



The Warm Glow of Giving

Please visit with us at:

Harvard Ave Christian Church—April 1

Texoma Christian Camp Golf Tournament—April 14 in Sulphur

Regional Board Retreat—April 20, 21 At Southern Hills Christian Church

Oklahoma Disciples Foundation Board Meetings—May 8 at Bethany Christian Church Tulsa

NE Area Board Meeting—May 21 at Camp Christian

Have you ever experienced a warm glow after you made a gift to the church or your favorite charity? Research continues to show there is a good reason for your experience. That warm glow involves the same brain mechanisms that evoke pleasurable sensations after sex, eating good food, and using some drugs. Our tax dollars funded a recent study at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (in Bethesda, MD) to examine the interplay of self-interest and altruistic behavior.

All participants were given money and asked to make choices about whether to keep the money for themselves or to give some or all of it to charity. All of them chose to give some of the money away. "Our brains show we profit emotionally from giving, as in feeling joy when we do good things. It is a biological force and we should not ignore it in promoting social welfare." (Jorge Moll, lead researcher of the study) There you have it in a nut shell.

While such studies may be beneficial in understanding how the brain functions, they do not tell the whole story, and they are not expected to do so. The participants in

the study were

given the money. Most of us, my guess is all of us, give out of what we

have earned – a big difference. Because it is "hard earned" a more significant study would ask why

people give, what is the motivation, what is the basic belief, how is one inspired to make a gift? We at Oklahoma Disciples Foundation are always asking these questions, because we believe the answers are one of the basic functions of ministry.

Perhaps THE basic reason is because God first gave to us. We are curious about your answers to these questions, and we are grateful you have chosen to support the many ministries funded through Oklahoma Disciples Foundation. We know you believe, as we do, in the cause of Christ and what these ministries are doing. We work hard to be good stewards of the funds, and we thank you trusting us in our efforts.

While the basics have to do with the whys, the motivations, the beliefs, the inspirations, we are also glad to know our brains have something to do with the "warm glow" we experience. It is good to feel joyous when we do good things. Thanks be to God for your gifts!



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Foundation FAQ's

2007 Board of Directors

A 15-member board of directors governs Oklahoma Disciples Foundation. The board is composed of Disciples representing each area of the region and many different professions.

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Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:34

Progress Check-up

In our last newsletter Kyle informed you of all the changes being made at the foundation. The results of those changes are already being felt.

Our 2007 Named Endowment distribution was made in February. The total was \$244,476, an overall increase of 80.5% from 2006. The individual funds received between 50 and 76% increase depending on their market value and portion of the pool.

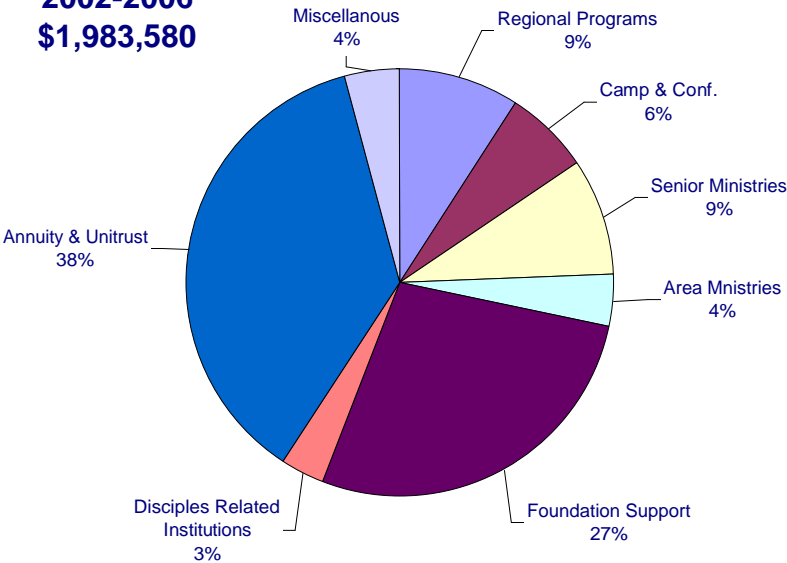
How did this happen? We are now investing for and distributing total return. Not just traditional income. Will we see an increase of this proportion next year? What a great thing that would be, but the answer is no. Distributions should be more consistent at this level. We do however, hesitate to predict the market!

Market value is not the only way to improve the return. New gifts add to the value while increasing our investment opportunities. Gifts to the endowment pool were \$257,220 in 2006. We are already past that for 2007 and are still going strong! Think seriously about supporting your ministry of choice with a gift this year. Help the Disciple Men meet their goal of \$20,000 in principal, honor your pastor with a gift to Pastoral Care fund, or help our campsites and programs.

Please call us if you need more information on Endowment funds or other ways you can provide for the church.

Combined Distributions

2002-2006
\$1,983,580



The chart above depicts our total distributions for the past 5 years. It includes Named Endowments, the ODF Operating Endowment, Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Unitrusts and any special grants.

There is a full listing of all the Named Endowment funds on our website, www.okdisciplesfoundation.org including a short history of each fund, the year it was established and a secure online donation page.