



Live United

Annual Report

2014



From the Director's Chair...

The expression on the face of the young man on our cover photo so adequately depicts the jubilation of this past year.

How could we possibly have known in approximately one year from beginning our "Little Kids, Big Impact" initiative, the Carver Early Childhood Center would be a reality—bursting with lively, laughing, ready-to learn little ones? The reality of the Carver Center is possible only because of you—our generous donors. Each life that is made better is because of you. I want you to know the difference you make; I want you to see the difference you make; I want you to feel the difference you are making every day in our community.

This year, United Way sponsored our first ever "World Day of Kindness". The day started with interviewing teachers and support staff who were treating parents to home-baked goods and coffee, then proceeded to delivering donuts, paying for prescriptions, groceries, and gas, and culminated with giving away a car! Again, every good thing that happens through United Way is possible because of you. You are United Way!

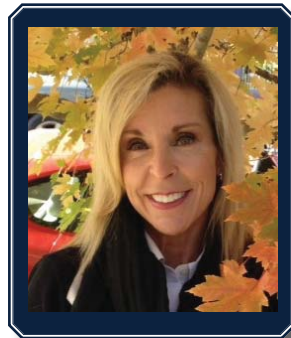
John Little and the wonderful employees at OG&E served us well as campaign chairs this year as they set the pace with their record-breaking campaign and 100% employee giving. They did their share of acts of kindness—

beginning with the removal of old playground equipment at Carver to make room for new, served on the budget/allocation committee and worked to transform lives on a daily basis. John, who made numerous presentations throughout the campaign, said it was an honor for OG&E to serve as the 2014-15 Campaign Chairs and to work alongside so many community partners. At our kick-off they pledged 10,000 acts of kindness and I feel as though I, personally, was the recipient of 9,999 of those acts. So many thanks to you, John—and each member of the OG&E team, for exemplifying what it means to "Plug-in to United Way; Transform Lives!"

To my Executive Team, Board members, and Agency Directors, thank you for your vision, your friendship, and your continual support. I thank God for you and the privilege of working alongside you.

Live United!

Pamela



Campaign Chairs 2014-2015



OG&E
John Little, Area Manager

Partner Agencies

2014

Booker T. Washington Community Center
Cimarron Council Boy Scouts of America
Cimarron Valley Chapter American Red Cross
Community Development Support Association
Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Central Oklahoma
Denny Price Family YMCA
Enid Community Clinic
Enid Metro Human Service Commission
Garfield County Child Advocacy Center
Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma, Inc.
Hedges Regional Speech & Hearing Center
Retired Senior Volunteer Program of
Enid And North Central Oklahoma
The Salvation Army
YWCA of Enid
Youth & Family Services of North Central Oklahoma

*In January 2015, Catholic Charities became a new partner agency with United Way of Enid & Northwest Oklahoma.

Venture Grant Recipients

2014

4RKids Foundation – Buddy Bears for Children with Autism
Hedges Speech & Hearing – Mobile Audiology Testing Equipment
Hope Outreach – Earn While You Learn Parenting Ministry
Enid Public Schools - Lincoln Academy –
Summer School Scholarships
Loaves & Fishes – Pallet Stacker
RSVP of Enid & North Central Oklahoma –
Suicide Prevention for Senior Citizens
Enid Metropolitan Human Service Commission -
Walk This Way
Youth & Family Services

