

OUR MISSION

The mission of the foundation is to sustain an enduring financial basis for Christ's ministry through the prudent investment of funds to ensure a legacy of Christian principles and institutions.

--Adopted 05/13/2008

A Closer Look at Our Mission and Leaving a Legacy

The Oklahoma Disciples Foundation mission, as stated above, is very transparent to the Foundation staff and board. However, others may not realize just what the statement means so let's take a closer look at the meaning behind these words.

The Oklahoma Disciples Foundation exists to:

- Sustain (**nourish and nurture**) an
- Enduring (**lasting and continuous**)
- Financial basis (**funding**) through
- Prudent (**wise**) investments to
- Ensure (**make certain**) a
- Legacy (**memories, wishes, dreams which come from the past are carried out as intended**) of Christian principles and institutions.

A legacy is the story of someone's life, the things they did, places they went, goals they accomplished, their passions and more. Legacy is something a person leaves behind to be remembered by.

Leaving a legacy is very important. At the Foundation, we focus on legacy each day. It is extremely important to know our donors' wishes and to carry out those wishes as originally intended.

Consider those who have left a legacy which personally affects you. Who comes to mind?

- Your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles or siblings?
- Your teachers or classmates?
- Your coaches, mentors or pastors?
- Your neighbors where you grew up?
- The founding fathers with their dream of a place of self-determination?
- Abraham Lincoln, who freed the slaves?
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who saw us through the Great Depression?
- The many men and women who defend our liberties so that we can live in freedom and safety?
- Martin Luther King Jr., who left us a legacy to pursue the dream of racial equality?

There are literally thousands of men and women who lived in a way that touches our lives today. These are the people we knew, have admired and who helped shape our values.

How we live our lives is critically important. Have you thought about what legacy you would like to leave? It's important to think about and to put a plan in place to carry out your wishes. Call or email us so we can help you create your legacy.

Our Legacy Society

The Chalice Society

In 2017, ODF created "The Chalice Society" to formally recognize donors and disciples churches who have left legacies to the Foundation. We wanted to honor the generosity of these individuals and churches and let them know how much we appreciate their gifts. A permanent tribute to these donors hangs on a wall at the Disciples Center in Oklahoma City. The Chalice Society Legacy Plaque lists donors who have made significant gifts to the Foundation over the years.

Additionally, individuals making an unrestricted planned gift to ODF, or extinct church congregations establishing a permanent endowment or those providing funding to the Howard Operating Endowment can become members of The Chalice Society—just let us know of your gift plans.

The benefits of telling us about your planned gift are:

1. We can follow your wishes as outlined by you or your congregation.
2. We can honor, recognize and thank you as well as share your story with others.
3. We can honor your wishes for remaining anonymous; however, with permission and without revealing your name or gift amount, still share your story as an example of faithfulness for others to follow.

ODF ACCEPTS MANY FORMS OF GIFTS

While cash gifts are among the most common gifts made to charity, gifts of property can provide added tax benefits. A gift of land, stock, personal property or a business interest may enable you to sell your assets without paying capital gains tax. And, you may also receive a charitable income tax deduction to reduce your taxes in that year.

A gift of property can also provide you with a stream of lifetime income. To learn more about the benefits of gifts of appreciated property or other gift options please call us at 405.525.6530.

The following assets may be received by ODF; however, certain gifts or circumstances may require review by the gift committee and ODF Board. ODF accepts gifts of:

- Cash
- Unencumbered royalty and mineral interests
- Publicly traded, marketable securities or bonds
- Real estate, including homes, buildings and land
- Life insurance policies where ODF is named as the owner and 100% beneficiary of the policy
- Jewelry, artwork, collections, equipment, or other assets may be accepted with approval by the Gift Committee and Board.

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INCOME BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

"Endowments provide a way to help ministries through hard times, to grow ministries beyond the level that can be funded with current offering. Investments grow and increase with time and before you know it they are producing income far beyond expectations," wrote S. Brent Howard following his dad's passing. "Dad knew this first hand as he made wise investments that allowed him to be generous to the church and Foundations during his lifetime and, now even in his death," Brent added. "He appreciated the power garnered from investments not available in a gift given and immediately spent."

"By helping build the Foundation, Sam knew that he was planting a mighty oak that would provide income well into the future. It is a matter of balancing the current needs against a long-range perspective. Although it is often hard to give up a quick solution to a current problem, it is clear that many institutions and organizations that have had a vision for the future have stood the test of time and are serving today because of that foresight."



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I/We Wish to Make a Tax-deductible Gift to: Oklahoma Disciples Foundation, Inc.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

YES! I would like to make a gift to ODF in the amount of:

\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other _____

Please invest my gift in:

- Disciple Club supporting ODF Operations.
 Named Endowment Fund as listed below:

 (Please list fund name)

Yes! Please sign me up for email news updates.

My gift is given in (honor/memory) of:
 circle one

Name: _____

Yes, I have included ODF in my estate planning. Please call me to discuss my wishes.

Mail this form and check to the Foundation at the address listed above. Or, gifts may be made via PayPal or credit card online at our website listed above.

THANK YOU!

I am interested in establishing a permanent endowment to benefit a heartfelt cause or church mission.

I am interested in receiving information on making a bequest to the Foundation.

*Gifts to Oklahoma Disciples Foundation are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Gifts may be made to a specific Endowment Fund or to Disciple Club. A list of funds is available on the Foundation website at www.okdfd.org. We are grateful for your gifts, support and prayers.