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## Service Club Scholarships Find New Homes at Community Foundation

Six service clubs in central Oklahoma have now entrusted the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to handle their organization scholarships.

Since 2018, the Edmond Kiwanis Club has awarded the Nevin and Beverly Starkey Scholarship to graduating seniors of Edmond high schools supported by the club.

To honor the lives of the Starkeys, two of the club's most distinguished members, recipients must demonstrate scholastic and community values by maintaining a GPA greater than or equal to 3.0 and serving the community via Key Club International. The scholarship awards \$2,000 for a

single academic year and can be renewed for up to four consecutive years — a potential total of \$8,000.

"It's fulfilling and rewarding to know you've made a positive difference in the life of a young student who will soon be one of the leaders of our great country," Edmond Kiwanis Club member Al Warren said.

But managing a proper scholarship program can be a daunting

task that includes promotion, sifting through applications and interviewing prospects. And that's just the "front end." There's also financial management, accounting and dealing with the IRS.

That's why the Edmond Kiwanis Club turned to the experts in scholarship program management: The Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

"We knew that we could come to the Community Foundation and get all the help we needed," Al said. "They provided us a one-stop shop to help administer this scholarship and kept us in the driver's seat of the selection process."

"The staff at the Community Foundation made the whole process seamless. Everything from applications and meeting the candidates to all the paperwork that comes with it — they were with us every step of the way, providing expertise and guidance," Al continued.

The Edmond Kiwanis Club isn't the only service club that partners with the Foundation to administer scholarship programs. Since 2004, the Foundation has been helping service clubs across the state manage and maintain highly successful scholarship programs. To date, the Foundation administers six club scholarships; this year, more than \$133,500 will be awarded through club scholarships in conjunction with the Foundation.

And although the partnership between service clubs and the Foundation benefits both, the real impact comes to the lives of Oklahoma students.



"This scholarship allows me to focus on my dream of studying criminal justice instead of worrying about the finances I need to make it happen. I'm honored to be a recipient of this scholarship, and there's not a moment when I take it for granted!"

— Aja Montgomery,  
Edmond Santa Fe Graduate and Nevin & Beverly Starkey Scholarship Recipient

# A Season to Flower

## Community Foundation uses donor's passion to brighten community

In 1995, Ralph Meador first sent a letter to Nancy Anthony, president of the Community Foundation.

Although he expressed dismay at the condition of certain Oklahoma City parks, Ralph also declared his inspiration from the generosity and passion of Margaret Annis Boys, a foundation donor with a vision to beautify the community.

Ralph, an Ohio resident, explained to Nancy that his mother, Lillian, had lived in Oklahoma her entire life and was a successful gardener with

a love for spring-flowering bulbs. In her memory, Ralph created the Lillian Frances Watts Meador Fund at the Community Foundation in 1996 to support the planting of hyacinth bulbs throughout the community.

"Ralph wrote to us with an area of interest that he wanted his philanthropy to impact," said Joe Carter, vice president of development at the Community Foundation. "The field of interest fund was the perfect tool to accomplish his goals. Even though he's gone, our Foundation

can determine where his dollars can make the greatest impact for his designated charitable interest."

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation is continuing to keep Ralph's dream of a beautiful community alive through Rebloom Oklahoma, a bulb-planting initiative that launched last fall. In the program's inaugural year, 57,950 daffodil bulbs were planted in 134 neighborhoods, parks, streets, schools, churches and libraries in the Oklahoma City metro.

"We chose to use daffodils, a distant cousin of hyacinths, because they are dependable and accomplished Mr. Meador's goals of what he wanted for the community," said Brian Dougherty, director of the Parks & Public Space Initiative at the Community Foundation. "It was beautiful to go various places throughout our community this spring and see so many yellow daffodils breathing life into the environment."

The Community Foundation plans to distribute a notice in late summer about the second-annual Rebloom

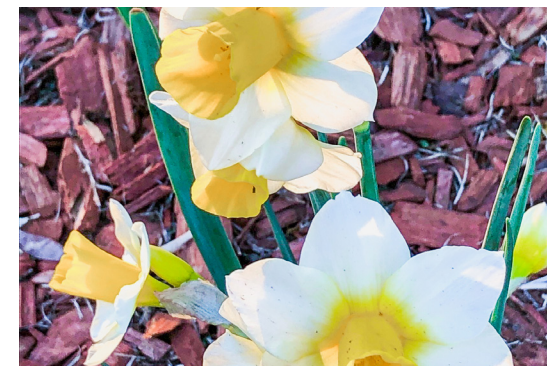
Oklahoma initiative. The distribution of more bulbs this year will allow for new or returning organizations to apply to receive bulbs that will flower in spring 2022 alongside last year's bulbs.