Agencies and Allocations 2014

AGENCIES

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER	\$54,911.26
CIMARRON COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA	30,404.10
CIMARRON VALLEY AMERICAN RED CROSS	44,036.58
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT ASSOCIATION (CDSA)	59,150.09
CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE	5,625.50
DENNY PRICE FAMILY YMCA	48,677.88
ENID COMMUNITY CLINIC	3,462.50
ENID METROPOLITAN AREA HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION	8,475.50
GARFIELD COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY COUNCIL	37,444.56
HEDGES REGIONAL SPEECH AND HEARING CENTER	26,211.18
GIRL SCOUTS OF WESTERN OKLAHOMA	15,205.04
LEGAL AID OF OKLAHOMA	1,425.00
RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)	26,586.18
THE SALVATION ARMY	38,079.77
YWCA OF ENID	81,193.28
YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES OF NORTH CENTRAL OKLAHOMA	43,612.38
CDSA - PARENTS AS TEACHERS PROGRAM	43,000.00
CDSA – PARENTS AS TEACHERS PROGRAM (YEARS 2 & 3 PAYABLE)	85,920.88
	\$653,421.68
ENID PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CARVER EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER	200,000.00

VENTURE GRANTS

30,398.00

TOTAL 2014 ALLOCATIONS

883,819.68

UNITED WAY SERVICES

Admin and Fundraising	101,952.00
Community Support Services	73,407.00
Total Admin & Community Support	175,359.00*

COMBINED BUDGETS	1,059,178.68
SHRINKAGE	(32,000.00)
<u>BUDGET TOTAL 2014</u>	<u>\$1,027,178.68</u>

*4% under budget

UNITED WAY OF ENID AND NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA, INC.

Enid, Oklahoma

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2014

(With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2013)

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 372,765	\$ 564,718
Investments	563,236	528,924
Unconditional Promises to Give:	312,575	504,023
Less Allowance for Cancellations	(62,000)	(32,000)
Equipment	24,373	23,923
Accumulated Depreciation	(23,729)	(23,357)
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,187,220</u>	<u>\$1,566,231</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
<i>Liabilities:</i>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 609	\$ 2,184
Payroll Liabilities	(197)	1,729
Venture Grants Payable	28,785	25,000
Allocations Payable	486,761	494,749
Contracts Payable	71,183	40,627
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 587,141</u>	<u>\$ 564,289</u>
<i>Net Assets:</i>		
Permanently Restricted	\$ 0	\$ 0
Temporarily Restricted	0	0
Unrestricted		
Designated		
Building Capital	49,898	38,898
Emergency Reserves	50,000	50,000
Undesignated	500,181	913,044
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 600,079</u>	<u>\$1,001,942</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$1,187,220</u>	<u>\$1,566,231</u>

Board of Directors

2014

Alan Clepper	President
Ken Helms	Vice-President
Randy Long	2nd Vice-President
Aaron Brownlee	Treasurer
John Little	Campaign Chair, Representing OG&E
Corey Groendyke & Ken Helms	Budget/Allocation Co-Chairs
Jessica Andrew	Personnel/Planning Chair
April Danahy	Membership Services Chair
Pamela Ballard	Board Secretary

Jack Baldwin	Rep. Mike Jackson*	
Lynn Ballard	Marcy Jarrett	Martie Oyler-Enmeier
Lynne Benkendorf	Dalen McVay	Mark Porter
Becky Bules	Lavonn McKnight	Krista Roberts
Monte Burris	Dr. Wayne McMillin	Cathy Stocker
Kelvin Classen*	Janice Mackie	Monica Tate
Jennifer DeHaas*	Lori Markes	Tim Traynor
Dr. Darrell Floyd	Jackie Melson	Martin Wise
Edward Herrman	Dr. Samantha Moery*	
Clay Hutson**		

* Board term expired April, 2015

**Resignation

BOARD NOMINEES (Term commences April 29, 2015) **Class of 2016**

Dr. Jerry Blankenship

Class of 2017

Trinity White, Oxbow Calcining Robin Pokorny, Community Enterprises

Class of 2018

Esther Bouziden, NBC Oklahoma Loretta Ore-Meredith, MHR Eric Brunken, Financial Advisor

2015-16 OFFICER NOMINEES

Kenneth Helms	President
Randy Long	Vice-President
April Danahy	2nd Vice-President
Becky Bules	Treasurer
Corey Groendyke & John Little	Budget/Allocation Co-Chairs
Jessica Andrew	Personnel/Planning Chair
Alan Clepper	Membership Services Chair

