



Committed to finding young students hope and a future.



*LFYS college graduate, Dallas Lewis with Barry W. & Karen Lowe at his OKWU graduation ceremony, December 2012.*



# *Annual Report* *2012*

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## Message from our Chairman

This year has been a year of growth with the pains that come with growth. We have three students in college: Thomas Bridges, Vanessa Carreno, and Moncerat Sanchez. They are all enrolled at Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

In the next two years, we anticipate having ten students enrolled at our three partner colleges. Due to a shortage of mentors, the Board of Directors decided not to accept new students until we have sufficient mentors to match with our existing and future mentees. We must take care of our current students before we enroll more. This is a shame because we had over 40 applicants this year.

This is where you could help. If you have a college degree (or have helped your own kids get through college) and have a passion to help students be successful, contact Kat Closmann, our mentor coordinator at 918-766-6675.

Our fundraising activities were quite successful this year. To all of you who contributed – thank you! Please consider continuing your support to help Bartlesville students achieve their dreams . . . a college degree.

Sincerely,



Barry W. Lowe

### Our Mission

The Lowe Family Young Scholars program is intended to stimulate current students of the Bartlesville Public School system. These students will provide successful role models for other LFYS students, demonstrating that high student achievement for economically challenged students is achievable and a reality. Furthermore, this Program is expected to provide long-term learning experiences for the students so they will experience the benefits of successfully completing higher education. The Program must educate parents and students to the open doors that await those with a college degree. This Program strives to dangle the tantalizing carrot that will make the educational journey worthwhile.

## Mentoring Program Donors

**W**e are extremely grateful to our supporters. This list reflects gifts deposited from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

Donations may be sent to:

LFYS Program, 2500 Mountain Road, Bartlesville, OK 74003

### Visionaries (\$5,000 and up)

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# Memorial Gift

*Wendy Spears Fitzpatrick*

A Special gift. One from the heart. One that will touch other young lives. Thanks to Terry and Cheri Spears, their gift will live on through LFYS scholars. They provided a memorial gift this year in memory of their daughter, Wendy Spears Fitzpatrick.

Wendy was the oldest of their four daughters. She had boundless energy and enthusiasm. She was also very shy. Excited to get on with her life, she finished high school a semester early. Wendy did not go directly to college after high school, but took a special course to become a travel agent. She loved her career. While enjoying her career as a travel agent, she also began taking a few courses each year in college. Fellow employees described her as a “breath of fresh air.” Wendy later moved to Norman, Oklahoma, and because she was learning to overcome her shyness, she assertively bargained for better pay with a Norman travel agency.

She was very much like the Wendy in the song “Windy.” Her stormy eyes flashed at the sound of lies and she had a ready smile for all.

Her love for her family was shown in a thousand different ways. One example of this was including her sisters on some of her FAM (familiarization) trips – mostly ski trips just before Christmas.

Through this memorial gift, other excited, ambitious young scholars will be able to look forward to their lives and futures as Wendy Spears Fitzpatrick so enthusiastically looked forward to her own.

# Expectations

*The LFYS Program believes in supporting students with high motivational levels as well as academic excellence. Students are expected and encouraged to dream big in anticipation of attending college and selecting a career for which they have shown an aptitude.*



Dallas Lewis, December 2012 OKWU graduate (with honors), his mentor, Randy Thompson, and his great-aunt, Rose Phillips.

Significant accomplishments in 2012 are:

- ❖ OKWU graduate, Dallas Lewis, graduated with honors as a mathematics major with a chemistry minor. He is employed at Phillips 66.

## Expectations (continued)

- ❖ Three LFYS students are attending OKWU: Vanessa Carreno, majoring in nursing; Moncerat Sanchez, pre-med, and Thomas Bridges, business major.
- ❖ The grade point average for students in the mentoring program is 3.53.
- ❖ The grade point average for college students is 3.23.
- ❖ The student retention rate is 66%.
- ❖ Student's and parents continue to adhere to a strict attendance policy at all events. In 2012, the attendance rate for quarterly meetings was 85% for students and 81% rate for parents. For volunteer activities, parents attendance rate was 80% and students attendance rate was 86%.
- ❖ In July, several students attended a medical apprentice camp at TCC in Tulsa.