"We plan to paint this community yellow next spring," said Nancy. "This is such an exciting way that we can accomplish Mr. Meador's wishes and carry out his legacy. That is really what it's all about: ensuring the charitable gifts he left continue to make an impact long after he is gone."

To learn more, visit [OCCF.org/rebloom](http://OCCF.org/rebloom).



LILLIAN FRANCES WATTS MEADOR



# Community Foundation Funds OKC's First Street Medicine Team

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation's iFunds are signature programs of the Foundation created to meet the changing needs of the community.

Nancy Anthony, president of the Community Foundation, first proposed the programs in 2006 as a way to enhance the quality of life for those living in central Oklahoma and to repurpose Community Foundation funds with intentions that were no longer able to be fulfilled.

"In 2006, we had a group of smaller funds that supported activities or organizations that were no longer operational," Nancy said. "The annual distributions awarded through the funds were slight compared to others. With our commitment to honor our donors' wishes, we found a way to keep these funds relevant and accomplish something similar to the original intent."

As a champion of both donor stewardship and a commitment to serving our community, Nancy recommended the Foundation pool the funds to generate a more effective outcome, paving the way for the establishment of three community funds that now each award around \$200,000 annually to support community issues.

"Pooling the funds allowed us to award more money that increased access to health care, provided opportunities for underserved youth and preserved resources to keep older adults living independently in their own homes," Nancy added.

The first grants for the iFund programs were awarded in 2011, giving more than \$470,000 to 25 nonprofit organizations.

Now in their 10th year of community support, grants totaling \$238,100 were awarded through the Access to Health Care iFund program and \$244,000 was awarded through the Opportunities for Children iFund program. Services for the Elderly iFund made grants for \$124,100, including more than \$50,000 to 40 area churches for mobile meals.

New this year to our list of Access to Health Care iFund recipients is a \$20,000 grant to Mental Health Association of Oklahoma. The grant will help the street medicine program — a fairly new concept that makes health care more accessible by taking it out into the community.

"Our research shows that individuals who experience the supportive intervention of an integrated, mobile medical team are less likely to utilize emergency services for non-emergencies, more likely to

## iFund Grants

2021	Opportunities for Children
\$10,000	Arts Council Oklahoma City
\$5,000	Canterbury Youth Voices
\$20,000	Citizens Caring for Children
\$30,000	City Care, Inc.
\$25,000	Girl Scouts Western Oklahoma
\$20,000	Boy Scouts of America - Last Frontier Council
\$15,000	Oklahoma Children's Hospital
\$12,000	Oklahoma Children's Theatre
\$15,000	Oklahoma City Ballet
\$40,000	Oklahoma City Police Athletic League
\$10,000	Parent Promise
\$20,000	RIVERSPORT Foundation
\$12,000	Special Care, Inc.
\$10,000	Thick Descriptions
<b>\$244,000</b>	<b>Total</b>

2021	Access to Health Care
\$25,000	Mercy Health Foundation OKC
\$10,000	The Oklahoma Caring Van
\$20,000	Mental Health Association OK
\$25,000	Planned Parenthood Great Plains
\$20,000	Calm Waters Center for Children & Families
\$34,000	Pivot, Inc.
\$26,000	Community Health Centers
\$2,500	Positive Tomorrows
\$30,000	Oklahoma Dental Foundation
\$20,000	City Care, Inc.
\$25,600	Skyline Urban Ministry
<b>\$238,100</b>	<b>Total</b>

2020	Services for the Elderly
\$15,000	Daily Living Centers
\$15,000	Oklahoma City Ballet
\$15,000	Rebuilding Together OKC
\$2,500	RIVERSPORT Foundation
\$20,000	Salvation Army Central Oklahoma Command
\$5,000	Villages OKC
\$51,600	Mobile Meals Programs
<b>\$124,100</b>	<b>Total</b>



STREET MEDICINE TEAM PARAMEDIC BRINGS CARE TO THOSE IN NEED

achieve housing and more likely to remain housed and stable. In light of the toll that the pandemic has taken on physical and mental health across our community, now more than ever we need to meet people where they are, meet their immediate physical and mental health care needs and bridge them to the resources that can help them achieve self-sufficiency and wellness," said Terri White, CEO of Mental Health Association Oklahoma.

"Mental Health Association Oklahoma is so grateful to the Community Foundation for investing in our new Community Health & Wellness program — Oklahoma City's first mobile street medicine team"

— Terri White, MSW

Donors wishing to support these fields of interest funds can take advantage of CARES Act extended incentives. *See p. 11, CARES Act Increases Incentives...* for more details.