**** Past Leadership ****
Building The Foundation

**President &
Budget Allocation Chair**

Robert Frantz
 Don Willhoite
 Lance Atkinson
 Steve Whitfill

**Campaign Chair &
Budget Allocation Chair**

Doug Frantz
 Pat Murphy
 Harold Wilson
 Frank Lopez
 Bill Harris
 Jim Ferree
 Kenneth Helms

**President,
Campaign Chair &
Budget Allocation Chair**

Lew Meibergen
 Joe Franks
 Bob Dense
 Tim Traynor
 Martie Oyler
 Randy Long

**President &
Campaign Chair**

Judge Wilson
 John McMillen
 Jim Barnes
 Adolph Lambertz
 Al Proskovec
 Leonard Northcutt
 Jack Tresner, Jr.
 Dick Lambertz
 Bud Champlin
 Dolores Mathews
 Ralph Evans
 Bert Mackie
 Jim Rives
 Jack Hammontree
 John Garrison
 Kayle Costello
 April Danahy
 Todd Earl

**Served as Campaign Chair, President,
or Budget Allocation Chair**

Walter Scheffe
 Dr. Robert Shuttee
 Gini Zaloudek
 Brud Baker
 Hiram Champlin
 Suellen Singer
 Dick McKnight
 Bud Smith
 Chad Dillingham
 April Danahy
 Jim Cummins
 Dan Dillingham
 Mike Tuohy
 Dr. Paul Leap
 Brian Hinson
 Nancy Davies

Jerry Erwin
 Doug Parker
 Dr. Kevin Shimanek
 Mike Barnhouse
 Ramon Hayes
 John Wynne
 Gary Theilen
 Gilbert Tompson
 David Eck
 Frank Merritt
 Randy Waters
 Tom Sheets
 John Little
 Bill Ward
 Jeff Funk
 Todd & Cindy Earl

Amber Fitzgerald
 Dr. Cheryl Evans
 Brian Hayden
 Warren Henry
 Cindy Giesel
 Shaye Aman
 J. Curtis Huckelberry
 Kelvin Classen
 Corey Groendyke
 Tom & Jessica Andrew
 Ken Helms &
 Enid Fire Dept.
 Yvonne Lewis-Odom
 Alan Clepper
 John Little and OG&E

Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting
United Way of Enid & Northwest Oklahoma
Hiland Tower – Grand Ballroom
April 29, 2015 – 11:30am

AGENDA

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| I. Welcome And Introductions
(Pianist: Sandy Luginbill) | Alan Clepper,
Board President |
| II. Invocation | Rev. Wade Burleson |
| III. Introduction Of Agency Representatives | Pamela Ballard,
Executive Director |
| IV. President's Comments And Convocation
Of Annual Meeting | Alan Clepper |
| V. Financial Report | Becky Bules,
Treasurer |
| VI. Past Leadership Recognition | Alan Clepper |
| VII. Program Report | Pamela Ballard |
| VIII. Nominating Committee Report –
Board Member Election | Randy Long,
Committee Chair |
| IX. Adjournment Of Annual Meeting &
Convene Board Meeting | Alan Clepper |
| X. Nomination And Election Of Board Officers | Randy Long |
| XI. Gavel Presentation To New Board President | Alan Clepper |
| XII. Special Presentations | Pamela Ballard |
| XIII. Dick Lambertz Memorial Award | Carol Lambertz |
| XIV. Recognition Of Outgoing Board
Members & President | Kenneth Helms |
| XV. 2014 Campaign Report / 2015 Campaign | Pamela Ballard,
John Little |
| XVI. Dough To Dough Pie Judging!!!! | |

