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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 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 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 School 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.

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. 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.

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.

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, nonsectarian school serves students in preschool through eighth grade at its location in northwest Oklahoma City.

EDUCATION: COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES & VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

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 Technology Centers 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.

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.

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 two-year 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.

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.

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 Air Force ROTC Detachment 675 | 2016

The fund provides support for students in the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Oklahoma.

University of Oklahoma 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 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 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.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

Beta 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 dropout and incarceration statistics.

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 postgraduate 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 – Davis/Stephens Scholarship | 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 Retiree Association | 1997

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



Joel Levine, Oklahoma City Philharmonic music director, conducts the Philharmonic during a performance of Oklahoma City Ballet's "The Nutcracker" at the Civic Center Music Hall.

Orchestrating A SYMPHONY OF SUPPORT

Oklahoma City is fortunate to boast one of the nation's premier regional orchestras. Since 1988, the Oklahoma City Philharmonic has enriched the community with live orchestral music through an annual concert series. In addition, the Philharmonic collaborates with Oklahoma City Ballet and Canterbury Voices on a number of performances each year. An endowment fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation provides support for the partnership, ensuring that the Philharmonic can continue to provide musical accompaniment for the organizations for many years to come.

"We wanted to find a way to shore up resources so that during times of challenge, financial or otherwise, the Philharmonic could continue to collaborate on those performances that require a full-orchestral repertoire," Oklahoma City Philharmonic executive director Eddie Walker said. "It's a unique arrangement and has worked out well for all three groups."

The endowment provides an avenue for donors to support the trio's partnership. Annually, distributions from the fund support nearly 60 percent of the live orchestral services provided by Oklahoma City Philharmonic for Oklahoma City Ballet and Canterbury Voices.

"Without the endowment, it would be incredibly difficult for us to afford the Philharmonic at so many of our performances," said Shane Jewell, Oklahoma City Ballet executive director. "This art form is based on movement set to music and there is no substitute for live orchestra."

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.

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.

ENVIRONMENT & ANIMALS

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.

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-a-park and advocacy programs.

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.

Second Chance Animal Sanctuary | 2016

Located in Norman, Okla., the no-kill animal shelter rescues adoptable dogs and cats from local shelters with the goal of finding permanent homes through pet adoption.

The Tree Bank | 1990

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

HEALTH-RELATED

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.

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 well-being 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.

Epilepsy Foundation 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.

Fundación Manos Juntas – Dr. Boyd Shook Fund | 2016

The fund supports the Fundación Manos Juntas free clinic that provides free medical care to patients in need at its location in the Penn Avenue Redemption United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. Services including physician examinations, prescription medications, lab tests and specialist referrals are provided to patients regardless of race, income, gender, age or religion.

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.

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.

Integrus Foundation | 1973

Several funds support Integrus Foundation and various areas of the Integrus health care system. Integrus 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.

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

Part of the Integrus 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.

Dean A. McGee Eye 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.

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 well-being of the communities it serves.

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 Great Plains | 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.

Russell-Murray Hospice | 2006

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

St. Anthony Hospital Foundation | 1973

The Catholic health care 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

45th Infantry Division Museum | 1974

Located in northeast Oklahoma City, the museum collects, preserves and displays artifacts reflecting Oklahoma's military history.

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.

Sharing the Untold Stories of OKLAHOMA HISTORY



Shirley Nero

During her 28 years as a school teacher, Shirley Ann Ballard Nero fell in love with Oklahoma history. But it was the state's untold past that truly ignited her passion.

"I realized that nothing was being taught about Oklahoma's all-black towns," Shirley said.

A native of Clearview, Oklahoma, Shirley knew the historical significance of these communities. Following the end of the Civil War, African-Americans established more than 20 towns on land that was formerly held by Native Americans, including Clearview.

"We have more historically all-black towns than any other state in the nation," Shirley said.

Today, she works to preserve the forgotten history of Oklahoma through her work as a board member for the Oklahoma Historical Society. Shirley and her husband, Donnie Nero Sr., spend their retired years collecting and sharing the stories of Oklahoma's African-American settlements.

In 2016, as a surprise birthday gift, her husband established an endowment fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to support Oklahoma Historical Society research and programming related to the state's historical all-black towns.

"The all-black towns of Oklahoma are a significant part of the state's history," said Larry O'Dell, director of special projects/development at the Oklahoma Historical Society. "No other state had the conditions to allow as many African-American settlements to thrive like they did in Oklahoma prior to the Great Depression. The fund helps the state preserve this important story that may slip away."