# Arnall Family Foundation Gifts \$85 Million to Community Foundation



SUE ANN ARNALL

“We want to expand our impact by quickly deploying resources to the community, and OCCF is the ideal partner to help us do that.”

— Sue Ann Arnall

The Arnall Family Foundation created a group of funds with an \$85 million gift. The funds allow the Arnall Family Foundation to focus on program development and fostering relationships with partners while benefiting from the Community Foundation’s extensive administrative and asset management experience.

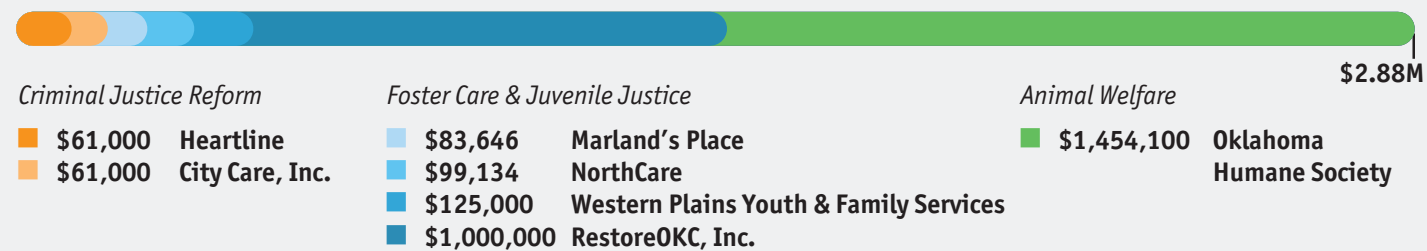
In June, the Arnall Community Fund awarded seven Oklahoma nonprofits nearly \$3 million through the fund’s inaugural grants.

“By partnering with the Community Foundation to create the Arnall Community Funds, we are able to expand our impact and quickly deploy funds to empower community partners to create lasting and transformative improvements,” said Sue Ann Arnall, founder and president of the Arnall Family Foundation. “The proven success of the programs selected for the first round of Community Fund grants is impressive, and we are excited to support their efforts to combat inequity in our society and build a stronger and more vibrant community.”

Earlier this year, the Arnall Family Foundation formed an alliance with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation that will reinforce existing grant programs at the Arnall Family Foundation.

Oklahoma City philanthropist and highly involved civic leader Sue Ann Arnall created the Arnall Family Fund in 2015 to bring transformation within the criminal justice system and for at-risk youth in our community. Since then, the Arnall Family Foundation has donated more than \$75 million to support charitable organizations with effective solutions to these issues. They also established resolute partnerships with agencies such as the Diversion Hub, a program that offers stability by helping people avoid recurring disadvantages that might cause incarceration.

## The Arnall Community Fund 2021 Distribution



# Sanders, Salinas Join Board of Trustees at Community Foundation

The Community Foundation’s Board of Trustees will welcome veteran civic leaders Shelley Sanders and Dr. Robert Salinas for three-year terms July 1.

Though Sanders and Salinas are new to the board of trustees, they are hardly strangers to the Community Foundation: Sanders serves as a member of the Community Foundation’s Investment Committee, and Salinas serves as president of the Hospice Foundation of Oklahoma Affiliated Fund at the Community Foundation.

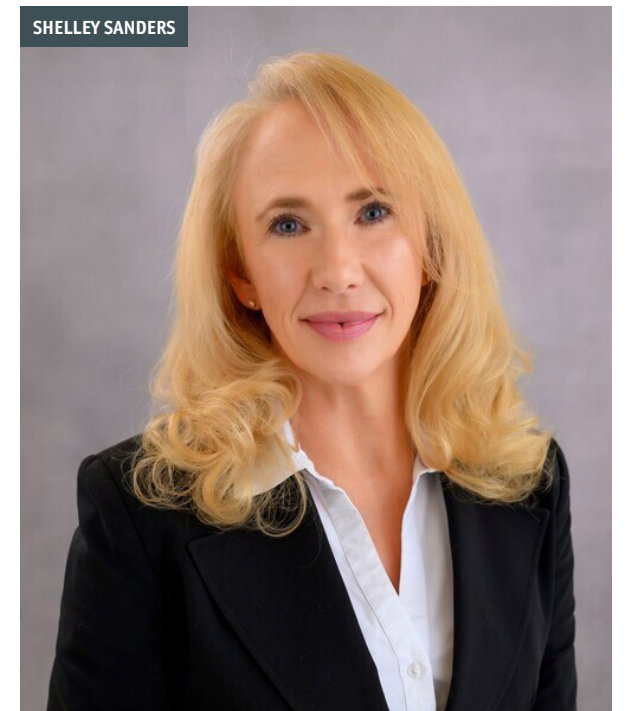
In addition to extensive community involvement, both Sanders and Salinas bring tremendous expertise to several aspects vital to the Community Foundation, particularly financial management and community medicine.