Community Investments Volunteers 2014

BUDGET ALLOCATION CO-CHAIRS

Corey Groendyke & Ken Helms

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Aaron Brownlee, Chair, Wymer Brownlee Alan Clepper, Board President, KOFM
John Little, Campaign Chair, OG&E Corey Groendyke, Budget Allocation
Esther Bouziden, NBC Bank Pamela Ballard, Exec. Dir. & Board Secy.
Katie Patton, BKD

SITE VISIT COMMITTEE

Adam Beauchamp	Lynne Benkendorf	Esther Bouziden	Aaron Brownlee
Becky Bules	Lindy Chambers	Alan Clepper	Janet Coplen
Kelly Dugger	Casey Felix	Corey Groendyke	Kenneth Helms
Eddie Herrman	Dianne Juhnke	Yvonne Lewis-Odom	John Little
Matt Lohman	Randy Long	Janice Mackie	Lori Markes
Erin McCoy	Lavonn McKnight	Wayne McMillin	Pamela Ballard

VENTURE GRANT COMMITTEE

Martha Deltoro	Cindy Griesel	John Little	Randy Long
Ed Vineyard	Steve Whitfill	Pamela Ballard	

CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

John Little & OG&E	2014-15 Campaign Chairs
Cathy Stocker	Pillars Club Chair
Kathleen Long	Chili Cook-Off Chair
Bob & Sherry Adamson	Golf Tournament Chair

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Enid News & Daily Eagle	Curtis Tucker & Enid Buzz	Eagle Marketing
KOFM/KGWA	KJ Productions	Four J's Tires
TPI Staffing Service	Safelite Autoglass	Mid-America Wholesale
Chisholm Trail Broadcasting	Jumbo Foods	Enid Public Schools
Enid Event Center	KC Electric	Enid Television Network
Onvisource	Raymie's Catering	Cummins Construction
PDQ Printing	Emmanuel Baptist Church	

We sincerely apologize for any errors and/or omissions. Thank you for your volunteerism and for your understanding.

Top Ten Employee Campaigns 2014

AdvancePierre Food Company
Central National Bank
Security National Bank
St. Mary's Regional Medical Center
OG&E
Integris Bass Baptist Health Center
Chesapeake Energy
Ward Petroleum Corporation
ONEOK
KC Electric

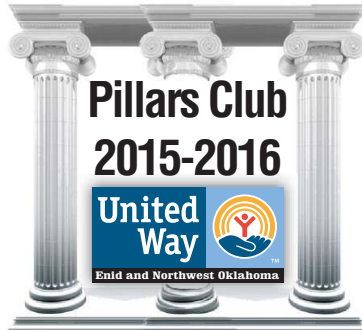
Most "Electrifying" Campaigns 2014

Chesapeake Energy
Dillingham Insurance
OG&E



Living United 2014





\$10,000 and Above

AdvancePierre Food Company
Allen Family Foundation
Gary & Johnnie Atwood
Gene & Jo Brown
Central National Bank
Chesapeake Energy
Kelvin & Mary Classen
Bill & Pat Harris
OG&E
Oklahoma Natural Gas
Security National Bank
Dr. Bob & Mrs. Betty Shuttee

\$5,000 to \$9,999

Greg & Elizabeth Allen
Mark & Jennifer Allen
Paul & Joan Allen
Integriss Bass Baptist Health Center
Liberty Federal Savings Bank
William J. Madrid
Mustang Gas Products
ONEOK
Richard & Suellen Singer
Ward Petroleum Corporation

\$2500-\$4999

Linda Athey
Scott & Molly Athey
Bank of Oklahoma, A division of BOKF, NA
Complete Energy Services - Fluid Management
Cummins Construction Company
Nancy Davies
Dr. Don & Pat Diehl
Chad & Lisa Dillingham
Jed & Cathy Dillingham
Enid News and Eagle
George Kaiser Foundation
Hiland Partners
K J Productions
Bert & Janice Mackie
Dr. Scott & Dena McEachern
Dick & Lavonn McKnight
David & Stephanie Meara
Messer Bowers Company
Metals USA
Northcutt Auto
ONE GAS, INC
Jon Paul & Tana Redelsperger
Brad & Sandra Robinett
Dr. Kevin & Mindy Shimanek

