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Legacy of giving in Central OK to continue under new name

Foundation also announced \$50,000 signature gift

OKLAHOMA CITY – Representatives from the Fred and Mary Eddy Jones Foundation today announced the formation of the new Fred Jones Family Foundation at a brunch at the Oklahoma Heritage Association. The new foundation name reflects four generations of giving in Oklahoma. There will be three generations present at the brunch.

The organization also announced the creation of the Mary Eddy Jones Signature Gift, which will award one nonprofit organization \$50,000 during the fiscal year 2009-2010. More than 100 nonprofits who have received support from the Fred and Mary Eddy Jones Foundation in the past were invited to the brunch.

“This is an exciting day for our family,” said Kirk Hall, president and chairman of the Fred Jones Family Foundation. “It is the vision of giving back to the community that began with my grandfather and grandmother that brings us all here today to continue the commitment to Oklahoma’s future.”

Several Central Oklahoma nonprofits were in attendance including Boys & Girls Club of Oklahoma County, the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, the Oklahoma Zoological Society, United Way of Central Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma Foundation.

The Fred Jones Family Foundation, formerly the Fred and Mary Eddy Jones Foundation, was created following the death of Mary Eddy Jones in 2001. More than \$3 million has been distributed during the 2001-2009 time period. The Foundation plans to make annual grants in the 2009-2010 fiscal year, ranging from \$350,000 to \$500,000.

The foundation is named after Fred Jones who came to Oklahoma City in 1916 on his 24th birthday. Jones believed that the automobile was going to revolutionize the American economy and quickly found a job at the new Ford Motor company assembly plant.

By 1923, Jones had bought and successfully sold two Ford dealerships. Less than two years later, he opened a third dealership in Oklahoma City. By 1938, Fred Jones was the fourth largest dealer in the nation. That same year was the start of the Fred Jones Manufacturing Co., which became the largest Ford Authorized Reconditioner in the United States.

In 1943 he was elected president of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce and in 1964 he was inducted into Oklahoma's Hall of Fame.

About the Fred and Mary Eddy Jones Foundation

The Fred Jones Family Foundation is a nonprofit and charitable foundation dedicated to support the 501(c)(3) organizations that increase the quality of life in central Oklahoma through projects dedicated to cultural growth and beautification.

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