



Left to Right: Savana Amos, Linda Love, Max Fowler, Steven Sockey, Kenny Barnhart, Larry Hall, Matt Gentry, Stacy Boren, Joseph Trumbley, Rick Patrick, Cleo Hill, Phil James, Joe Bullard. Front row: R. D. Labor, Roy Perryman, Chad Martin, Heather Harrison and Carroll Huggins.

Thank You AFR For Helping.....

KI BOIS Food Pantry served over 1,077 families (1,984 individuals) between January and April of this year. As the need increases so does the need for additional food. KI BOIS Community Action relies on Tulsa Food Bank for their food source, but sometimes it just isn't enough to cover those in need.

Haskell County Farmers Union / American Farmers and Ranchers (AFR), Sockey Insurance and Atkins Insurance along with their local board of directors, saw a need and made a decision to give back to their community by donating \$1,000.00 to the KI BOIS Food Pantry. According to Steven Sockey, "We had a little money and we decided to give to the local food bank." Each year AFR spends approximately \$10,000.00 by donating to their local communities, either by scholarships, local premium sales or youth organizations.

KI BOIS Community Action Developmental Disability consumers play a vital part in making this resource a success. The Stigler Food Bank is located at 125 East Main and is open to the public from 8:00 to 4:00 Monday through Friday.

Carroll Huggins, KI BOIS Community Action CEO states, "We really appreciate the kind generosity of AFR and those who made this donation possible. Every penny will be spent on replenishing food for those in need."

Farmers Union / APR has been serving our area since 1975.



June 1, 2020

From the desk of the Executive Director/CEO:

Our great nation is going through some troubling times with the Covid-19 Pandemic affecting so many people's lives. Our agency is open for business and we are making all efforts to protect our staff and clients. We have received extra funding in our Transit and CSBG programs to assist those affected by Covid-19.

This agency has always been on the forefront in the area of non-discrimination. Recent unfortunate events are bringing to light the need for greater unity in preventing discrimination in all areas of our society. We pledge, at KI BOIS Community Action, to do all in our power to prevent any and all discrimination that comes to our attention!

Our hearts and prayers go out to all individual who have been adversely effected!



Carroll Huggins

Carroll Huggins, Executive Director / CEO

10 Things You Didn't Know About the Fourth of July

1. **The Declaration of Independence wasn't signed on July 4th or in July at all!**
2. **The first celebrations wasn't much different than today's.**
3. **Eating Salmon on the 4th of July is a tradition in New England.**
4. **Massachusetts was the first state to recognize the Holiday.**
5. **The oldest annual 4th of July celebration is held in Bristol, Rhode Island.**
6. **The shortest 4th of July parade is in Aptos, California.**
7. **There are around 15,000 Independence Day firework's celebration every year.**
8. **We'll eat an obscene amount of hot dogs to be more specific around 150 million.**
9. **Spend billions on food.**
10. **Three presidents have died and one was born on the 4th of July.**



KI BOIS Community Action offices will be closed on Friday July 3rd!

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Remember Us With Smiles Not Tears.....

Betty Gray Bass passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, May 28, 2020, after a valiant battle with cancer. She was born on November 18, 1935, in Jasper, Texas. Betty graduated from Bronson High School in Bronson, Texas. She graduated from Sam Houston State University.

Betty worked at Lockheed for 10 years, Carl Albert Mental Health Center and then for the office of the Honorable Carl Albert. She then obtained a master's degree in counseling and worked the next 20 years for Court Related Community Services (CRCS) at the courthouse in McAlester, where she met and married the love of her life, Gene Bass, in 1977. Betty's favorite job of all began at age 72 working as a bailiff for the Honorable Jimmy Bland, where she loved seeing and interacting with all the lawyers (especially her son, Jeff Belote), and all the people at the courthouse. Always sincerely interested in the well-being of others, Betty was a natural counselor, friendly, well-liked and a true "people person".