## Student & Financial Highlights

*In addition to the below stellar performance by the LFYS students, eleven students had improved their overall GPA or maintained a 4.0 by December 31, 2012. There are currently 20 students in the mentoring program and an additional 3 students in college at OKWU. The below chart is by year student joined the program.*

Student Statistics	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Student Retention	57%	70%	40%	33%	100%	67%	67%
Student GPA (by pgm year)	3.07	3.53	3.51	3.57	3.24	3.03	3.67
Cumulative Student GPA			3.16	3.16	3.51	3.32	3.49

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS	
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>2012</b>
Donations	\$30,447
Interest Income	\$100
Fashion Show	\$12,687
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$43,234</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
ACT test	\$52
C4C4C Program	\$2,252
Camp/Field Trips	\$636
Dental	\$0
Employee	\$6,318
Equipment	\$377
Fashion Show	\$1,906
Gifts	\$126
Hardware/Software	\$580
Meals/Snacks	\$945
Perfect Attendance	\$1,500
Postage	\$242
RLRC	\$100
Supplies/Program Materials	\$2,960
Tax Preparation	\$359
Travel	\$609
W.E. PRO\$PER	\$3,750
Web Hosting	\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$22,712</b>
Net Assets, Beginning of 2012	<b>\$43,954</b>
<b>Net assets, 12/31/2012</b>	<b>\$64,477</b>



# Campus Tours

Students enjoyed touring the Oklahoma Wesleyan University campus in October and the Oklahoma State University campus in December.



# Community Service

**G**iving back to other nonprofits or community services is an important element of the LFYS Program. We do this through the volunteer hours of our program members, including students, parents, and mentors. We are grateful to Don and Shirley Seizinger, who have coordinated the volunteer events for the past three years.



Our program members are generous with donating their time to give back to their community. Thus far, the LFYS program has volunteered 2,482 man-hours back to the community; this includes 501 hours for 2012.

Volunteer projects completed in 2012 were:

- ❖ Concern, Tuesday House, and Concern Child Learning Center
- ❖ Kiddie Park Clean Up
- ❖ Pack the Backpacks for Washington County School Supply Drive
- ❖ Good Turn Saturday (Food Baskets) for the Salvation Army



# University Partners

**O**ur University Partners are Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Rogers State University and Oklahoma State University. Each university was challenged to match within ten years various amounts of gifts given to them by Barry W. Lowe. These gifts were to support students through endowments, which would provide scholarships indefinitely.

Our financial status at each university is as of 12/31/2012 unless noted otherwise:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Oklahoma Wesleyan University	\$767,000	\$773,743
Oklahoma State University*	\$310,368	\$301,535
Rogers State University	<u>\$275,000</u>	<u>\$311,130</u>
Totals	<b>\$1,295,000</b>	<b>\$1,386,408</b>

\* OSU fiscal year ends in June.

The goal is to support a total of 20 students at any one time through these scholarships after they have been mentored from grades 6-12 with training and preparation for their financial, social, and most importantly, academic college life.

The goal of the Lowe Family Young Scholars Program is not only for a student to enter college, but a student to successfully exit college with a degree towards an employable career. Students are counseled and schooled in what college best suits their desired degree and what the job outlooks and pay scales are available for their particular career interest.

# Programs

**E**quip. The LFYS Program strives to not just get students in college, but to equip them with the tools they will need to be successful. This is accomplished through several Programs. Students learn how to interview for jobs, proper business and dining etiquette, how to make good life choices, and to be capable to knowledgeably invest the money they will be making with a college degree.

## Real Life/Real Choices Program

Rachel Hough conducts biweekly classes after school. She works with 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. They cover material such as: self-esteem, handling emotions correctly, personal values, responsibility, setting & achieving goals, and dealing with stress.

Susan Rhodes meets with 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. She discusses financials and futures including: budgeting, banking, stocks & bonds (including following them), short and long-term savings, making decisions about futures, how to create a good resume' and the interview process.

## Westside Community Center's W.E. Pro\$per Program

Students in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades are required to attend the Westside Community Center W.E. Pro\$per Program. Students in this program are taught how to fill out a job application, create a resume', interview for a job, work ethics and etiquette. Upon successfully completing the program, they are provided with part-time summer employment.

## Dental Program

Every year, The Wilbur Fund provides \$5,000 for students and parents in the LFYS Program to have necessary dental work. In order to receive dental benefits, a parent or student must have perfect attendance at all LFYS volunteer activities and quarterly meetings for one year.

