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# Margaret Annis Boys Trust

The Margaret Annis Boys Trust at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation is a shining example of a donor making a difference through an endowment. With the help of the Community Foundation, the dreams of Margaret Annis Boys to beautify the community live on. Her bequest makes possible funding, encouragement and expertise for beautification projects community wide.

The Boys Trust is celebrating its 10th year of providing grants for beautifying public lands in Oklahoma Country. The result has been more than 100 grants totalling more than \$1 million in virtually every corner of the county. The diversity of these projects is noteworthy: 21 schools, 21 entryways, 20 medians, 19 grounds of non-profit agencies, 17 parks, 13 outdoor classrooms and 2 highway rights of way projects.

Dozens of organizations have worked with the Community Foundation to make projects come alive. Neighborhood associations, volunteer groups, non-profit organizations, schools, churches, city parks departments, and chambers of commerce have all benefited from a partnership with the Boys Trust.

As the trust grows through the Community Foundation's skilled stewardship, so will the number of projects Miss Boys' generosity will make possible.

## For More Information

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Visit our Web Site at [www.occf.org](http://www.occf.org) and look in the Community Programs and Grants Section.



Oklahoma City Community Foundation is one of the nation's largest public community foundations. Its mission is to serve the charitable needs of the Oklahoma City area through the development and administration of endowment funds. In pursuing this mission, the Community Foundation takes on initiatives that require collaboration with other organizations in the community. The Margarent Annis Boys Trust spawned a larger beautification program, the Parks and Public Spaces Initiative at the Community Foundation.

# Boys Trust Grant Guidelines

The Boys Trust provide financial support through grants and expertise through a landscape architect to beautification projects on property readily accessible to the public.

Successful Boys Trust applicants demonstrate initiative and responsibility for caring for public lands, cooperation with other groups and innovation in the use of landscaping.

Projects should be highly visible to the general public and help instill a sense of pride in the community where they are installed, have long term impact on appearance and help to educate citizens about the importance of beautification.

Boys Trust funds are primarily used for the purchase and installation of plant materials and require match of additional resources -- such as donated labor or additional financial contributions. Each project must also provide a comprehensive landscape design plan as well as a detailed maintenance plan. School projects should have a curriculum component.

A complete list of program criteria and requirements and grant request forms are available on line at the Community Foundation's Web site, [www.occf.org](http://www.occf.org).

## One Woman's Gift to Us All

It was once said of Margaret Annis Boys that "...she knows more about Oklahoma and especially Oklahoma City than anyone. Although she's a world traveler, she's convinced Oklahoma is the best place to live." Her sense of community pride lives on through the trust established in 1991 with a bequest from Miss Boys for beautifying public lands.

Miss Boys, a teacher and school administrator for 42 years, touched untold thousands of lives in her profession, and today touches thousands more through beautification projects throughout the community.

Wildflowers and trees were among Miss Boys' first loves. During long car trips with friends she called out names of plants alongside the road. And while trips took her to faraway places such as Europe and Alaska, she always came home to her native Oklahoma.

She was not born wealthy. Nor did she inherit a sizable amount of money during her life. She did, however, manage to save enough to become a quiet millionaire. Her initial bequest of \$1.4 million to the Community Foundation has now grown to more than \$3 million.

Those who knew her say Miss Boys would be proud of how her money has been managed and how income from the fund has been invested in the community. Miss Boys had a dream. At the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, we're helping make it come true.

## Fast Facts

Celebrating its 10th year in 2001, the Margaret Annis Boys Trust has:

- Completed more than 100 beautification projects in Oklahoma County;
- Planted thousands of trees and shrubs on public lands;
- Generated more than \$1 million in grants;
- Generated more than \$3 million in matching cash or in-kind contributions and donated labor;
- And was awarded a Beautification Award from the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful organization

...“providing a lasting legacy of beauty for public lands by sparking collaborations among volunteer groups, schools, city and county governments and individuals.”