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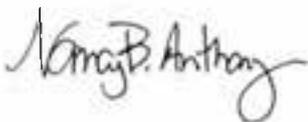
First, we'd like to say thank you for allowing us to serve your needs as a donor. We take our commitment to donor service seriously, and this edition of *Donor Connection* is an example of how we help you help the community.

We had an enthusiastic response from local non-profit agencies that provided a wide range of needs described in the pages that follow. We hope you consider the agencies' requests and connect with their cause and program. But more importantly, we hope you learn something more about the services provided by these organizations and the variety of issues being addressed in the community. Donors have told us that they like to learn more about philanthropic options available to them. *Donor Connection* is one way we have responded.

Now entering its third year, *Donor Connection* has been revised to provide one opportunity each year for an agency to submit a request for donations. If you want additional information on any of the listings, please contact the agency directly or call Penny Voss – 405/235-5603 – at the Community Foundation. A final reminder: there's a wealth of information on our Web site, www.occf.org.

Thank you for helping make our community a better place to live.

Sincerely,



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Community Foundation Executive Director

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Arts Council of Oklahoma City — After School Arts Program

The Arts Council of Oklahoma City is engaged in bringing the arts and community together through the effective coordination of events, festivals, programs, resources and services. In its Arts After School program, it links professional artists with children who have been identified as at-risk or facing other challenges. Visual and performing arts are taught to children in 12-week after-school programs that reach 1,500 children

through 25 different sites. Through the scholarship program, a donation of \$100 will sponsor one child to attend a 12-week arts residency program. A \$200 donation will sponsor one child to attend art classes for the entire year. In addition, donations of books about arts education, curriculum development or performing and visual arts activities will supplement an artists' resource library.

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Canterbury Choral Society — Children's Chorus Sponsorships

The Canterbury Choral Society fosters the appreciation and preservation of the art of choral performance throughout the state of Oklahoma and the nation. It maintains and promotes adult and children's community choruses which present regular performances of choral music and trains and educates vocalists of all ages.

The Children's Chorus is made up of 200 young singers from the Oklahoma City area who have auditioned and been

selected on talent and potential. Full or partial sponsorships are designated for students who demonstrate financial need. Each full scholarship of \$250 covers one singer's tuition, music, uniform and other performance-related costs. Contributions of any size are welcome to underwrite this project. In-kind contributions of new one-inch ring binders, No. 2 pencils and dry-cleaning services are welcomed to support the Children's Chorus.

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Chamber Music in Oklahoma — Web Site Maintenance

Chamber Music in Oklahoma provides internationally recognized chamber music ensembles – primarily piano trios and string quartets – to Oklahoma City through its annual Chamber Music Series.

Chamber Music in Oklahoma's Web site provides valuable information about the concerts, performers, membership, ticket purchase and schedule information. Chamber Music is seeking funds to revise

and maintain this important link to the community. A donation of \$1,000 will update and renew the Web site and \$800 will provide Web site maintenance for one year. In addition, \$500 is needed to upgrade the computer that maintains subscription and membership records. During Chamber Music's subscription season, 3-6 hours of volunteer help is needed to help with renewals.

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Fine Arts Institute of Edmond — Summer Arts Scholarships

The Fine Arts Institute of Edmond offers educational enrichment for adults and children in the visual and performing arts. Summer programs for children, grades 1st through 12th, include art classes, art escape camp and theatre escape camp.

The Fine Arts Institute of Edmond receives 50 to 80 scholarship

recommendations each year from Edmond school principals and local licensed counselors for children interested in art who are on the school's free-lunch program. Donations of \$50 - \$150 will help a student participate in a hands-on art opportunity through classes taught by a professional artist. ☺

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Harn Homestead Museum — Summer Fine Arts Program

The Harn Homestead Museum preserves the remaining 10 acres of a turn of the century homestead and educates the public about life in Territorial Oklahoma (1889 – 1907).

The museum is inaugurating the Alice Harn Fine Arts Institute that will integrate visual and performing arts in a week long program. Three recognized Oklahoma artists will engage children in hands-on art

activities and dramatic production that focuses on both Oklahoma history and heritage. Scholarships of \$100 are requested for approximately 30 economically disadvantaged children to attend the Institute. Donations of art supplies and a camcorder to record the final drama production are also needed. Volunteers to assist teachers and students are welcomed. ☺

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Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma — Interpreters for the Hearing Impaired

Lyric Theatre has been providing quality musical theatre entertainment to Oklahoma City for 40 years. Lyric's 2002 summer season consists of four shows and will be presented in the newly renovated Civic Center.