Photo credit: Struggle & Hope

Annual rodeo parade in Clearview, Oklahoma. Located in Okfuskee County, Clearview is one of only 13 historically all-black towns that still exist in the state. With a population of 48, the community continues to host an annual rodeo.

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.

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 | 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-James A. Embry Fund | 2015

The society operates a museum in Chandler, Okla., that preserves 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.

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.

Learn more at occf.org/coegift.

Oklahoma City-County Historical Society | 1979

The society preserves and promotes 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 scholarships 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.

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.

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.

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 SERVICES

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.



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Avid music enthusiasts Jean and Jim Hartsuck are passionate about supporting the arts. To ensure their love for music continues, they have included charitable gifts for several nonprofits in their will. But when the couple learned of an opportunity to make those gifts during their lifetimes, it was music to their ears.

By making a gift from their retirement account, the Hartsucks established a fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to support the music program at All Souls' Episcopal Church in Oklahoma City, where they are longtime members.

"We decided it would be beneficial for the music program to make the gift sooner rather than later, and we also received a slight tax advantage," Jean said.

The couple utilized the IRA Charitable Rollover that allows individuals age 70 ½ or older to make a tax-free gift from an IRA to charity. The gift fulfilled their required minimum distribution, alleviating the taxes on the withdrawal. In addition, by making the gift now, the couple will be able to enjoy the impact of their generosity.

"Music is central to our life of worship as a parish," said Dr. Laura van der Windt, music director at All Souls Episcopal Church. "This endowment will ensure that we continue to enrich our worship with music from the Anglican tradition and beyond."

Learn how you can make an IRA gift to support your favorite charity's endowment on page 3.



Jean and Jim Hartsuck

Baptist Village Communities – Oklahoma City Location | 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.

Spanish Cove Housing Authority | 2016

Located in Yukon, Okla., the adult senior retirement community offers amenities and programs for every phase of retirement, from independent living to home health care, skilled nursing, assisted living and nursing care.

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 safety and preparedness training, in addition to disaster-response services.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

SOCIAL SERVICES

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.

A Philanthropic Legacy Delivers ESSENTIAL SUPPORT

Serving Edmond seniors since 1974, Edmond Mobile Meals provides warm, fresh meals and daily contact by caring volunteers for homebound elderly citizens. In 2012, Edmond Mobile Meals established an endowment fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, creating a dependable income stream for the organization.

Through the support of generous donors like the Harris Foundation, established by Oklahoma pioneer Vernon Harris, the endowment fund continues to grow and provide annual funding to Edmond Mobile Meals.

Louise Churchill, treasurer for Edmond Mobile Meals, said the Community Foundation is "a sensible and valuable resource for managing the endowment fund."

"With the Community Foundation's high return rate, fund distributions are extremely beneficial for our organization," said Louise. "Furthermore, it has prompted us to implement a planned giving program to offer more tax-advantageous giving options to support the fund."

Thanks to the enduring impact of endowment and generous gifts from donors like the Harris Foundation, Edmond Mobile Meals will continue to provide vital support to our community's seniors for years to come.



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.

Deaconess Pregnancy & Adoption | 1975

Founded in 1900, Deaconess Pregnancy & Adoption's comprehensive infant adoption program serves expectant parents throughout the state and offers professional child-placement services for couples struggling with infertility. In addition, the organization operates a counseling center and collaborates with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services to find adoptive families for children in foster care.

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 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 after-school 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 Central 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 help line, suicide prevention and outreach programs and crisis intervention services.

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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.

Infant Crisis Services | 1986

Located on Lincoln Boulevard in Oklahoma City, the agency provides formula, food, diapers and clothing for 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, noncriminal 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 | 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-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 life-threatening illnesses.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

OKC Metro Alliance | 1992

The alliance provides an opportunity for individuals to recover from substance abuse through programs leading to sobriety including Firststep, 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.

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"[GiveSmartOKC](https://www.givesmartokc.org) helped me make more informative and educated giving decisions," said Paul, an Oklahoma City real estate developer. "By reviewing the financials of the organizations I was considering, I was able to select the charities that I felt would use my gifts wisely and make the greatest impact."

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P.B. Odom III

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.

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.

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.

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 a residential treatment program for boys referred through the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and Office of Juvenile Affairs.

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.

TRC - The Recovery Center | 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.

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 children, 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 & Family Services, Inc. | 2016

The organization, located in El Reno, provides Canadian, Blaine, Kingfisher and Oklahoma counties with community based assistance to children and youth through counseling, educational assistance, emergency shelter, recreation and socialization.

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 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 Clubs 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.

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 | 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.