With 29 years of experience managing investment portfolios, Sanders brings a wealth of knowledge to the Foundation’s Board of Trustees. She earned a bachelor’s degree in finance from Oklahoma Baptist University, a master’s degree in finance from Boston University and is now the Managing Director of Auric Road Wealth Management. She also earned a Chartered

Advisor in Philanthropy designation through the American College of Financial Services in 2019.

Salinas is an associate professor, Director of Community Medicine, Director of Palliative Care and the Assistant Dean for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. He graduated as a doctor of medicine from American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine before going on to complete his residency at the University of Oklahoma’s Family and Preventive Medicine department.

“I am proud to welcome these dynamic, talented individuals to our board of trustees,” said Nancy Anthony, president of the Community Foundation. “They bring incredible experience and a tireless passion to serve the community to a very engaged board; We look forward to working with them to advance the Community Foundation’s mission.”



SHELLEY SANDERS



DR. ROBERT SALINAS

# It's Scholarship Season!

Scholarship recipients proudly display their awards granted by the Foundation



MALCOLM WILLIAMS,  
OGE POSITIVE ENERGY SCHOLAR



OSCAR GONZALEZ,  
BOK'S ACHIEVING NEW GOALS SCHOLARSHIP



CARLA CEDILLOS-PONCE,  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLAR



RICARDO GUTIERREZ,  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLAR

“Receiving this scholarship will give me financial stability, allowing me the peace of mind to focus on my school work.”

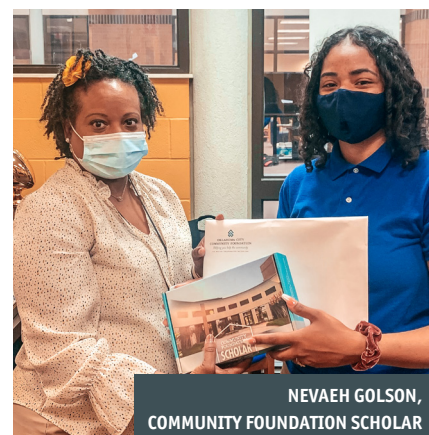
— Oscar Gonzalez



GUILHERME ESTEVES,  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLAR



MEREDITH AUSTIN,  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLAR



NEVAEH GOLSON,  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLAR



AARON ALVAREZ DELOS SANTOS,  
OGE POSITIVE ENERGY SCHOLAR

# CARES Act Extended; Charitable Giving Incentives Increased in 2021

Whether you itemize your tax deductions or take the standard deduction, the extended giving incentives of the CARES Act can help you get more for your charitable dollar in 2021.

While contributions to donor advised funds can't be counted toward the incentives, you can still support Community Foundation charitable organization endowment funds, scholarship funds and field of interest funds, including iFunds.

Here are the details:

Non-Itemizers	Itemizers	Corporations
\$300 above-the-line deduction for single filers and \$600 for married couples filing jointly	100% of adjusted gross income deduction for cash gifts to qualified nonprofits	Adjusted gross income limit is 25% of taxable income instead of the normal 10% limitation

For eligible charitable organization endowment funds, visit [occf.org/centraloklahomacharities](http://occf.org/centraloklahomacharities).

For eligible scholarship funds, visit [occf.org/establishascholarshipfund](http://occf.org/establishascholarshipfund).

Visit [ifundokc.org](http://ifundokc.org) to view a list of iFund opportunities.



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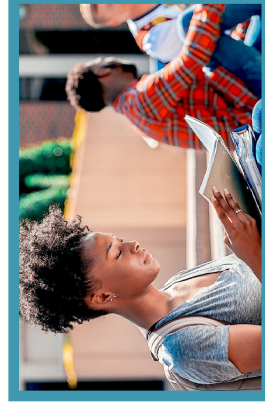
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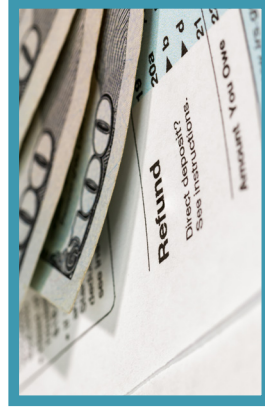


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### Service Club Scholarships' New Home



### Giving Incentives Increased in 2021