During its 1998 Summer Season, Lyric began providing interpreters for the hearing impaired at each matinee

performance. Donors have made it possible for this service to continue in the following seasons. This season, four matinees will require eight interpreters – two for each performance. A donation of \$2,000 would fund this program. Gifts to provide for single performances are also welcome. Lyric Theatre would consider volunteer signers with a signing level of III or higher. ☺

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Edmond Historical Society — Quilt Exhibit

The Edmond Historical Society operates a museum to preserve and interpret the history of this central Oklahoma city. The museum houses permanent exhibits and hosts traveling exhibits in addition to providing other services to the community.

Sept. 3 – Oct. 31 the museum will present and exhibit, "Stitches in Time: Quilting Past and Present," that spotlights the fascinating history and art of quilting and the social impact it has made on the

American family. Quilts, quilt blocks, patterns, quilting tools, historical sewing machines and photographs will be part of the exhibit as well as quilting demonstrations.

The museum requests donations of \$75 for archival storage materials for heirloom quilts. A donation of \$150 will assist with educational programming for students. Volunteers are also needed to greet and direct the public during both the traveling and permanent exhibit.

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Friends of the Oklahoma Historical Society Archives — Census Cards

Friends of the Oklahoma Historical Society Archives promotes and supports the preservation of Oklahoma history through collections appropriate to the Archives. This year's major project will result in a set of CD-ROMs containing digital images of the original Dawes Commission census cards of the Citizens and Freedmen of the

Five Civilized Tribes. To accomplish this, 93 rolls of microfilm must be purchased from the National Archives to hold the scanned digital images. A donation of \$97 will provide for the purchase and scanning of one roll of microfilm. Volunteers will compile and proofread a full name index to the cards.

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Oklahoma Humanities Council — History Program Support

The Oklahoma Humanities Council promotes access to and education in the humanities. This is accomplished through a variety of programs, including adult literacy programs, reading and discussion groups, museum exhibits, first-person scholar presentations of historic figures to Oklahoma school children, speakers on historical/cultural topics and more. A \$50 donation will buy books for a new adult reader and \$100 will sponsor a session of

"Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma," a read and discuss program. Presentations of historical figures in Oklahoma will be sustained by a \$250 donation while \$500 will help underwrite the cost of a TRACKS traveling museum exhibit. Donations of any amount will help OHC meet a challenge grant goal and will support OHC programs, enriching the lives of individuals and communities across Oklahoma.

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Camp Cavett/Oklahoma Children's Health Foundation — Medical Camp

Camp Cavett is Oklahoma's largest medical camp, held at Camp Crosspoint on Lake Texoma. The camp is for children 10 years and older with a chronic or acute disease. It is unique in that it is not disease specific – it puts together all children so each can see and learn from each other and their coping skills. This is the only camp available for heart, sickle

cell and cystic fibrosis children.

Children, despite their illnesses, are engaged in a variety of activities that include fishing, canoeing, arts and crafts, dancing, swimming, volleyball and many other activities with the support of professional medical staff and volunteers. A donation of \$350 will fully sponsor one child for one week at Camp Cavett. ❁

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Central Oklahoma Association for the Deaf & Hearing Impaired — Scholarships

The Central Oklahoma Association for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (COAD-HI) provides programs, information, support and advocacy for those dealing with hearing impairments. COAD-HI provides a variety of summer activities that give hearing-impaired children an opportunity to grow and develop socially while interacting with peers and authority

figures that can communicate and adapt to their special needs. A donation of \$80 will provide a scholarship for one child to attend the Happy Hands Summer Deaf Camp in Sulphur, Okla. A gift of \$70 will provide a child the opportunity to spend the day with golf professional Tiger Woods and receive golf lessons. Volunteers are welcome for all activities. ❁

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Child Abuse Response & Evaluation Center, Inc. — Forensic Interview Supplies

The CARE Center is a homelike atmosphere that was designed for the safety and comfort of children who have been sexually abused and severely physically abused. CARE Center provides a centralized approach to care and investigation processes that are less traumatic. For evidentiary purposes, graphic forensic interviewing helps children tell their stories of abuse through

art and all interviews are videotaped. Nearly 500 children were served in 2001, and the Center is expected to serve 500 or more in 2002, creating a great need for interview supplies. A donation of \$50 will provide one month's graphic supplies for the interview process. Gift certificates for videotapes would be appreciated. In addition, the CARE Center has many diverse opportunities for volunteers. ❁

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The Children's Center — Mechanical Lift Batteries

The Children's Center provides 24-hour medical care, rehabilitative therapies and developmental education to critically ill children with multiple disabilities. Patients have disabilities as a result of birth defects, complications at birth, physical abuse and neglect, debilitating illnesses, accidents and drug-dependent parents.