\$1000-\$2499

Edward A. Abernathy
Access Midstream
Wayne & Allison Aholt
AllState
AT&T - Enid
Chip & Christy Baker
Brud Baker
Pamela Ballard
John & Debbie Berg
Brad & Coni Blankenship
Dr. Jerry Blankenship
BNSF Foundation
Jay & Kara Bowers
Gary & Sheila Brown
Stan & Gail Brownlee
Cargill
Jimmie Chapman
Wesley T. Creasey Jr.
Jacqueline M. Cummins
Dan & Kay Dillingham
Bob Dense
Dillingham Insurance
Christopher Z. Duggan
Rocky R. Dutton
Phil & Susie Edwards
Ralph & Beverly Evans
Patrick Farrell
Dr. G. Franklin & Judy Forney
Doug & Dianne Frantz
Jeff & Lynnde Funk
Byron & Vanessa Gainer
Dennis & Tammy Gerhard
Derek Gipson
Steve & Lish Glasser
Claudia Glasser
Joseph L. Griffin
David & Marilyn Grissett
John D. & Virginia G. Groendyke
Raymond & Patty Hendrie

Edward Herrman
Brian Hinson
Greg & Shawn Hodgen
InterBank
Mark Jopling
Jerry R & Dianne Juhnke
K M Investments, LLC
Dr. Donald & Sharon Karns
KXLS, KNID, KCRC - Chisholm Trail Broadcasting
William Lamb
Tony Lee
Liberty of Oklahoma
John & Wendy Little
Randy & Lori Long
Steven Lorenz
Mr. & Mrs. David Martens
Stu & Barbara Meulpolder
Diana Miller
Dr. & Mrs. Dennis Morehart
NBC Oklahoma
NuStar
Danny Ohnesorge
Troy & Martie Oyler Enmeier
Parrish Enterprises dba Central Machine & Tool Co.
Terry D. Patton
PDQ Printing & Supplies
Pioneer Cellular
Drs. Mike & Myrna Pontious
Dr. Lorenz T. & Chris Ramseyer
Shawn & Deborah Reeves
Eddy & Susan Root
Dallas K. Rowley
Dr. David S. Russell
Tracy Sanders
Scheffe Prescription Shop
Jerry & Sue Schmidt
Darryl Scott
Terry Semmel
Steve & Carolina Seymour
Tom & Cynda Sheets

Dr. Brian & Susan Shewey
Dr. Bill & Carolyn Simon
Kevin & Val Smith
Rick West & Cathy Stocker
Greg & Linda Stong
Stuart Nissan
Stan & Darlene Tatum
Lee Thompson
Rick & Brenda Tozzi
Triangle Insurance
John Troy Ullom
Dwight Van Dolah
L. O. & Myra Ward
John & Gail Wynne

\$500-\$999

Barton Adair
Steven Aebi
Kevin G & Tracy Andersen
Senator Patrick & Kelly Anderson
Gunnar & Barbara Anderson
Terry Baartman
J. B. Baker
Chris Baker
Frank Baker & Carmen Ball
Michael Barnthouse
Lynn & Fran Bartel
DC Bass & Sons Construction
Ms. Alyssa Beck
Robin Berry
LTC David M. Biggers
Mike & Terry Bigheart
Kathi Black
Kim Boeckman
Jack Bowers
Susan & John Bowers III
Susan J. Bradford
Brent Brezina
Fred Brooks
David & Vicki Brown