Betty loved playing bridge with friends, shopping for bargains, attending KI BOIS Community Action events and traveling all over the world with her beloved husband, Gene. Her favorite place to go was the Hale Koa Hotel on Waikiki Beach in Hawaii, where she and Gene enjoyed going every year for the last 22 years. Betty loved and emphasized family above all else and enjoyed attending her grandchildren's events and having family around to cook meals for and pass on family history. She was always a strong rock for her family, adored by Gene, her husband of 43 years, sons, Jeff Belote, of McAlester, James and Susan Belote, of Edmond, and Greg Belote, of Oklahoma City; brother and sister-in-law, Guy James and Mary Gray, of Kerrville, Texas; 10 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.



Betty Bass

A. David Ward, 83, of Wilburton, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, May 8, 2020 in Wilburton surrounded by his family. David was born on August 8, 1936 in LeQuire, Oklahoma to David Louis Ward and Minnie Maudie (Reece) Ward. He graduated from Kinta High School on May 18, 1951, and briefly attended Eastern Oklahoma A&M in Wilburton before moving to Blackwell to work at the smelter. He married Carolyn Sue Fultz on January 11, 1956 in Perry. They had 44 years together before her passing. He later married Irene Boddy-Ward.

David felt the call to preach God's Word, and surrendered to preach in 1973. His first church was High Bridge Baptist Church in the old schoolhouse on the hill. He went on to preach at Antioch Baptist Church in Stigler, Enterprise Baptist Church in Enterprise, and returned to High Bridge to finish his time in the pulpit. He preached many revivals as well as numerous weddings and funerals throughout his tenure in the ministry. David was a hard worker, and held many job titles through the years. He worked with the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union in many states until he went to work for KI BOIS Community Action in Stigler in the early 1970's and held many titles during his 40 plus years of employment with the organization. He was the County Coordinator, Child Support Enforcement Director, and Self-Help Housing Director. David kept his plumbing and electrical licenses active, and helped many people throughout the years. David was active in his community and served as Chairman of the Board for KI BOIS, Keddo Area on Aging, and Latimer County Hospital Board. He was also a Mason.

He is survived by his children: David Kenneth Ward and wife, Gena, Minnie Carol Truitt, Mark Edwin Ward and wife, Bobbi, Evelyn "Tootie" Battles and husband, Shawn, and Peggy Elizabeth Reinhardt, all of Wilburton and numerous grandchildren and their spouses.



David Ward

Brittany Nichole Huggins, 20, was welcomed into the loving arms of our Lord on May 30th, 2020. Brittany was born on November 26th, 1999 in Tulsa, OK. She was a 2018 graduate of Stigler High School and was attending the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith (UAFS), pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

Brittany was a strong, sensitive, generous and caring person. She loved, and was very much loved by her family and friends. She was giving and loving and inspired everyone who knew her.

Brittany is survived by her mother Teresa Quick Huggins and husband Tom Marlatt. Step-brother Kasey Marlatt and nephew William. Her father David Huggins and Lori Gibson. Step-sisters Kalei and Emily.



