

# Donor Connection

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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the third edition of *Donor Connection*, a donor service of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. This quarterly publication is a service to donors seeking to connect with causes or non-profit organizations with charitable or program needs. Our intention is to provide you with a variety of charitable giving opportunities and to inform you about the activities of specific agencies.

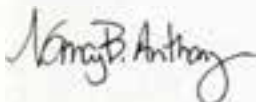
The agencies in the publication have submitted requests to the Community Foundation that staff have carefully reviewed. Site visits and in-depth research may not have been conducted on each proposal. However, staff are willing to do this on a particular program or agency at your request. Please contact Susan Elkins at the Community Foundation, 405/235-5603, if you wish to obtain additional information, or you may wish to contact the agencies directly.

Results from the *Donor Connection* are encouraging. The first edition provided more than \$10,000 from 12 different donors to the agencies featured. The second publication provided \$18,000 from 20 different donors to the featured agencies. Both publications also provided several agencies with in-kind donations. The Community Foundation is excited about the response and plans to continue the program next year. Look for the publications to be mailed to you in April, July and October 2001.

If you would like to learn more about other charitable giving opportunities or about these and other Designated Endowment Funds at the Community Foundation, you may contact Penny Voss at 405/235-5603. There also is a wealth of information at the Community Foundation's web site, [www.occf.org](http://www.occf.org).

Thank you for your generosity in making the community a better place to live.

Sincerely,



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## City Arts Center — Hands On: Live Tour

City Arts Center provides interactive arts experiences through exhibitions of local and regional artists, classes, lectures, workshops and special events.

City Arts Center has developed the Hands On: Live Tour as a year-round continuation of a successful summer education exhibition series.

Targeted to audiences age 4-12, Hands On will focus in 2000 and 2001 on the Surrealist art movement and some of its major contributing artists. The program includes providing

a detailed curriculum guide to schools prior to presentation of the Hands On program.

Activities include a 20-minute performance by two artists that integrates biographical and historical information about artists and the art movement. After the performance, the children are divided into groups to learn about the basic concepts of the movement and more about its artists.

City Arts Center is requesting \$400 for a half-day program or \$600 for a full day program. ❁

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## Oklahoma Museums Association — Training for Small Museums

The Oklahoma Museums Association is the primary provider of training and information to people who work and volunteer for the state's 300 museums and historical societies.

Ninety percent of Oklahoma's museums are small, local museums. Dedicated but untrained volunteers operate the majority of these institutions. Information preserving and keeping a written record of each artifact is specialized and not available on the local level. The Oklahoma Museums Association offers a new, two-day program, Museum

Accessioning and Registration Course (MARC).

MARC addresses collections policies, forms, artifact numbering and cataloging and preservation. The course is presented on site so sessions are structured to fit each museum's needs.

Donations help the Oklahoma Museums Association purchase supplies and training expenses. The association is requesting contributions of \$200, which helps present the course to one small museum. ❁

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## Oklahoma Zoological Society — Scholarship Program

The Oklahoma Zoological Society works closely with the Oklahoma City Zoo to raise funds for special programs that involve conservation, education, recreation and zoological research.

The society is seeking donor support for The Zoo FUNd for Kids, a scholarship program that was initiated to help offset the cost of in-house zoo classes, admission, education activities and outreach visits by the Zoomobile.

Many schools and children in Oklahoma cannot afford the fees that must be charged to help cover costs for extracurricular

education activities at the zoo. The Zoo FUNd for Kids is an effort to help ensure that every child, regardless of ability to pay, is given the opportunity to share in the zoo's learning experiences.

Grant requests are reviewed twice a year. Since the initiation of the fund in 1997, scholarships totaling more than \$296,000 have been awarded. Nearly 76,000 children have benefited from scholarships. Grants have been awarded to 196 schools and 120 non-profit organizations in 70 communities.

Any size gift would be an appreciated addition to the scholarship fund. ❁

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## Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled — Purchase of Tables and Chairs

The Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled was established in 1961 to provide recreational, educational and socialization activities for adults and children with physical and/or mental disabilities. The foundation also provides pre-vocational activities for adults. The foundation serves over 500 individuals.

