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- The work of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation is good and is fulfilling a need for civil legal aid and other law-related services throughout Oklahoma.
- The need for law-related services is increasing at a dramatic rate with the continuing instability of the economy.
- The need is great, but greater is the capacity for Oklahoma lawyers to give their time and money to help the most vulnerable among us.
- You can be a part of solutions to counter these needs by joining with other lawyers to become a supporting member of the OBF. Your support will provide legal services unique to our profession.
- The Oklahoma Bar Foundation is a proven 501(c)(3) charity founded in 1946 by a group of attorneys from across the State who sought to accomplish charitable goals in the area of the law.
- The OBF has successfully raised and distributed over \$10 million to provide legal services and law-related benefits and education to Oklahoma citizens.
- OBF funding has steadily declined since 2009 along with the economy. The 2012 OBF grant funding program is in crisis because income is down by almost 50% from this same time last year. Much of the 2012 revenue decline is attributed to unanticipated decreases in IOLTA receipts.
- Given the loss of income, OBF must cut grant award amounts and possibly eliminate some organizations completely from the grant process. \$600,197 was distributed during 2011 to 22 law-related programs and 14 court projects to accomplish our shared mission. OBF support dollars were multiplied through 2,650 pro bono volunteers. Grant awards have decreased to \$427,150 during 2012 to 19 programs and 5 court projects.
- Contributions to OBF made a significant difference in the lives of those described within this brochure and tens of thousands of Oklahomans like them every year. With your help and generous support the good work will continue.

Become an OBF Fellow today so that more Oklahomans in need will be covered through Your help and support.

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FELLOW PARTICIPATION FORM

Attorney Non-Attorney

Name: _____
(your name as it should appear on your OBF Fellow Plaque) County _____

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Phone: _____ E-Mail Address _____

- \$100 enclosed & bill me annually. New Lawyer 1st Year, \$25 enclosed & bill annually as stated on the OBF website.
- Total amount of \$1,000 enclosed. New Lawyer within 3 years, \$50 enclosed & bill annually as stated on the OBF website.

I want to be recognized at the higher level of Sustaining Fellow & will continue my annual gift of at least \$100 to help sustain grant programs — initial pledge should be complete.

I want to be recognized at the highest leadership level of Benefactor Fellow & will continue my annual gift of at least \$300 to help fund important grant programs across Oklahoma — initial pledge should be complete.

I want to help more Oklahomans this year and my added contribution of \$ _____ is enclosed.

Your Signature & Date _____ OBA #: _____

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Families

Frank had always provided for his family until he was injured on the job leaving him with a brain injury and in a medically induced coma. The family always lived from paycheck to paycheck, had no savings or even a checking account. With no joint account, there was no place to deposit the worker's comp checks and no way to access money, and the family fell behind on rent and utilities. In the coma state, Frank had no capacity to consent to power of attorney for his wife Betty and she called Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, not knowing what

she needed, only that everything was falling apart. The LASO attorney quickly obtained an emergency special guardianship over Frank so Betty would be able to pay bills; any delay could be devastating. Betty opened a checking account and was able to find some relief as she dealt with Frank's long road to recovery. There were three court dates and thirty documents filed in Frank's case of uncontested guardianship by LASO. Betty now receives bi-weekly worker's compensation checks for Frank, and by cutting back, Betty is able to maintain the household she hopes Frank will return to. Betty had nowhere to turn until LASO stepped in to help.

Within months of her diagnosis, Rose received news that her cancer had spread. The doctors said it was terminal. Rose gradually began to lose her strength and her mind as the disease took over her body. Rose's thoughts raced – How could she care for herself in this condition? Rose called her adult daughter, Karen, who immediately sold her home and personal possessions to move in to Rose's home and care for Rose. Soon Karen learned how difficult it was to care for a parent. No one would speak with her about Rose's care. They would not allow her to review Rose's medical bills, purchase insurance, or even speak with them about paying the debts Rose owed. At a loss for what to do, Rose and Karen contacted the attorneys at the Senior Law Resource Center. The Center provided advice and documents to Rose that allowed Karen to care for Rose and speak to others on her behalf. The Center also helped Rose repay Karen's generosity by helping Rose leave her home to Karen after her death. Now, Karen does not encounter problems caring for Rose. Karen can focus on caring for and spending time with her mother in Rose's final days.

Seniors



Covered by OBF Grants

In the 18 years Kevin has been on this earth, he has endured more loss than most people do in their entire lives. Kevin's mother went to prison when he was very young, and his father was severely injured in a car accident that left him mentally challenged and unable to care for a young son. Kevin's elderly grandmother took him in and raised him. Kevin's home life was certainly not ideal. Kevin joined the Oklahoma High School Mock Trial team at his school as a freshman and found that he has an insatiable interest in law, politics and the criminal justice system. Up to that point, Kevin had struggled in school. As a member of his school's Mock Trial team, Kevin not only learned critical thinking skills, he found a mentor and mother figure in his coach and a family in his team. Kevin rose to be the leader of that family taking his team during his senior year of high school to win the Oklahoma Mock Trial State Championship and fourth place at the National High School Mock Trial Competition. Kevin is just one example of how the Oklahoma High School Mock Trial program is changing lives and investing in the future.

Students



Children

David and Jordan are brothers living very different lives than when they first came into DHS custody 3 years ago. The boys were 15 and 13 when removed from their parents for neglect.

David, now an easy going 18 year old is far older than his age, "We knew we had to stick together when we got picked up. Our life wasn't the best, but it was our life and it's what we knew." The boys had lived in motels all of their lives, often missing school when their parents were "dope sick" and needed "help." David explained "help" meant he had to go score drugs for his parents and watch them shoot up. The boys arrived at the Shelter with their guard up and lots of attitude. A lot of that changed after they met their Oklahoma Lawyers for Children lawyer. Eventually, OLFC got them out of the Shelter, but not placed together. The street tough brothers would run off to meet each other and it was stressful for the foster families. When David aged out, he lived on the streets for a while, but stayed in touch with his OLFC lawyer. Eventually David figured out he didn't want to be like his dad, and his OLFC lawyer helped him get a job and his GED. Now David attends OCCC and has a future. Jordan is at Guthrie Job Corps working on his GED and learning to be a welder. David

is quick to remind young Jordan not to waste time saying, "Dude! Stay in Job Corps, get your GED and a trade!" The boys credit their OLFC lawyer for sticking with them and seeing them as individuals with different needs. "Man, we were on a bad road to nowhere!" says Jordan. "Our mom and dad, they weren't changin'...Our lawyer cared!" The boys now look forward to the future, a future where hope and color have been returned to the lives of neglected children.