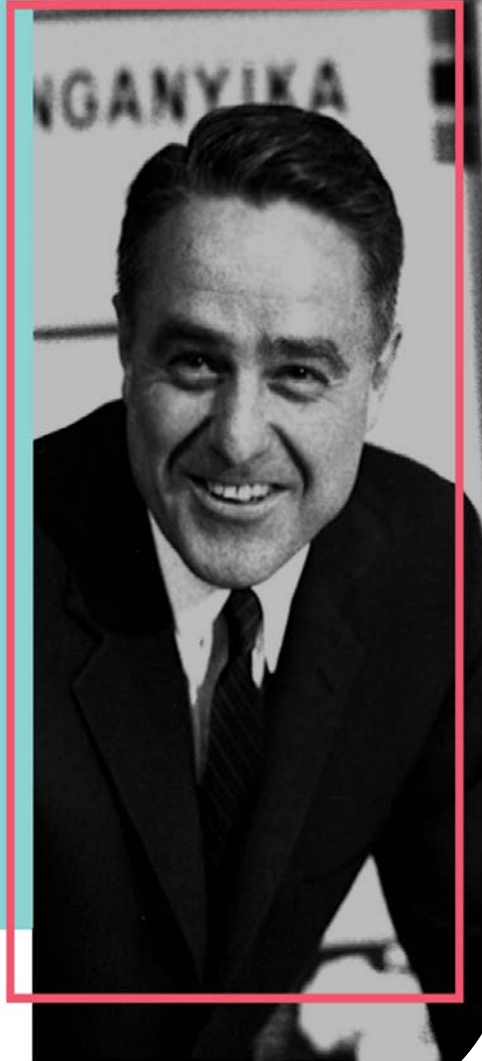
Brittany Huggins

May Was Community Action Month



It is not what you get out of life that counts. It's what you give and what is given from the heart.

SARGENT SHRIVER



KI BOIS Community Action Mission Statement

KI BOIS Community Action Foundation, Incorporated is a community based organization dedicated to eliminating the causes of poverty and bettering the economic, mental, physical and social well-being of all people, most importantly the disadvantaged, by utilizing effective coordination and administration of available resources and information.

and we celebrated!





Community Garden Unites Two Community Organizations In the Know...Powered by TSET

Oftentimes, public health work involves building relationships within the community. This Oklahoma Spotlight story features a collaboration between local entities who created a beautiful garden for people of all ages to enjoy.

TSET Healthy Living Program helped start a small community garden. The Healthy Living program contacted two of our partners that were located close to each other, Main Street Baptist Church and Youth Town Daycare in Stigler, OK. The project was started out with suggestions from the pastor's wife and other passionate gardeners at the church. I suggested our program (TSET) help get the ball rolling. In addition, we thought about the garden as a learning experience for the children in the daycare and an opportunity to build a relationship with the daycare.

Both of the partners applied for the garden grant through TSET. Main Street Baptist applied for it the first year and we started. Year 1 we cleaned out the area and got the donated beds established. Our beds were donated through a church member's husband and a community business donated the manure and dirt. Other community businesses offered stepping stones, sand and tires. The money was used for additional potting soil, plants, tools, hoses, some chemicals for fire ants and pots for the daycare side. The pastor, who lives next door, volunteered the use of their green house and monitored the watering when other people forgot. Sundays and Wednesday are church days, so we made those days the main work days. In addition, the daycare monitored the plants and watered them on Fridays. Other members of the church took different days to come by to check the garden on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I would monitor throughout the week. One particular senior member of the church would pick Okra and take it to other senior friends.

Last year was our first year and the weather was very wet and raining. Sadly, the garden did not produce very many vegetables.

This project helps both the church and the school achieve their goals for their application for the Certified Healthy Oklahoma program. In addition, the garden helps Stigler work towards creating a healthier environment and hopefully, towards the goal for applying to be a Certified Healthy Community.

Great job Denise Daniels and Kathy Healy and the other supporters who made this project a success.

Right, Pastor Jeff Berger keeping an eye on the garden.



RSVP Volunteer Spotlight... Continued from page 1

KIBOIS Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer Arlene LeMaster is a 78 year old mother, grandmother and great grandmother who volunteers at the Poteau Valley Genealogical Society in southeastern OK. She has been an RSVP volunteer for 19.5 years. Her passion is to assist the public with her Genealogical skills and is passionate about solving unanswered questions regarding kinship for others. Arlene has written numerous publications for the Oklahoma Historical Society on the following subjects; Burial records, Cemeteries, Choctaw Indians Death--Causes, Genealogy Inscriptions, Land titles, Marriage records, Obituaries, Oklahoma--Le Flore County Oklahoma--Poteau Registers of births, etc.

LeMaster has been an Advisory Council (AC) member for RSVP for nearly 7 years. Over the past two years she has never missed an AC meeting. She constantly contributes valuable input and ideas for the progression of the KI BOIS RSVP Program. Every year our RSVP volunteers adore the homemade door prizes she furnishes for the RSVP Recognition Banquets.

