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Out with the Old and In with the New!

A giant *THANK YOU!* goes out to all those that gave to the Classroom Computer Fund. A total of \$59,203 was raised to purchase new classroom computers, software, printers, copiers, and additional infrastructure.

Through the generosity of 29 donors, we met our goal. Donors included: Grace and Franklin Bernsen Foundation, H. A. and Mary K. Chapman Charitable Trust, MetLife Foundation, The Oxley Foundation, Bank of Oklahoma, Ruth K. Nelson, Ronald J. and Kathleen J. Berger, Baker Hughes Foundation, Hille Foundation, ONEOK, Inc., Lori McGinnis, Gordona Duca, John & Allison Greene, Dee Ann Ayles, Audra K. Hamilton, Alex K. & Teresa B. Adwan, Kelly Thornton, Jennifer Broker, Brian Lavarney, Becki McIntosh, Steve Berlin, Michael & Carey Cole, Dewitt L. and Bobby Ruth Potter, Kathy Keating, Susan

Ludeman, Odie T. McReynolds, Patsy L. Lyon, and Randy L. & Tamara R. Strimple.



From left to right: Kelly Thornton – Bank of Oklahoma and Street School Board President; Leslie Sanderson – MetLife Foundation; Andrea Doyle – Chapman Foundations Management, LLC; John D. Strong, Jr. – Grace and Franklin Bernsen Foundation; Dr. Lori McGinnis – Street School Executive Director.

The 40 new computers with current software capabilities will meet the classroom-teaching needs at Street School. Students have been using 13 late '90s-vintage computers, which, among other challenges, don't meet requirements for current educational software.

“Our goal is to educate students so that they have the knowledge and computer skills they need to graduate from high school, to gain employment, or to continue their education. The new computers and educational software will play an important role in meeting that goal,” said Dr. Lori McGinnis, Street School executive director.

“On behalf of the hundreds of students that will benefit from the new technology, we thank all those who contributed to our Classroom Computer Fund. This made our goal of providing new classroom computers to all of our Street School students a reality,” McGinnis said.

Record Demand for College Scholarships

Street School doesn't end at graduation for our students. Through a wonderful and generous partnership with the Mervin Bovaird Foundation, that has contributed \$523,000 to Street School over the past 20 years, Street School provides college scholarships to some students wanting to continue their education.

In 2005, a record 46 scholarship applications were received, with 32 being funded to some degree.

In 2005, a record 46 applications were received requesting \$74,783 in scholarships. A total of 32 of them were funded to some degree. Many of those grants were funded at approximately 60% of the amount requested. To fund 100% of our eligible scholarship applications at 100% of their request would have required an additional \$36,423. Street School is working to raise more money to meet requests.

There were 38 Class of 2005 Street School graduates. Of those, 30 have continued on to college, and many of them on a scholarship made possible by the Mervin Bovaird Foundation. Our scholarship program is open to any student who graduated from Street School; therefore, alumni from many years ago apply for support too. Before

deciding who will receive a grant, the scholarship committee considers all applicants taking into account a number of factors: whether this is their first application, how long they attended Street School, how long ago they graduated, their current G.P.A. if they are a current college student, and their progress toward completing a degree. All scholarship grants are paid to the college or university and are used only for tuition and books.

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Street School is a private, non-profit alternative school of choice and therapeutic counseling program for students in 9th – 12th grade.

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Annual Management Report Shows Excellent Results

Street School, whose client services program includes behavioral health, community outreach, First Time Offender Program, and alternative education, announces exemplary results in the Annual Management Report. The program goals and objectives for the 2005 school year were met, and an on-going planning process continues to ensure that agency staff and consumer needs are met.

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Student surveys were very positive and reflect a successful program. Students responded to the counseling client satisfaction surveys with an average score of 4.8 on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the best. The survey measured students' satisfaction with counselors keeping appointments, involving them in their treatment plan, being confidential, and benefiting from the services provided. It was also reported that 87% of the students reported that they felt Street School had a positive affect on their lives.

