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THE SMITHSONIAN IN OKLAHOMA!

On June 27, 2009, the Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit *Journey Stories* made its Oklahoma debut at the Creek Council House Museum in Okmulgee. From there, the exhibit traveled to five other rural Oklahoma communities: Newkirk, Sand Springs, Miami, Durant, and Chandler. By the end of the exhibit's Oklahoma tour in April 2010, almost 12,000 visitors—from our state and across the country—had learned how immigration and transportation shaped American history and culture.

The Oklahoma Humanities Council (OHC) is the only organization in the state to which this exciting and educational partnership with the Smithsonian is available. Through the Museum on Main Street (MoMS) program, OHC brings the prestige of Smithsonian exhibitions to small towns, providing critical funding and capacity-building workshops that help rural institutions make lasting improvements to their organizations. Communities benefit from hosting a Smithsonian exhibit in numerous ways: citizens and local groups work together, visitors learn new perspectives, and community pride soars!

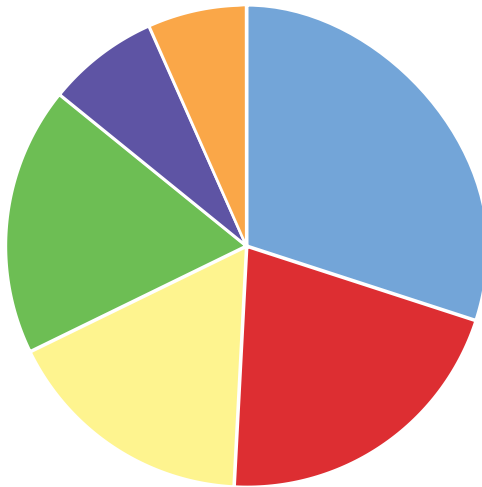
OHC is proud of its Museum on Main Street program and appreciates the dedication and hard work of each host community in making the *Journey Stories* tour a success. Plans are well underway for the next traveling exhibit, *Key Ingredients: America by Food*. Watch for it this fall—it may be coming to a town near you!



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2010

Expenses

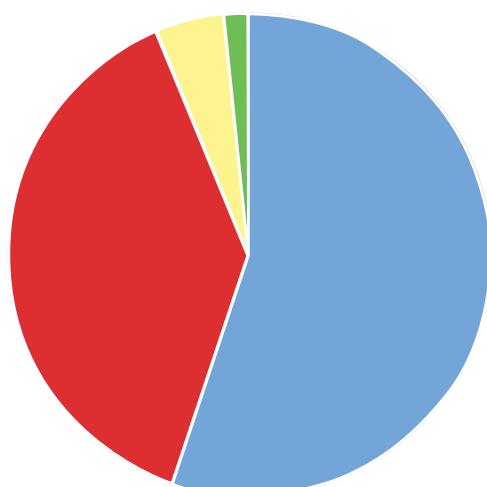
- Total Expenses \$1,047,298
- Program Services \$313,707
- Council-run Programs \$217,990
- Management \$178,394
- Regrants \$187,663
- Partnerships/Program Contracts \$80,000
- Fund Development \$69,544



Revenue

Total Revenue \$1,450,676

- National Endowment for the Humanities \$797,106
- *Gifts \$573,992
- Interest and Other \$61,030
- State of Oklahoma \$18,547



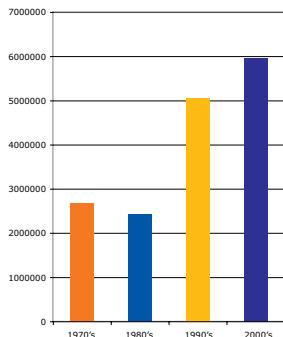
Note: These figures are from the audited financial statements for the time period of November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010. For a complete listing of grants awarded, visit: www.okhumanitiescouncil.org/grants. *Includes one-time gift from Humanities in Oklahoma, Inc.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OKLAHOMA

In celebration of our 40th anniversary, we reflect on our past four decades of service to the state of Oklahoma. From these charts, one can see how far we have progressed and our potential for the future. *Audience figures include nationally syndicated programs funded by OHC grants.

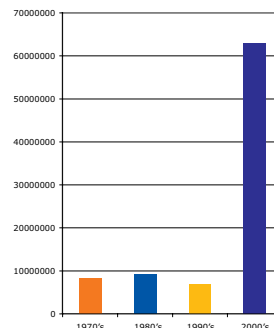
NEH Grant Funding

- 1970s - \$2,677,893
- 1980s - \$2,432,240
- 1990s - \$5,068,183
- 2000s - \$5,974,816



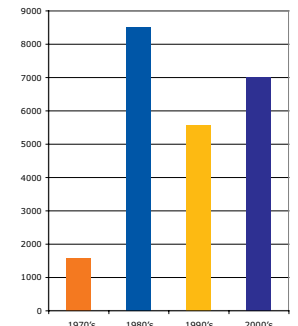
Audience Served

- 1970s - 8,207,781
- 1980s - 9,280,071
- 1990s - 6,977,975
- 2000s - 62,926,393



Programs

- 1970s - 1,564
- 1980s - 8,501
- 1990s - 5,582
- 2000s - 7,018



WHY I GIVE TO OHC

While serving on the executive committee of the Northwestern OSU Foundation Board of Directors, I traveled to meetings in Alva from my home in Enid once per month—for eleven years. To avoid the monotony and boredom of the drive, I began to scout all the different routes for the trip. I drove through every small town in Northwest Oklahoma.

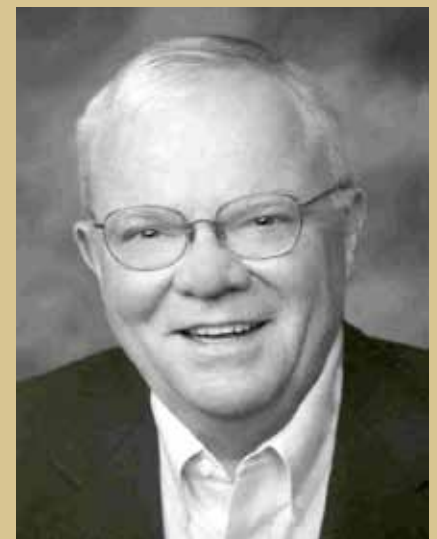
After I was appointed to the Board of the Oklahoma Humanities Council (OHC) by Governor Henry, I learned that some of these small towns were benefitting from grants and humanities programs sponsored by OHC. I knew these programs were a boon to rural communities, so in my travels I began to stop at schools and libraries to drop off brochures on the educational opportunities that OHC could help underwrite.

I was surprised that many of these organizations had not really heard about OHC and the good works we

make happen every day. Pretty soon, applications from schools, libraries, museums, and community festivals started to pour into our office and we were pleased to help fund most of them. Next came the wonderful thank-you notes from grateful librarians, teachers, and community leaders.

It still amazes me that small grants from OHC can make such a big difference in small-town Oklahoma. A little seed money from the Council encourages funding from local donors and businesses and, together, we make a big impact on the cultural life of individuals and communities. That is one of the many reasons I give to OHC and I would encourage all of you to consider OHC in your gifting plans.

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