Most patients require a mechanical lift to transport them in and out of their wheelchairs as they get in and out of bed,

bathe and participate in therapy and educational activities. These mechanical lifts are the "backbone" pieces of The Children Center's equipment and are used to serve 70 percent of the children throughout the day. The lifts are powered by batteries that cost \$250 each. Two batteries are needed for each lift to allow one to be charging while the other one is in use. A donation of \$250 or any amount will be used to fund this valuable need. ☺

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Coffee Creek Riding Center — Adopt a Horse for a Month

Coffee Creek Riding Center has provided free therapeutic riding opportunities to physically and mentally challenged children and adults for the past 25 years. The educationally based program impacts mental, physical, emotional and social areas through specifically designed games and exercises that participants engage in on horseback. The staff horses are what make the therapy unique and motivate the children to work

harder and longer on their classes. With 10 staff horses to support, one of the greatest needs is their care and support. In an ongoing effort to keep the program free, Coffee Creek is asking for \$100 in support for each horse for a month that includes their feed, veterinary care and farrier expense. A gift of \$1,000 would cover one month's expense for all of these special therapy animals. ☺

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Animals

Free to Live — Generators

Free To Live is a non-profit, no-kill animal sanctuary for stray, abandoned and mistreated dogs and cats. It provides shelter and medical care to approximately 300 animals at the sanctuary while they await adoption. Over 500 animals are adopted out to loving homes each year.

The sanctuary has experienced extended power outages during the winter months that create challenges in this total electric facility.

Water wells provide water for the facility and cannot be operated during these times. Alternative propane heat creates dangerous fumes for our animals. Two stand-by generators would provide heat to the facility and provide water to the animals. A donation of \$1,000 would purchase and install two generators that will ensure continuous service. Donations of blankets and large towels would also be appreciated. ☺

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CELEBRATIONS! Educational Services — Educational Materials

Celebrations! Educational Services is a nationally accredited preschool immersing full time bilingual preschool and kindergarten education for limited English proficient children in the metropolitan Oklahoma City area. Celebrations! serves 27 multi-cultural inner-city children and enables 3 ½ - 5 year olds to comprehend and speak the English language and develop necessary social, physical and intellectual readiness skills before they enter first grade.

Family services are also provided.

Celebrations! recently relocated to a new facility and have encountered unexpected financial demands renovating the space. In the process of meeting these needs, many educational materials have not been replaced. Donations of any amount would provide puzzles, play sets, language concept games, math games, cooperative learning materials, multi-ethnic dolls and tempera paint. AAA batteries are always needed. ☺

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Heritage Hall — Environmental Campus Beautification

Heritage Hall is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school serving approximately 825 students in preschool through grade 12.

The environmental campus beautification project's purpose is to create an organic landscape project that provides students valuable lessons in environmental literacy as well as teamwork and personal responsibility. The first phase began last fall with the creation of a worm farm, with worm bins in each Lower School classroom, building 15 raised

garden beds, construction of a passive-solar worm powered greenhouse and a variety of gardens and habitats. Phase II involves an organic outdoor classroom program, which includes a waterfall, Koi pond, nature trails and a rock garden. Donations of \$400 will provide glazing for the worm hut, \$350 will buy 100 hay bales or worms, \$300 provides top soil and \$250 will cover the costs of one day of environmental teaching and consulting. Donations of tools, plants, bulbs, trees and other equipment will be accepted. ☺

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Community Development

Center for Nonprofit Management — Scholarships for Management Seminars

The Center for Nonprofit Management helps nonprofit organizations and public agencies across Oklahoma to improve their results, build their capacity or meet the challenge of change. The Center offers top quality management programs and services through a variety of methods that include workshops and seminars.

Nonprofit organizations are challenged by many things that include a lack of funding, few well-qualified employees,

experience and longevity. The Center's "Share the Excellence Seminars" provides training by nationally recognized speakers on Board Leadership & Governance, Strategic Planning, Resource Development, Financial Management and other organizational management areas. A gift of \$100 will provide a scholarship for a nonprofit staff member to attend one of these valuable sessions. Increased scholarship dollars will allow more organizations to participate. ☺

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A Chance to Change Foundation — HUGS / Family Counseling & Education

A Chance to Change has been working with troubled children, adolescents and families who have been harmed by addiction and related mental health problems. The organization promotes early intervention and recovery through education and therapy.