Street School's annual three-year follow-up surveys are another highlight of the report. Results showed that 90% of all students that have attended Street School for the past three years (2001 – 2004) graduated from high school. Of those, 25% attended college and 76% are employed.

The Oklahoma Technical Assistance Center (OTAC) student exit statistics are also part of the Annual Management Report. They reported that of the 147 students that attended Street School, 92% either graduated, returned to their home school, moved to another school district, completed the GED or returned to Street School. They also reported that the average number of days absent from school dropped from 44 to 11 after students entered Street School. The average GPA increased from 1.0 to 3.0 after students completed one year at Street School. A full copy of the Annual Management Report and OTAC report are available upon request.

New Website Launched!

We're very excited to announce that Street School has a new website courtesy of Jeff Barnes of Scizzortell Design. Please go to www.streetschool.org and check out this state-of-the-art website. There you'll find information on Street School programs, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and our teacher's wish lists, to name just a few of our site's features.

"We can't thank Jeff and Scizzortell Design enough for their generous support including countless hours designing and creating our new website," said Dr. Lori McGinnis, Street School Executive Director. She added, "We're very excited to have our website available to those who need our program and services as well as to our volunteers and donors that make it all possible." Barnes commented that, "Providing this website is a great way for us to give back to the community by helping a very worthwhile organization. I look forward to working with Street School as the website takes on a life of its own and evolves through time."

WWW.STREETSCHOOL.ORG

Street School Mission Statement

Street School, Inc. is a private, non-profit alternative education and therapeutic counseling program whose mission is to create a supportive community for students who have chosen to continue their education in a non-traditional setting. Our comprehensive and individualized services enable students to reach their own potential and become responsible and productive adults.



Tulsa Area United Way

Street School As An International Model

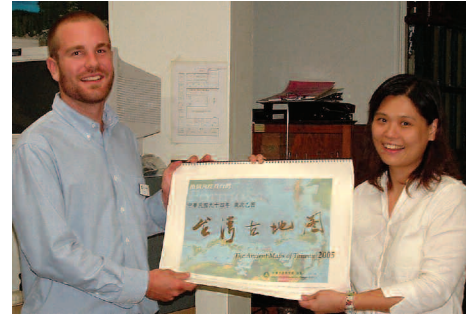
A delegation of 35 visitors from The Humanistic Education Foundation (HEF), located in Taiwan, came to Street School on August 23 to learn the latest advances in our youth services dropout prevention, intervention and recovery program so they could replicate our best practices. The HEF is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the development of human-centered education in Taiwan. The foundation identifies problems in



Tian, Qiu-Jing presenting gifts to Lorraine McReynolds, Program Director.

contemporary education, promotes alternative educational ideas, and helps create a social and political forum to discuss the purpose and means of education. The goal of HEF is to contribute to the development of energetic, positive, self-respecting, caring human beings who can meet all challenges.

This group mirrored the visitors who came to Street School five years ago from the same city. The leader



Ryan Henry, Science teacher, and Tian, Qiu-Jing

of the group, Tian, Qiu-Jing, implemented what she learned then with the Taiwan schools. Since Tian, Qiu-Jing visited five years ago, she has become an elected official and is working to implement the Street School program through their political system.

As a thank you, Street School was presented with gifts from our guests for the opportunity to come and learn more about our program.

Volunteer Spotlight: Brad Cheffey

Meet Brad Cheffey an Oklahoma native who worked as a Probation Officer for the State of Oklahoma between 1988 and 1994, and has been a Federal Probation Officer since 1994. Brad is the proud father of Claire, age 12, who is in the seventh grade and a member of the Union Pom Squad, and Phillip, age 10, who is in the fifth grade and a Union Black offensive end on the football team.

Brad became involved with Street School during his participation in a three-year leadership program where he became so impressed with the philosophy, goals, and operation of Street School that he asked to be considered as a potential board member.

He specifically wanted to be involved with Street School because, he said, "Over the last 16 years as a probation officer, I have dealt with hundreds of cases where failure to graduate from high school contributed to lack of job opportunity, and low employment directly links to criminal behavior." Brad saw first hand how Street School was directly impacting lives in a way that benefited the community.

