

NEATs REACHES \$20,000 GOAL FOR ITS ENDOWMENT FUND WITH OKLAHOMA DISCIPLES FOUNDATION

At its 20th Anniversary Celebration in April 2015, the NEATs (Northeast Active Timers) Board of Directors established a goal of adding \$20,000 to its existing endowment fund with the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation (ODF). Just over one year later on May 23, 2016, NEATs reached its \$20,000 campaign goal following a generous donation from NEATs Founder and former Executive Director, Rev. Richard Ziglar and his wife Peggy. Additionally, a total of \$10,000 in matching funds from the Sam & Mary Howard Million Dollar Matching Program, administered through ODF, have been added to the campaign donations on a monthly basis as gifts have been received.



The NEATs permanent endowment was originally funded, in part, in early 1999 from a split in an existing "Senior Activities" Fund at the Northeast Oklahoma Christian Foundation where half of the fund was directed to a new endowment to benefit NEATs and the other half to benefit OASIS (Older Adult Services and Interfaith Sharing). The Northeast Oklahoma Christian Foundation, incorporated May 23, 1960, was merged into the Oklahoma Christian Foundation, incorporated June 24, 1965, and then renamed Oklahoma Disciples Foundation, Inc. The late Sam Howard of Tulsa was instrumental in the original funding of NEATs as with many of the endowment funds within the current Foundation.

In 2015, 76 contributors made donations to the NEATs Endowment Fund. As of May this year, donations have been made by Dr. Richard Allen in honor of Richard & Peggy Ziglar; Fred Chesebro in memory of his mother, Lillian Chesebro; and Richard & Peggy Ziglar in memory of Rev. Bill Bradley, Julian Chapin, Barbara Finney, Florence Hilburn, Mildred Kellenberger, Dorothy Parkening, Margaret Parker, Dick Williams and the mother of Katherine Tooley.



ODF distributes annual earnings (under the terms of its spending policy) to NEATs for its Operational Fund as directed by its Board of Directors. In early March 2016, NEATs received a distribution of \$2,016.88 from its endowment fund. As of April 31, 2016 the market value of endowment fund was \$69,405.66.

Since the establishment of the NEATs Endowment Fund, NEATs has received distributions of more than \$18,600 for use for annual operations. The NEATs Board of Directors has routinely established a goal to add \$1,000 annually to continually grow and fund its ODF Endowment. The goal is to have a perpetual funding source for continued NEATs activities into the future.

The mission of NEATs is, "To provide programs and services for the 'Chronologically gifted' (55+) with a focus on centenarians."