Activities are hosted from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. and may involve as many as 145 at any one time. Presently, there are a total of 60 chairs, six oblong tables and three round tables for their use.

The foundation is seeking assistance in the purchase of additional tables and chairs. An additional 70 chairs and 10 tables are needed.

A chair may be purchased for \$49 a piece. The total for 70 chairs is \$3,430. Each table costs \$59. The foundation is also requesting three carts for moving the stacking chairs. Each cart costs \$165. The total requested is \$4,854.

Any amount would be appreciated, and each contribution will be applied directly to the purchase of tables and chairs.

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## Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Center — Various Items for Children

The Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Center is a child advocacy agency. The center is designed to comfort children who are victims of severe physical and sexual abuse.

Children are treated by a multi-disciplinary team that responds to the needs of the child. The centralized approach helps reduce the need for a child to go to several different agencies and tell painful stories multiple times. The center also provides follow-up visits for non-acute sexual abuse medical exams, counseling and Court School.

While responding to a child's needs, a variety of items are used. Common items include tissues, snacks, books, toys, games, arts and crafts, flowers, tote bags, coloring books and educational materials.

While each item is relatively inexpensive, over the course of the year the expense adds up. The annual cost for the items is \$6,000. The first three months have been funded. The center is seeking donations of \$500, which would provide a month's worth of items. Gift certificates and in-kind donations are also welcome.

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## Citizens Caring for Children — Santa Stop

Citizens Caring for Children (CCC) focuses on breaking the cycle of abuse and neglect among Oklahoma's foster youth. The organization offers services to motivate, guide and educate foster children.

Every year, the organization provides more than 3,000 children with free clothing, toys, mentoring services and assistance with education and employment expenses.

As part of its mission, CCC reaches out to 700 children with its annual Christmas project, Santa Stop. Youth of all ages receive gifts and may participate in parties. Many of

these youth may spend the holidays in a shelter or group facility away from family.

CCC is currently seeking donations of new toys, games, dolls, coats and clothing. Gifts for teens are especially needed.

All gifts should be unwrapped and should not be evil, violent or scary in nature. Donations of wrapping and tissue paper, as well as sacks, boxes, ribbon, gift tags and clear tape are welcomed.

Monetary donations are also accepted. The agency is seeking \$5,000 from donors to help with the program.

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### Deaconess Pregnancy and Adoption Services — Pregnancy Resource Center

Deaconess Pregnancy and Adoption Services began in 1900 as an outreach agency to young women and children abandoned and desperate in Oklahoma Territory. Today, the organization provides resources to young women in the crisis of an unplanned pregnancy.

The agency is seeking funding to provide certification training for two instructors for the Life Survival Skills for Women, a 12-week course that seeks to teach specific functional skills useful in acquiring further education or job training. The program has a higher

success rate than government sponsored job-training programs and is available from only one source in Oklahoma City.

By certifying two instructors, Deaconess can continue to make this program available to its clients and expand offerings by accepting referrals.

Donations totaling \$3,020 would cover training costs for two instructors, purchase presentation materials and materials for the first 30 participants.

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### The Jesus House — Heating and Air Conditioning System

The Jesus House is a religious-based homeless shelter and ministry that was founded in 1969. The agency provides services that include emergency financial assistance, shelter for the homeless, hot meals and food baskets for persons who live below the poverty level.

The current assistance program focuses on providing shelter, food, and case management services to homeless persons who are physically or mentally disabled, elderly (over age 60) and those who actively participate in the Jesus House substance abuse program.

Many Jesus House residents have debilitating medical problems, such as high blood pressure, diabetes and mental health issues that are heightened by severe heat and cold in the outdoor climate.

The Jesus House is seeking to provide a climate controlled setting for residents. A donation of five heating and air conditioning units has been secured. Installation, however, is expected to cost an additional \$60,000. Donations can be designated for the heat/air fund. The Jesus House is funded solely by private contributions.

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### Lutheran Social Service of Kansas and Oklahoma — Television and VCR

The Lutheran Social Service of Kansas and Oklahoma provides emergency foster care for infants through five-year-olds who are placed in custody of the Department of Human Services for allegations of abuse or neglect.

The agency recruits and trains families to parent abused and/or neglected children. Informational and training meetings are held throughout Oklahoma County.