Since becoming a member of the board of directors, Brad has contributed in

many ways, but his biggest undertaking has been serving as Program Chair assisting in the implementation of the new Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) standards. Brad said, "I believe CARF is a good step for Street School as it recognizes our good practices through a formal accreditation process. CARF looks at policy, practices, and forms from a new user-oriented perspective. I find it good business. With CARF's requirements of regular surveys, I feel we are more in touch with service users."

As for Street School's future, Brad said, "I am confident Street School will maintain its professional standards and excellent service for years to come, and continue its charm of a close-knit youth services program that students depend on to motivate them to achieve the things they dream of."



You're Invited to the Street School Rocks! Open House

We're under construction! Due to the installation of central heat and air conditioning, the school has been under construction that will continue until the end of February. With hopes that everything will be finished, we've rescheduled our Open House. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the **Street School Rocks! Open House** on **Tuesday, March 28 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.** at Street School located at 1135 South Yale Ave.

This is a great opportunity for volunteers and supporters to see the school in action, meet teachers, counselors and students, and tour the school. Guests will be able to see the new classroom computers purchased through our Classroom Computer Fund Project. Come be the first to see the art our students have created to be auctioned at the Street Party Prom fundraising event on April 15th to support the school. A light lunch of sandwiches will be available.

Welcome to the Great Outdoors

Ryan Henry's science class can rarely be found in the classroom. He believes in learning from the environment by being a part of it. That is why he has created an extra-curricular activity called Wilderness Adventures. Throughout the school year, he will take students on eight Wilderness Adventures to challenge them physically, emotionally and intellectually. These adventures provide excellent teachable moments where the lessons from the classroom come to life in the real world. Henry said, "We know that teenagers learn and grow from the challenges they face. For many of our students, our Wilderness Adventures program provides challenges our students might not otherwise have

the opportunity to experience." Upcoming field trips include canoeing, camping, mountain biking, orienteering, and a ropes course.

Henry works with Matt Nida, Recreational Therapist with the LeFlore County Health Department, to organize the field trips. These pictures are from a recent field trip to Robbers Cave State Park where 11 students experienced rock climbing for the first time. Nida explained that he works with a wide variety of groups designing outdoor activities that meet the groups' desired

objectives. At first glance, many outside observers might perceive these activities to be purely recreational. The reality of the experience is that they are lessons in specific skills to be learned through participation. In fact upon close observation, one may recognize each

activity is dependent upon the development and use of the targeted behavior. After achieving their goals, participants are taught to recognize and apply what they have learned in everyday life. Common objectives include accepting challenges, respect, building self esteem, communication skills, leadership skills, and team work for both personal

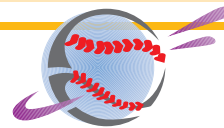
and social growth. Nida said, "We believe that through group interaction with the natural environment the proper atmosphere is created for increased appreciation of one's self, others and the world in which we live."



Shown above: Steven Brothers.

Back row from left to right: Phillip Robbins, Steven Brothers, Timothy Dyer, Elizabeth Pearson, Tracy Wright, Tyler Adams, Chris Pack, Ryan Henry and Holly Alexander. Front row from left to right: Matt Nida, Micah Hyatt, Lindsey Hamilton and Leah Paquette.

Street School Goes To Finals



Congratulations to the Street School softball team for finishing second in the first ever Alternative School Softball Tournament benefiting the Tulsa Area United Way. Eight schools met on the fields at Union High School, which included three Union schools, Franklin Youth Academy, Owasso, Stillwater and Claremore. Each team paid \$25 to participate as their donation to the United Way.

Street School made quick work of Claremore in its first round match up winning 16 to 2. In the second round, Street School played Union Silver and came out on top 6 to 3. From then on, it was three games with Union Black. Street School won their first contest, but lost the second and played a third game to break the tie with Union Black winning the final.

Special thanks goes to Jimmy Abraham, Street School Counselor and Ryan Henry, Street School Science Teacher, for coaching the first ever Street School softball team to success.

