



BancFirst CEO Dennis Brand presents Nancy Anthony with a contribution.



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The Oklahoma Tsunami Recovery Fund assisted several programs in south Asia including education for children and healthcare for orphans.

BancFirst and Its Employees

While individuals and families contributed to the Oklahoma Tsunami Recovery Fund, BancFirst was one of several businesses who made a concentrated company-wide effort to support the fund. After making a \$10,000 corporate gift to the fund, BancFirst encouraged its 1,400 employees who wanted to help victims of the tragedy to contribute as well. The employees responded with contributions exceeding \$4,300.

"Our employees obviously have caring hearts and never hesitate to pitch in and help, whether on a local level or a worldwide scale such as the tsunami recovery effort," says Mike Rogers, senior vice president, Human Resources, who helped to initiate the giving program. "The fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation provided a way for BancFirst employees to open their hearts and make a contribution as well."

Giving knows no boundaries

Great Gifts

When the tsunami tragedy devastated the southern coastal region of Asia in 2004, many donors wanted to help the victims rebuild their lives and communities. As a result, the Oklahoma Tsunami Recovery Fund was formed to provide donors an avenue through which to help.

"We had numerous inquiries from donors about directing charitable dollars to the people affected," says Nancy B. Anthony, executive director. "Citizens of Oklahoma City are very appreciative of the worldwide assistance we've received following our own local emergencies and they have always been quick to respond to similar situations in the United States and around the world. Establishing the Oklahoma Tsunami Recovery Fund was our answer to these donors' requests."

Because immediate needs were being addressed, the focus of the fund was directed toward the intermediate and long-term needs of those affected. In addition, to ensure the entirety of the contributions went to recovery

efforts, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation did not charge an administrative fee.

Individuals, families and corporations made hundreds of contributions totaling \$35,000. Several months following the tragedy, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation worked with Give2Asia, a respected nonprofit organization responsible for numerous programs aimed at helping the area rebuild. The Oklahoma Tsunami Recovery Fund assisted programs that addressed educational needs of children, awarded grants to business owners, provided nutrition and healthcare for orphans and job training for widows who were now the sole wage earner for their families.

"This tsunami tragedy not only illustrates the giving nature of our donors but also our ability to facilitate their wishes," Anthony adds.

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Helping Others

Through a Great Gift

Oklahoma Tsunami Recovery Fund

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation makes charitable giving easy. The recent tsunami that struck southern Asia inspired many Oklahomans to help those directly impacted. By establishing the Oklahoma Tsunami Recovery Fund, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation provided a simple and local giving option for these donors and offered the reassurance that 100 percent of their contributions would go toward recovery programs.

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The Oklahoma Tsunami Recovery Fund provided grants to help business owners rebuild their livelihoods.



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