The Census has a 10-year benefit of \$16,750 per person for your



Just Think About it...

As the world fights to figure everything out,
I'll be holding doors for strangers,
letting people cut in front of me in traffic,
saying good morning,
keeping babies entertained in grocery lines,
stopping to talk to someone who is lonely,
being patient with sales clerks,
smiling at a passersby.

WHY?

Because I will not stand idly by and live in a world where love is invisible.

Join me in showing kindness, understanding, and judging less.

Be kind to a stranger,

give grace to friends who are having a bad day,
be forgiving of yourself - today and every day

BE the change, BE the light,
start today and never stop.

Audrey Loves Paris

KI BOIS Community Action Notice of Job Posting - June 12, 2020



KI BOIS COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM

JOB TITLE: STAFF AID – PT Schedule: M-F, 4PM-8PM (Stigler)

JOB REQUIREMENTS: HS Diploma/GED, valid driver's license required. Applicant should have interest or experience in crisis intervention, ability to listen effectively and assist with problem solving, self-motivated, good communication skills (written and verbal), ability to be supportive of persons in crisis and sensitive to confidential issues. Ability to assist with household upkeep, organization of donations, and children's activities. On-site training provided.

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KI BOIS AREA TRANSIT PROGRAM

JOB TITLE: TRANSIT DRIVERS (Please verify current openings with local transit office.)

JOB REQUIREMENTS: Maintain a valid driver's license. Good driving record. Must be physically able to assist passengers and their belongings while entering and exiting the vehicles. Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs and provide wheel chair assistance. Should have knowledge of area resources and live within convenient distance of city where job opening is available.

KI BOIS COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM

JOB TITLE: CASE MANAGER – 2 FT 1(Tulsa Area) 2(Ponototoc County)

JOB REQUIREMENTS: Will provide case management for the Advantage Program. Requires BS in social work or related field with two years of experience in human services. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be substituted. Must be willing/available to complete other program training as required.

KI BOIS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

JOB TITLE: PROGRAM COORDINATOR – FT (Ardmore)

JOB REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's Degree and one (1) year of experience or six (6) years of experience working with people with disabilities. Program Coordinator must be able to exercise patience, understanding, creativity and flexibility. PC must have supervisory, organizational and excellent communication skills. A valid OK driver's license along with safe and reliable transportation also required. Must be able to complete any required/requested training and able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs.

JOB TITLE: HABILITATION TRAINING SPECIALIST - PT/FT (Stigler, Poteau, McAlester, Ada, Ardmore, Pauls Valley and Sulphur)

JOB REQUIREMENTS: Will serve as direct support staff for consumers. Ability to handle sensitive issues while protecting others' welfare. Able to exercise patience, understanding, creativity and flexibility. HS Diploma/GED, valid DL and auto insurance. Must complete Foundation, CPR and First Aid Training (and any other training as required/requested.) Able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs.

ALL POSITIONS SUBJECT TO CONTINUED PROJECT FUNDING. All positions are open to KI BOIS Community Action Foundation Staff as well as to the public - unless otherwise noted. Deadline for all openings: Until Filled. CURRENT AGENCY EMPLOYEES – please submit a letter of interest, and updated resume (if applicable) to Human Resources. Applications for new hires are available online at www.kibois.org, or may be picked up at any KI BOIS Community Action office. Applications should be returned to KI BOIS Community Action Foundation, Inc. P. O. Box 727 Stigler, OK 74462, Attention: Human Resources or e-mailed to doylene.knowlton@kibois.org. Fax: 918.967.9100.

Applicant will be subject to a criminal history records search, as well as drug testing. KI BOIS Community Action Foundation, Inc. is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. It is the policy of the KI BOIS Community Action Foundation, Inc. to not discriminate against or deny equal employment opportunity to any applicant or employee on the grounds of race, sex, color, age, national origin, genetic information, religion, or disability, so long as the disability does not render the person unable to do the work for which employed. All employees of KI BOS Community Action Foundation, Inc. are "at will" employees.

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