Lutheran Social Service is seeking funds to

purchase two television/video cassette player combinations. One unit would ideally be a smaller, 19-inch TV/VCR combination that is easily transportable. A second unit would be a 25-inch or larger television, separate VCR and a cart for transporting the system to larger group meetings.

A cash contribution of \$1,350 would cover the cost of the two units, or an in-kind contribution of either unit would be welcome.

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## Special Care — Tuition Subsidy

Special Care, Inc., is a child care center for children with special needs. The center provides educational and therapeutic care for children between the ages of 6 months and 21 years who have no other child care alternatives.

Some of the students face health challenges such as cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, visual and hearing impairments and seizure disorders. Special Care is the only child care center in the state to specialize in caring for these children, who often deal with life-threatening conditions.

It costs \$26 per day to care for a child at Special Care. Since fees are based on a family's ability to pay and the state pays a lower rate of reimbursement, Special Care receives an average of \$12 per day for patient care.

The \$14 difference must be made up through contributions from foundations, individuals and corporations. A donation of \$294 would make up the difference for one child for one month. Special Care also offers a variety of volunteer activities, from rocking babies to playing games with children.

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## Work Activity Center — Tools

The Work Activity Center is a workshop for handicapped adults. The center brings in work from a variety of sources that is performed by its clients in a sheltered workshop environment.

The agency was founded in 1976 and currently serves 29 clients.

One of the Work Activity Center's contracts is with Tinker Air Force Base. The work involves grinding personal identifica-

tion numbers off tools so that they may be re-issued to other Tinker employees.

The Center is seeking donations to purchase an additional three tools that use disks to smooth off the identification numbers.

Each tool cost about \$60. Disks cost \$40 for 10. Also needed are dust masks at \$1.50 for a package of five, hoses at \$3 each and leather gloves for \$19 a pair.

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# Youth

## Police Athletic League — Van Improvements and Printing

The Police Athletic League is dedicated to providing a juvenile crime prevention program through recreational and educational activities. The program seeks to create bonds between police officers and the youth of the community.

During the year, the agency offers classroom presentations on drugs, violence and safety education. After school and summer programs allow youth from high-crime areas to participate in athletic leagues.

The Police Athletic League is currently seeking in-kind or cash donations totaling \$1,225 for improvements to the agency's van that is used to haul equipment to various events and shows.

Contributions of printing services that would help provide 5,000 classroom workbooks annually, newsletters or promotional materials is also welcome. The agency welcomes volunteer involvement by coaches, officials and concession workers.

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## Play in the Park, Clean and Beautiful Schools — Artists' Fees, New Trees

The goal for Oklahoma City's Play in the Park program is to provide youth with safe, productive summer programs within walking distance from their home or their parents' work. This summer, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation coordinated arts and Reading is Fun activities at 20 Play in the Park sites located at elementary schools across the Oklahoma City area.

The Community Foundation is also in the process of providing a campus beautification plan for every elementary school in the

county through its Clean and Beautiful Schools program. The planting of trees of significant size is expected to be an important way of improving campus appearance without adding to maintenance costs.

A donation of \$1,000 would either cover the cost of artist's fees for an entire summer at one Play in the Park site or pay for the planting, staking and mulching of five large trees at one school.

Both programs are initiatives of the Community Foundation trustees.

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## The Center for Non-Profit Management — Scholarship Assistance

The Center for Non-Profit Management has been providing training and consulting opportunities for non-profits in Oklahoma since its founding 19 years ago.

The organization uses workshops, conferences, and professional consulting services to assist agencies in establishing sound business practices. More than 700 organizations a year utilize the Center for Non-Profit Management for volunteer management, strategic planning, fund raising, grant

writing and accounting training.

The organization is seeking scholarship assistance. A gift of \$170 will enable a key staff member and one board member of a non-profit to attend a conference. A gift of \$480-\$600 will provide funds for facilitating a board retreat; \$2,000 will fund development of a strategic plan. In kind contributions of professional skills, printing, publication design, marketing and advertising are also appreciated.