Brenda Brummal
Chelsea Bugg
Mike Buie
Vivian L. Bunch
Richard & Monte Burris
Mary & Lacey Butler
David & Kelly Callant
Lavaughn Carey
Dr. & Mrs. Scott Carlson
Michael Carr
Dr. Stephen & Mary Susan Chambers
Cirrus Production Company
Kathy Choate
Tom Clark
Steve Clark
Joe & Connie Claypole
T. Mike Cocheres
Timothy Collins
Patrick Conley
Chris & Janet Copen
Janet Cordell
Kayle Costello
Troy Cowley
Cristina Craig
David & Tanya Craig
Trampas & Mandy Cross
Joshua Curran
Ernie & Deb Currier
April Danahy
Dwight & Betty Davis
Jamie S. Denny
Dr. Richard & Judy DeVaughn
Jeff & Mika Dick
Mark & Kaye Dick
Dillard's Department Store
Peter & Annie Dillingham
Christo DiMercurio
Dolese Bros. Co.
Downtown Threads (formerly T-Shirt Store)
Kelly & Amy Earhart

David & Kathy Eck
Envirotech Engineering & Consulting
Ashley M. Eulberg
Linda H. Evans
Mr. Tom & Dr. Cheryl Evans
Ashley Ewbank
David & Cheri Ezzell
Dr. Tim & Pamela Fagan
Harold Fetty, Jr.
Field, Trojan, Long & Claypole P.C.
Doug & Amy Finnegan
Drs. Darrell & Cheryl Floyd
Odie Frantz
Rodger Gagnon
Paul & Mickie Giberson
Denise Gilbert
Jerald Gilbert
Randy W. Green
Cindy Griesel
Angelie Grothe
Betsy Groves
Cathy Guinn
Gail Hackett
Merlin Haines
Mark T. Hamm
Aaron & Jennifer Harmon
Kenneth Helms
Jose L. Hernandez
Terri Hiatt
Brian Hiebert
Tracy Hiland
Dennis & Sandy Hladik
Linda Hoag
Dr. Bob & Lisa Hoffman
Mary Jo Hoffman
Taylor Hooper
Renee Hoover
Deanna Hotton
Matthew R. Howell
Jerry Hueppelsheuser

Gary & Connie Hulse
Gary Hunter
Terry Hurst
George A. Hutchinson
Bruce Jackson
David & Linda James
Jerry & Loretta Janzen
Janzen GMC
Brandon Jasper
JC Penney #2121
Tina Jones
Hazel Kampschroeder
Diana Karbs
Dan & Dr. Cheryl Kent
Sherri L. Kerns
Eric E. Killman
Richard Kirtley
Rose Ann Kliwer
Dr. Jay & Karen Knapik
David Labrue
Dennis & Jerilyn Lakely
Wesley Jay Lakin
Carol Lambertz
Rick Lamon
Jason K. Liska
James Long
Tena Loomis
T. Geoffrey Luke
Tom & Lynnette Luttrell
Judy Martin
Randy Mason
Buster McClish
Dolores McClure
Barry & Dana McDaniel
Melissa A. McGann
Bob McKinnon
Memorial Park Cemetery
Jeffrey Minnis
Jim Montgomery
Bettye Morland

Drs. Glenn & Lynda Mueller
Jeffrey E. Mullin
Jane Munger
Michael Murray
Kandi Nelson
Joe & Claire Newsom
Robert Nichols
Scott & Kim Olson
Doug & Stephanie Parker
Jeffrey Scott Patton
Michael & Jan Peck
Michelle Pettus
Pope Distributing Company
Brent & Marcy Price
Evertt Pritchett
Steve & Kathryn Pryor
Ken & Sherry Rapp
Royce Rasco
Ken Reardon
Mike & Robyn Roberts
Terry P. Rogers
Robert L. Rogers
Jerry Rose
Mary Rumph
Dr. Hugh & Pat Sage
J. D. Sarver
John & Marsha Scott
Austin Sebranek
Bruce Seymore
Erica Shaloy
Bill & Jana Shewey
Charles Shields, M.D.
Cynthia A. Shiever
Bill Shrum
Bill Shumate