A Chance to Change is seeking donations for scholarships for children to participate in its Help Us Grow Spiritually (HUGS)

program. HUGS focuses on building trust, connecting feelings to behavior in positive ways, communicating, self worth and esteem and spiritual development. Parental participation is required in a corresponding parenting program. A \$560 donation will sponsor a child through the basic 16-week course or a parent in the parenting class. Any amount will ease the burden on parents who may have 2-3 children in the program. ☺

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CONTACT Crisis Helpline — Public Awareness Program

CONTACT Crisis Helpline listens, educates and empowers the people of Oklahoma through 24-hour crisis support, suicide prevention programs and information and referral services. Compassionate listening and current and comprehensive local and statewide referral information is free, confidential and anonymous. Services are provided by highly trained volunteers. CONTACT suicide awareness/prevent-

tion programs are supported by a 24-hour 1-800-SUICIDE helpline.

Funds are needed to expand public awareness of CONTACT's mission through community exhibition opportunities. Booth space fees and funds to purchase promotional items are needed to meet the goal of six community-sponsored exhibits each year. A gift of \$100 will fund booth space or promotional items at one event, while \$200 will provide for both. ☺

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The Education and Employment Ministry — Adult Scholarships

The Education and Employment Ministry (TEEM) has been providing life and job skills to under-employed and unemployed individuals through career development courses and workshops since 1987. TEEM's program of self-help allows individuals to break the personal barriers of dependency and move towards a life of self-sufficiency.

Career development classes and workshops include computer technology preparation, Microsoft Applications, pre-

cosmetology, drapery and design, food preparation and child care training. This four-month curriculum provides the tools necessary to gain employment, recover personal dignity and break the cycle of dependency. In 2001, 86% of students eligible for employment were placed in the workforce. A donation of \$1,800 will provide a scholarship for one student through a four-month career development course. Volunteers interested in training for TEEM are a vital need as well. ☺

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Firststep – Oklahoma City Metro Alliance — Dental Care

Firststep – Oklahoma City Metro Alliance provides an opportunity for recovery from substance abuse for adults through a residential work-therapy program and other programs. They operate two alcohol/drug recovery residential centers called FIRSTSTEP that serve 85 men and 35 women. FIRSTSTEP residents participate in a work program that generates more than 90 percent of the funds necessary to operate both recovery facilities.

Most residents are indigent and homeless with few opportunities to obtain vitally needed dental services. Firststep – Oklahoma City Metro Alliance is working to establish a fund to pay for these important health related services and donations can meet many needs. A gift of \$30 will provide a comprehensive dental needs assessment, \$130 - \$230 will provide dental work for most basic problems and \$500 would cover those with the most serious of dental needs.

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Planned Parenthood of Central Oklahoma — Educational Services

Planned Parenthood of Central Oklahoma offers low-cost or free reproductive health, educational and preventive services to promote its vision of “every child a wanted child.”

To extend the reach of its educational services, Planned Parenthood maintains a small resource library available for use by teachers, parents, students and community educators. Keeping the resources current is

an ongoing challenge and the library is in serious need of some updated materials. A gift of \$500 would provide the library with a replacement TV/VCR, which is used to extend the reach of the educational programs, while \$189 would provide for an educational videotape. Donations of \$100 or less would equip the library with contraceptive demonstration kits and self-exam models.

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Elderly

Baptist Retirement Centers of Oklahoma — Senior Care Assistance

Baptist Retirement Centers of Oklahoma provides for over 1,700 people every day. They are committed to providing quality housing and compassionate healthcare for senior citizens in a Christian environment.

BRCO desires to provide housing to all who choose to live there regardless of ability to pay. The provision of support care for senior adults is the fastest growing segment of society with little philanthropic dollars

going to eldercare. The senior care assistance fund provides assistance to those with financial need in the area of monthly service fees. Through this fund BRCO pays out approximately \$60,000 in assistance to residents with needs. Average monthly assistance is \$125. Donations will provide assistance to BRCO residents without the ability to pay.

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After School Options — Parental Involvement Program

The Community Foundation recently undertook a pilot program that would help encourage parents to become more involved in their child's elementary school. It's called the Parental Involvement Program, and early results are very encouraging. Teachers and administrators have been creative in developing programs

that involve both parents and children.

A donation of \$500 can support a parental involvement activity for one school. Schools have used these contributions for a variety of activities, such as buying books, putting on Oklahoma history educational programs or even buying donuts and reading materials for a morning "Donuts for Dads" program.

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New Opportunities — Scholarship Support

May is scholarship Month at the Community Foundation. The Community Foundation operates the state's largest, independent scholarship program with more than 60 distinct award funds. It is the Community Foundation's fastest growing program area. Within this initiative is *Youth With Promise*, which seeks to provide scholarships and other guidance assistance to children who have

been in foster care. With limited family support, these students benefit from encouragement from patient adults genuinely interested in the student's success. Through the Oklahoma Youth With Promise Committee, students receive guidance in addition to funds for college. A gift of \$1,000 can help defray part of the cost of college for one student for one semester.

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