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## World Neighbors — Woman's Program in Guatemala

World Neighbors was founded in Oklahoma City in 1951 to help poor rural communities. The agency helps 18 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America find their own solutions to the problems of hunger, disease and poverty. Through World Neighbors, the countries address their concerns through practical activities, such as building water systems, using sustainable agricultural techniques, forming savings and credit groups, operating health clinics and developing small businesses.

World Neighbors' Polochic Valley Sustainable Development Program in Guatemala is

providing women's self-help groups with corn-grinding mills and the training to operate them. With time saved by the mills, the women are learning organic farming techniques.

This year, three villages are requesting mills. The cost of a single mill is \$3,158, including a shelter in which to store it. Training for one village women's group is \$720, and the cost of seeds to allow the women to begin their vegetable gardens is \$1,111 per village. Contributions of any amount will be appreciated and applied to the project.

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### Oklahoma Westerners — Magazine Publication

The Oklahoma Westerners is affiliated with Westerners International, an organization with a strong interest in Western history and "posses" in many states and other countries. The organization supports the study and appreciation of the heritage and culture of the American West.

The Oklahoma Westerners has expanded publication of *The War Chief*, an eight-page magazine that focuses on Oklahoma and Western history. *The War Chief* is provided free to libraries and colleges throughout the

state. The publications represent a means to preserve Oklahoma's Western heritage and increase awareness of state history.

Any contributions to support the publication will assist in broadening distribution and providing a resource for additional historical information on the West in general and Oklahoma in particular.

The project is a cooperative effort with the Oklahoma City/County Historical Society and the Indian Territory Posse of the Oklahoma Westerners.

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## Education

### Oklahoma Youth With Promise — Scholarships

The Oklahoma Youth With Promise Scholarship Program is administered by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. The program recognizes that the single most important factor in a student attending college is the support and encouragement of family.

Children in foster care sometimes lack the loving encouragement to pursue higher education. Even so, more than 100 former foster children are enrolled in college.

The Oklahoma Youth With Promise program provides scholarship assistance to former foster children and maintains contact for personal help and encouragement. Scholarships of \$1,000 annually keep these students in school and on the road to self-sufficiency.

The program is part of the scholarship and awards funds administered by the Community Foundation. These funds have been

established by individuals, non-profit organizations, service groups and corporations.

Utilizing years of experience, the Community Foundation helps donors establish criteria for scholarships, design the application process, promote the scholarship to potential recipients, oversee the selection process and administer payment of monetary awards. The Community Foundation scholarship program is the largest independent program in the state.

The Community Foundation currently manages more than \$7.6 million in permanent scholarship endowment assets in 34 funds. This range of funds serves a variety of donors' interests and assists hundreds of students who attend both public and private universities and vocational programs in Oklahoma and other states.

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### Casady School — Book Fair

Casady School is a pre-kindergarten through 12th grade co-educational Episcopal college preparatory school. Casady has been operating in Oklahoma City since 1947.

Each year, the Casady Parents Organization collects used books from patrons and the community. Some books are used within the school's libraries. Other books are sold at an annual sale, which is held during the last weekend in February.

The book sale provides an opportunity for people throughout the community to buy used books, magazines, computer software,

videos and other items at reduced prices.

Donations of used books, computer software and videos are accepted during the year at the Casady Book Barn, located on the northeast corner of the campus. The Casady Parents Organization will arrange for the pick up of larger collections of used books.

The organization would also appreciate the support of those who wish to attend the annual book sale. Additional information about donations and book pick up is available from the school office.

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### The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence — Scholarships

The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence recognizes and encourages academic excellence in Oklahoma's public schools with awards to students, educators and educational programs, as well as providing technical support to local educational foundations.

The foundation has recognized 48 educators and nine dropout prevention programs with more than \$1.5 million in scholarships and awards since its establishment in 1986.

Each year, the foundation also awards \$1,500 scholarships to 100 of Oklahoma's outstanding high school seniors. These seniors are recognized as Academic All-

Staters. The foundation has recognized a total of 1,200 Academic All-Staters in its history.

Academic All-State partners are needed to help sponsor student scholarships. Each All-State partner will be matched with a student selected to receive a scholarship.

Other needs of the foundation include upgrading the organization's computer system. A new system would support the development of an interactive Web site that will help Academic All-State alumni network and discover various employment opportunities available across the state.

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