Kyle & Darla Smith
Sarah Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Bud Smith Jr.
Cally Southern
Elise Sperakos
Rob & Mary Stallings
Chance Stokes
LeaAnn Strait
Jim & Sharon Strate
Carla Stratton
Drs. Seth & Eve Switzer
Martha Syms
Elizabeth Tagge
Jana Tate
Lola Thompson
Gilbert & Gayle Tompson
Todd A. Trennepohl
David & Sharon Trojan
Jason & Torry Turnbow
Cookie Turner
Tommy Varnell
Gerald & Marsha Weinand
Gene Wilkerson
Catrina Wilkinson
Kelley Williams
Warren Wilson
Sue Winter
David Wood
Judge Paul K. & Mrs. Becky Woodward
Mike & Kelley Wright
Carol Wyckoff
Wymer Brownlee
Linda Yauk
Clark & Beth Young
Lawrence & Stephani Yunker

2015 Dick Lambertz Memorial Award
Presented by Carol Lambertz
In Honor of Dick Lambertz, “Mr. United Way”

KELVIN CLASSEN



Our 2015 Dick Lambertz Memorial Award Recipient is not one to run to the spotlight or seek recognition; he would much rather perform his works of charity anonymously. However, when one person, one family, and one company has contributed so much to one community—our community—they are deserving of recognition. And so it is with this year’s recipient.

Kelvin Classen was raised not far from Enid, in Lahoma, Oklahoma. In 1988 he started KC Electric and today it is a thriving business and a premier employer for our city.

While Kelvin’s involvement with United Way doesn’t span decades, his leadership has been inspiring, extraordinary, and exemplary. Janet Coplen, Senior Consulting Partner with Dillingham HR, recalls enlisting Kelvin to the United Way family.

“Several years ago, the Executive Committee was reviewing a list of potential board members...and I was fortunate enough to receive the name of Kelvin Classen. I reached out to him by telephone and he was quite receptive and demonstrated an interest in learning more and joining the board. Little did I know at that time, how much I would come to admire and appreciate this man. His gentle approach, honesty, and love for others was evident from the moment he joined us. It wasn’t phony at all; it was legitimate and it was infectious. Kelvin was a mentor and inspired each of us on the board as he led us into new directions with a “can do” attitude. There isn’t a day when I think about my time on the United Way board that I don’t think fondly of the hours I had the pleasure of working beside Kelvin.”

Kelvin joined the United Way board in 2008 and quickly moved through the ranks to become President during the 2012-2013 Campaign year. Not only are he and his wife, Mary, staunch supporters of United

Way—being Tocqueville Society Leader gives for numerous years including last year’s “Little Kids, Big Impact” initiative, but KC Electric also matches employee giving dollar for dollar.

Kelvin and Mary’s generosity can also be seen throughout our community in organizations such as Red Cross, Youth and Family Services, and Emmanuel Baptist Church. This past fall, KC Electric sponsored a city-wide Ice Bucket challenge and raised thousands of dollars for research and awareness for ALS. St. Jude’s hospital is another recipient of the Classen family’s kindness. We know this only because we asked numerous questions, not because Kelvin offered any information.

Kelvin and Mary, who have two sons, two daughters, and one grandson, have developed and nurtured this same open-hearted spirit within their family by involving their children in making decisions about charitable giving. This year, as their sons, Bradley and Michael, led the United Way campaign at KC Electric, I’m certain it made their Dad proud to know they made the decision to continue his tradition of matching employee giving.

As a former United Way of Enid and Northwest Oklahoma Board member and Board President, a continued constant supporter and champion of United Way causes, and a father who is teaching his children to carry on his legacy, it is my great honor to present the 2015 Dick Lambertz Memorial Award to Kelvin Classen.



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Executive Director**

**Carolina Seymour
Executive Assistant**