Back row left to right: Timothy Dyer, Ryan Henry – teacher & coach, Holly Alexander, Leece Deerinwater, Tracy Wright and Max Kelsay. Front row left to right: Jimmy Abraham – counselor & coach, Laura Booth, Chris Pack, Rusel Kernaghan, Leah Paquette, Kaitlin Mariner, Lucas Holmes and George Moore.



Leadership Class USO Dance

Street School's Leadership Class, with help from their teacher Kim Camp, organized a 1940's USO themed dance for the individuals living at the Mansion House Senior Living Center. The dance was held on November 10 at the Mansion House complete with music and attire from the era. Students created a sign greeting participants that read, "Welcome to Street School's Sky Lighters' Canteen Ballroom." Guys dressed as GI's, and Girls as Rosie the Riveter or dress of that era. To get their feet tapping, songs such as *Tuxedo Junction*, *Boogie Woogie*, *Take a Train*, *Satin Doll* and *Moonlight Serenade* were played. Decorations were of a patriotic theme.

"Utilizing learned leadership styles, the Leadership Class planned, organized and executed a wonderful dance," said Camp. Students saw a great opportunity to provide senior citizens with a fun activity and to connect to younger people. The dance

involved both generations working together therefore helping breakdown barriers. Respect was earned by everyone involved, and a discussion took place about the day's strengths, weaknesses and feelings evoked by the event. The various reflections will help students plan another successful event in the future.

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Front row left to right: Jessica Kearns, Carlos Martinez, Kiva Novesky, Lindsay Sager and Melissa Meza. Back row left to right: Steven Lowry, Kristina Goodman, Erin Collier, Stephanie Woodward and Nicholas Meyer.

Students formed committees and networked to have food, flowers and decorations donated.

The Leadership Class dance committee was chaired by Kiva Novesky. Carlos Martinez chaired publicity, Melissa Meza chaired decorations and flowers, Jessica Kearns chaired music and attire, and Samantha Deter chaired refreshments. Special thanks goes to those who made donations, which included: Toni's Flowers and Gifts, Burnett's Flowers and Gifts, For Every Season, Panera Bread, Bill & Ruth's Sub Shop and Reasor's.

New Library Funded!

Thanks to the generous support of the Sarkeys Foundation and The Gelvin Foundation, Street School will soon have a library for the first time. It will be complete with the latest reference materials, computers, software and audio visual equipment. Plans are to have the library open to students when school begins in August 2006.



Focus On Reading

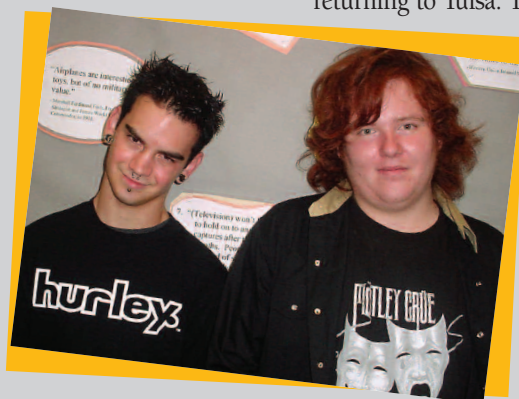
Through a grant from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing Tulsa, Street School purchased and implemented a reading comprehension program called *Focus On Reading*. Early results show that two students have increased their reading grade level by two grades within the first four weeks of using the program.

Mr. Poplin and Mr. Pigeon Go To Washington

As part of the Close Up Foundation's Great American Cities program, two Street School students went to Washington, DC the week of November 6th. Through the generosity of a number of foundations, the Oklahoma State Department of Education and Oklahoma University, 100 students within the Tulsa Public School system participated. Kevin Poplin, a junior, and Michael Pigeon, a sophomore, felt it was an honor and privilege to get to go and were proud to represent Street School.

During their trip, they met key government decision makers and

officials, toured the city, participated in workshops, attended a live theatrical performance and a banquet and a dance. Students participated in an ongoing community action project after returning to Tulsa. This provided an opportunity for them to use the skills they learned in a real-life attempt to address community issues they care about. There will also be a one-day Community Action Exposition held in the spring of 2006 where all schools will present the projects they have undertaken. Moreover, in June students will take part in a Youth Summit at OU's Carl Albert Center.



