



Avid Homeless Alliance supporter Suzanne Silvester (sitting) is surrounded by Curbside Chronicle vendors April Dunkin and Tiffany McCain and director Ranya Forgotson (right).

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A Heart for the Homeless

The daughter of arts patrons Howard and Merle 'Buttram' Melton, Suzanne Silvester grew up witnessing the value of charitable gifts firsthand. When she first opened the pages of The Curbside Chronicle, it opened her heart to a charitable cause that is changing homelessness throughout our community, and she was determined to play a part in the transformation.

Through Suzanne's advised fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, she supports the monthly magazine, providing employment for Oklahoma City's homeless. In addition, she helped The Homeless Alliance establish a charitable organization endowment to provide ongoing, annual support for its programs, including The Curbside Chronicle.