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### **Street School Receives \$5K from OneGas**

**TULSA, Okla.** – Street School, Tulsa’s award winning alternative high school of choice received \$5,000 from OneGas to go toward program support.

“We are proud to support educational programs like Street School,” said OneGas community relations manager, Chris Phillips. “Education affects every aspect of our community and the more we support the students of our future, the better we all will be.”

Founded in 1973, Street School is a non-profit alternative high school of choice that has become a national model for helping at-risk youth. By combining academics with therapeutic counseling, the school has a unique approach in working with teens who have a myriad of academic, social, emotional and even substance-abuse problems. On average, Street School has a 90% graduation rate.

“We raise almost half of our \$1.4 million operating budget through fundraising, so every individual donation, corporate sponsorship and foundation grant is needed.” said Street School’s executive director, Dr. Lori McGinnis-Madland. “We could not serve more than 130 students annually without these private partnerships.”

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# STREET SCHOOL

**Photo:** Street School staff members along with representatives from OneGas pose with a picture of the \$5,000 check. (Left to right: Sandra Thornton, development director, Street School; Ann Harrison, community relations representative, OneGas; Chris Phillips, community relations manager, OneGas and Lori McGinnis-Madland, Ed.D., executive director, Street School)

Street School is an alternative high school with a therapeutic counseling program accredited by Tulsa Public Schools. The school's mission is to create a supportive community for students in grades 9 through 12 who have chosen to work toward graduating from high school in a non-traditional setting. Street School is a dropout prevention, intervention and recovery program and recognized nationally as a leader in dropout prevention. Students *choose* to attend the school because they are committed to graduating, to learning and practicing life skills, to resolving substance abuse problems, to dealing with behavioral issues and to filling the void of support traditionally provided by family.

Street School is a non-profit organization governed by a board of directors made up of Tulsa community leaders. Street School does not receive funding from the Tulsa Public Schools Foundation; however, the Tulsa Public Schools district is an invaluable and essential since 1973.