Kevin Poplin and Michael Pigeon

Get a Date and Save the Date!

Street Party Prom 2006

Were you Prom Queen or King at your high school prom? Either way, here's your chance to be Prom Queen or King for the day or at least the evening anyway. Please join Kim Smith, chair, and Stacey and Tom McKeon, honorary chairs, for the best Prom of your life, which will be on Saturday, April 15 at the Metro Tulsa

Community College campus. Prom attire is very optional, but retro prom attire is recommended if you want to have a lot of fun reminiscing and entering our Best Dressed or Prom Queen and King contests.

This Street School fundraiser is for adults only, but with a Prom theme it will feature the traditional prom look and feel including a professional photographer for a keepsake picture, a live band, plenty of streamer decorations, and "spiked" punch. It will also include a live and silent auction, along with some terrific catered food.

event that supports such a valuable program." While sponsorships are still available, we'd like to thank and recognize our sponsors to date: Oklahoma's NewsChannel 8, Bank of Oklahoma, Tulsa Community College, Tulsa World, BK Rogers, and Donna C. Hiner, CFP.



Street School in the Top 20

Street School was one of twenty non-profits selected by *TulsaPeople* readers that benefited from the *TulsaPeople* November 19 benefit concert at the Cain's Ballroom. Over 7,500 ballots were cast during the month of June as part of the *Plugged into the Community TulsaPeople 20 Years* anniversary celebration to determine 20 non-profits that would benefit from the concert. Street School received 1/20 of the net proceeds generated by ticket sales and sponsorships. Event organizer's goal was to raise over \$50,000.

An auction was also held to help reach the goal. Each of the 20 non-profits contributed an item and received the proceeds from their item. Street School's board of directors contributed a basket filled with everything and anything a wine connoisseur would want with a retail value of \$1,000.

In the November 2005 Anniversary Issue of *TulsaPeople*, Street School was profiled. Street School thanks all those who cast their vote and expresses sincere gratitude to Jim Langdon and *TulsaPeople* for this wonderful opportunity.



Honorary Chair Tom McKeon, President and CEO of Tulsa Community College said, "We are honored to be a part of this



Chair Kim Smith

Honorary Chairs Stacey and Tom McKeon

For more information about Street Party Prom, please contact David Ulrich at 833-9813 or email him at urichda@tulsaschools.org or visit our website at www.streetschool.org.

the Street school 2nd Annual silver screening

Street School held its second annual Silver Screening on November 15, 2005 at Circle 2; the newly renovated theater at Circle Cinema, chaired by Kathryn Offermann and Jamie Zink, Street School board members.

"Our goal was to raise funds as well as new friends at this year's event," said Offermann. "Street School is an outstanding youth services program that provides a much needed service. We're very excited about the awareness and revenue raised at this year's Silver Screening."

Special guests enjoyed a social hour with hors d'oeuvres, followed by a short Street School program and the movie *Girls Like Us*. Winner of the grand jury prize at the 1997 Sundance Film Festival, *Girls Like Us* is a rare opportunity to watch four girls from diverse backgrounds grow from teenagers into adults.

Thank you to our sponsors and guest speakers because without you, this event wouldn't have been possible. Our sponsors were John Steele Zink Foundation, Bama, Tulsa Community College and Grant Thornton, LLP. Special thanks to Wenzel Design, Inc. and Laura Abbott for their support. The event's speakers were Jennifer Vazquez, Jenny Fitzgerald, Kelly Thornton, Dr. Lori McGinnis and Richard Palazzo. Both Vazquez and Fitzgerald are Street School alum.

Street School Hosts *The Outsiders*

The national premier of *The Outsiders – The Complete Novel* was held on September 8 in Tulsa at the AMC Southroads 20 Theaters. Along with Warner Home Video, Street School was honored to host this event. Special thanks to S.E. Hinton, *The Outsiders* author, for personally asking Street School to take part. Street School supporters and volunteers were guests of Street School for this once in a lifetime event. Guests were treated to a reception, and a special question and answer session with author S.E. Hinton and actors Ralph Macchio and C. Thomas Howell. Many guests also got autographs and their picture taken with the stars.

