

## FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 50-YEAR MILESTONE



This year, Oklahoma Disciples Foundation (ODF) is celebrating 50 years of legacy, growth and touching lives. As reported in our last newsletter, we reached a milestone with the establishment of a Million-Dollar matching funds program. The opportunity for this program was the direct result of a legacy left to the Foundation from one of the original founders, Sam B. Howard. The gift amazingly arrived 50 years to the month from the date of incorporation.

On June 24, 1965, The Oklahoma Christian Foundation (OCF) was formally incorporated within the State of Oklahoma. The founders were: Sam B. Howard, Eulis H. Hill and Charles R. Jones. Four days later, the first meeting was held at 301 NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK, and an official election of officers took place. At their next meeting a year later, reports showed assets just shy of \$50,000. (Right: Minutes from the first meeting. Photo top right: building where first board meeting was held and ODF current office site.)

Today, ODF is the product of the 2001 merger of OCF and Northeast Oklahoma Christian Foundation (NEOCF). These two foundations held funds from gifts to support specific activities and operations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma.

Since the merger, ODF has continued the work and missions of both foundations while growing assets to nearly \$15 million and distributing over \$2.6 million to beneficiaries of Christian ministries. Our small staff of three full-time employees and one part-time employee is dedicated to the mission of providing a legacy of financial support for Christ's ministry throughout Oklahoma and the world. We are governed by a board of 12 volunteer members from various Christian Churches within the state who generously give their time, talents and financial support to the Foundation.

"We are humbled by the dedication and support from numerous donors and volunteers over the years," said Eric Gray, ODF Executive Director. "In honor and recognition of our 50<sup>th</sup> Year, I challenge everyone to consider your legacy. Donate \$50 to Disciple Club, add to an existing Foundation endowment, start a new endowment, leave a bequest from your estate, or buy a gift annuity."

*Together we touch lives!*

First Meeting of Directors  
THE OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION  
June 28, 1965

/s/ Eulis H. Hill  
EULIS H. HILL

/s/ Charles R. Jones  
CHARLES R. JONES

On motion duly made and carried, the Board proceeded to the election of officers of the corporation to serve until the election and taking of office of their successors. The following officers were duly elected:

President - Sam B. Howard  
Vice-President - Eulis H. Hill  
Secretary and Treasurer - Charles R. Jones

The permanent officers so elected assumed the duties of the office to which they were elected and proceeded with the business of the meeting.

The President then presented the charter of the corporation and stated that said certificate had been received from the Secretary of State on the 24th day of June, 1965. The President, also, presented a form of by-laws prepared by Charles R. Jones, counsel for the corporation, which was read article by article and as a whole, and unanimously adopted as the by-laws of the corporation, and ordered entered in the minute book immediately succeeding the certificate of incorporation.

Upon a motion duly made and approved, it was resolved that the corporate seal described in the by-laws, the impression of which is affixed in the margin hereof, be and the same is adopted to be the corporate seal of this corporation.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, an adjournment was taken.

ATTEST:  
  
CHARLES R. JONES, Secretary

  
SAM B. HOWARD, President

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## DRCO, Hearts for Care...One and the Same

Disciples Retirement Community of Oklahoma (DRCO) was established in 2005 by the Executive Committee of the Regional Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma. Its purpose was to develop and maintain a senior adult ministry and advocacy program throughout Oklahoma. Hearts for Care, a ministry, evolved from DRCO and currently serves as a Virtual Retirement Community. This transition allows DRCO to expand within many communities in Oklahoma under a new name and mission, Hearts for Care—"We bring caring home."

DRCO was established after the National Benevolent Association (NBA) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) acquired the Oklahoma Christian Home in the 1980s, then a bankruptcy forced the sale of the Home in the February 2004. The Oklahoma Christian Home was a residential facility for the elderly built in the early 1950s from funds raised by a group of clergy and laypersons within the Christian Church in Oklahoma.

Hearts for Care is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which provides support and assistance to elderly adults, age 60 and over, in Oklahoma in order for "members" to remain independent in their own homes and neighborhoods as they grow older. It's a single-source service for community resources and member needs such as grocery shopping and errand running, or help with household chores and assisting with transportation.

They work in partnership with local service providers and volunteers to provide assistance to those in need. All are pre-screened by Hearts for Care for trustworthiness and training.

DRCO/Hearts for Care is the beneficiary of three ODF endowments. They rely on funding from individual donations, sponsors and grants. There are no fees charged for individual services; however, a minimum monthly donation of \$50 per member is encouraged in order for the organization to continue serving communities. To find out more about this ministry, view their website at [heartsforcare.org](http://heartsforcare.org).



October 16-17, 2015  
Central Christian Camp, Guthrie

## For the Love of All

**Philanthropy, Explored**  
**ODW Women's Retreat & Guest Speaker**  
Noted philanthropic advisor and writer  
Lesly Bosch Annen, (Nazareth, TX)  
shares how philanthropy is defined as a  
desire to benefit humanity: to improve the material,  
social and spiritual welfare of humanity, especially  
through charitable activities.

**Friday, October 16, 2015**  
4:00 p.m.—Check In  
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—Dinner  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Lesly Annen, Speaker  
**Saturday, October 17, 2015**  
8:30 a.m.—Breakfast  
9:00 a.m.-Noon—Lesly Annen (part two)  
Noon—Lunch

Online registration is required at [www.okdfdn.org](http://www.okdfdn.org).  
Or contact Julie Bowers, Oklahoma Disciples Foundation:  
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Registration deadline is October 13, 2015



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