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### **RSVP of Central Oklahoma Receives \$17,300 Grant from Oklahoma City Community Foundation**

OKLAHOMA CITY—The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Central Oklahoma announces it has received a \$17,300 grant from the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and its Services for the Elderly iFund grant program. The grant will help fund its Provide-A-Ride senior transportation program and allow RSVP of Central Oklahoma to increase its level of service to older adults in Oklahoma County.

Provide-A-Ride is a free medical transportation program for older adults who are no longer able to drive to doctor's appointments. Caring volunteers pick up seniors at their front door, take them to their appointments, wait for them in the waiting room, and then safely return them home. Last year, even with the COVID-19 extended shutdown, our volunteers provided 1,470 medical rides to 133 low-income, older adults.

"It's vital for us to help our elderly neighbors remain active, engaged, and healthy," said Beth Patterson, RSVP of Central Oklahoma Executive Director. "For more than four decades, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has been a strong community leader and financial supporter in improving the lives of older adults in our community. This grant will help RSVP continue to provide a critical service to some of our community's most vulnerable citizens."

Since 1973, RSVP of Central Oklahoma has helped senior adults continue to live with purpose and meaning by connecting them with rewarding community volunteer opportunities, including RSVP's Provide-A-Ride Senior Transportation Program, which started in 1994. The past two years, RSVP volunteers provided more than 95,000 service hours in the community at a \$2.25 million value of service. RSVP is a partner of AmeriCorps Seniors and the United Way of Central Oklahoma.

Founded in 1969, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity that works with donors to create charitable funds that will benefit our community both now and in the future. An initiative of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation Trustees, the iFund grant program utilizes gifts from donors to support services for children and elderly, as well as provide access to health care. To learn more about the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, visit [www.occf.org](http://www.occf.org)

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*Patricia Cheshier relies on RSVP of Central Oklahoma's Provide-A-Ride program to get to her medical appointments. Last year, Provide-A-Ride volunteers like Kevin Young provided 1,470 medical rides to 133 older adults. The \$17,300 grant from the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and its Services for the Elderly iFund grant program will help fund the Provide-A-Ride senior transportation program and allow RSVP of Central Oklahoma to increase its level of service to older adults in Oklahoma County.*