The Outsiders – The Complete Novel is Francis Ford Coppola's new version of his 1983 film adaptation of the renowned S.E. Hinton best seller. Said Coppola, "*The Outsiders* is a teenage epic, beloved by so

many young people – junior high school students especially – and it's often their first important experience with literature."



Shown left to right: Ralph Macchio, Dr. Lori McGinnis, S.E. Hinton, Kerry Malone, C. Thomas Howell.
Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Eagle, Kevin Coleman

S.E. Hinton's book has sold 12 million copies to date and has been translated into 21 languages. It is taught in schools nationwide and continues to find new fans with each new generation. *The Outsiders* was first published in 1967, when Hinton was

only 17. The movie version of *The Outsiders* – like the book – struck a powerful chord with audiences, capturing the intense feelings of being caught between childhood and adulthood, yet not belonging anywhere. A classic coming-of-age story, *The Outsiders* is set in gritty Tulsa, Oklahoma during the early 1960s and centers on a teen rivalry between two opposing groups: the Greasers (poor kids) and the Socs (socials, the rich kids).

Give Thanks

The 24th annual Street School Thanksgiving Dinner was held on November 22 for Street School students, their families, volunteers and supporters. Street School board members and staff served guests a free Thanksgiving dinner made possible through generous donations from Street School supporters. This tradition is an example of how Street School is much more than a school – it is family. Street School also thanked the representatives from the UPS Foundation who presented a check to Street School for \$25,000, which will be used towards the purchase of a mini-bus.

Exceeded Goal!

Street School raised \$9,520 for the Tulsa Area United Way campaign; surpassing the goal of \$9,080 with a 10% increase over the prior year and 100% employee participation.



Tulsa Area United Way

Philbrook Volunteers & Day of Caring

Philbrook Museum of Art volunteers came out in support of Street School on United Way's annual Day of Caring held September 9. Street School students and staff are genuinely thankful for the generosity, as volunteers painted the school's staff lounge, Life Skills class room, cleaned the kitchen, trimmed trees and bushes, cleared weeds, and planted flowers all in one day.

Street School would like to thank the many volunteers from the Philbrook for volunteering their time, effort and talents. Lori McGinnis, Street School Executive Director, said, "We can't thank Philbrook enough for their support and truly appreciate what the Day of Caring has meant for our school."



Maryanne Winters, Philbrook; Pam Hodges, Philbrook; Donna Durrin, Philbrook; and Sherril Scott, community volunteer.



Mario McCaskill, student; Shala Frazier, student; Charisse Cooper, Philbrook; Darcy Claybourne, Philbrook; and Kim O'Meilia, Philbrook.



Chris Kallenberger, Philbrook; Maurine Perry, Philbrook; and Willie Collins, Philbrook.

STUDENT PROFILE

Bridgette Grundy

Meet Bridgette Grundy a senior who came to Street School as a sophomore in 2003. She will finish school in January 2006, and is looking forward to commencement with her classmates in June. Bridgette has big plans for her life after Street School. Her ultimate goal is to become a counselor and help young people. She will start classes at Tulsa Community College in 2006 with plans to complete her psychology degree at Langston University.



Bridgette came to Street School wanting to get her grades up and get away from the big classes at her previous school. Pam Sinor, Bridgette's counselor, said, "Bridgette has done a 180 after her first year at Street School. She has become a productive member of our student body and a role model." When asked what Bridgette likes most about Street School, she said, "The teachers and counselors because they will talk with you one-on-one and help you solve your problems. They really try to help us." Bridgette recommends Street School to others and has encouraged her friends to enroll.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Silver Screening Event . . . 11-15-05
- Thanksgiving Dinner 11-22-05
- Winter Break . . . 12-22-05 to 1-2-06
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 1-16-06
- President's Day 2-20-06
- Spring Break 3-20 to 3-24-06
- Open House 3-28-06
- Street Party Prom 4-15-06
- Memorial Day 5-29-06
- Last Day of School. 5-30-06

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