Noble County Family YMCA | 2016

Located in Perry, Okla., the YMCA provides health and wellness programs, child care and a variety of other community programs for residents of Noble County.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

Out-of-state Organizations

The following organizations are primarily located and provide services outside of Oklahoma.

American Hebrew Academy, Greensboro, North Carolina

Groundswell International, Washington, D.C.

Institute of International Education, Houston, Texas

International Photography Hall of Fame, St. Louis, Missouri

Morris Animal Foundation, Denver, Colorado

Sisters of Benedict, Atchison, Kansas

Southwest Park and Recreation Training Institute, Dallas, Texas

United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

United States Military Academy, West Point, New York

United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland

UNITY – United National Indian Tribal Youth, Mesa, Arizona

Westerners International, Canyon, Texas

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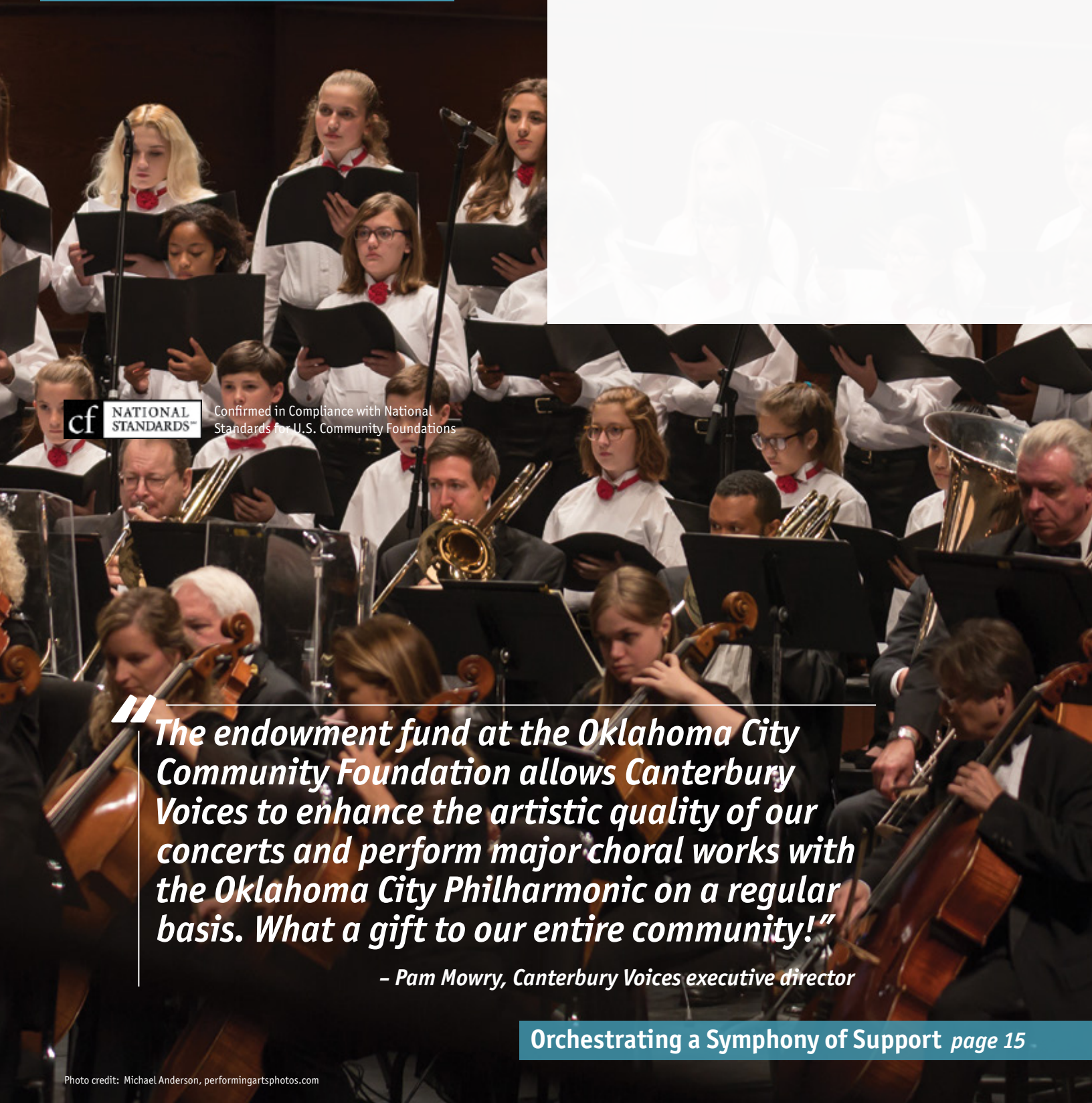
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