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Ken Levit (left), Sara Waggoner, Rich Ficken, Scott Dickman and Henry Zarrow show a rendering of what the new facility for the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma will look like when it opens next year. About \$102,000 still needs to be raised for the project.

# Food Bank's fund goal in sight

► Money is being raised for a state-of-the-art food distribution center.



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The Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma is edging closer to its campaign goal to fund a new state-of-the-art food distribution facility.

During a recent reception at Philbrook Museum of Art, campaign Chairmen Scott Dickman, chief executive officer of Pinnacle Packaging, and University of Oklahoma-Tulsa President Ken Levit announced that \$12,597,267 has been raised since April as part of the campaign's "quiet phase." That includes a \$9,091,834 lead grant from the Las Vegas-based Donald W. Reynolds Foundation. The campaign goal is \$12.7 million, which leaves \$102,733 left to be raised.

Sara Waggoner, Food Bank executive director, said that although the goal might now seem easily attainable, the public's support is still very necessary.

"Anyone who chooses to contribute to the capital campaign should feel confident that they are making a wise investment in the community's future," she said.

Money raised above the \$12.7 million will go into an operating endowment fund to pay for the long-term maintenance of the building and operating costs, as well as new programming aimed

at children and other community members.

"The public's contributions — even those above and beyond the goal — will keep the new facility running smoothly, well into the next era of the Food Bank," Waggoner said.

Waggoner said she was floored by the generosity of the community during the quiet phase of the campaign.

"I'm thrilled with the support we've received thus far," she said. "Our success is a testament to the depth and talent of our campaign leadership. Our most sincere thanks go out to all of the people who have spent countless hours working on this project, and to the many people, foundations and corporations that have contributed."

Leadership Gifts (\$500,000 and more) include The Helmerich Foundation, George B. Kaiser Family Foundation, The Oxley Foundation and Henry H. Zarrow.

Major Gifts (\$100,000 - \$499,000) include Bama, H.A. and Mary K. Chapman Charitable Trust, Herman Kaiser Foundation, Lester and Evelyn Nien-

huis Family Foundation, and the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation.

Honorary campaign chairs are Paula Marshall-Chapman, Walt Helmerich and George Kaiser.

Other Cabinet members include Mitch Adwon, Steven Dow, Rich Ficken, Beth Goddard, Scott Lewis, Judi McCoy and Doug Stuart.

The new Donald W. Reynolds Food Distribution Center will be located on 6.5 acres in the Lansing Business Park, just north of the Food Bank's current facility. It is scheduled to open in summer 2006.

Plans for the new building, designed by Tulsa's McFarland Davies Architects, boast 78,520 square feet of space — nearly three times larger than the Food Bank's current facility. The added space will allow for improved intake and storage for donated grocery items, which will meet the expanded need the Food Bank's partner programs have recently reported.

"There have been years that we've not been able to take as much as 2 million pounds of donated food because we didn't have the space to store it before distribution," Waggoner said. "Now, no donation will ever have to be turned down again."

Additional office space will allow for expanded programs such as a Kids' Cafe, a public resource library and nutritional training. An exciting feature of the facility is a 2,200-square-foot commercial kitchen and training center, which will allow the

Food Bank to prepare its own meals for delivery to feeding programs. Waggoner said that between new and expanded programming and the ability to accept all offered donations, the Food Bank could raise its total distribution from 11 million pounds per year to as much as 20 million.

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation is a national philanthropic organization founded in 1954 by the late media entrepreneur. It is one of the largest private foundations in the United States.

The Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma is a private, nonprofit organization that envisions food security with dignity for all Eastern Oklahomans. Its mission is to eliminate food insecurity and hunger through education, advocacy and the distribution of food and other essentials.

The Food Bank solicits and stores donated food and grocery items and distributes them to more than 460 nonprofit partner programs, which feed 50,000 people weekly throughout 24 Eastern Oklahoma counties.

In fiscal year 2003-2004, the Food Bank distributed 11 million pounds of product.

To contribute to the capital campaign, contact Karen Senger at 585-2800, Ext. 12, or e-mail ksenger@secondharvest.org.

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## JACKSON:

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even weighed in last week, comparing the case's newsworthiness to media day at the Super Bowl — usually a cacophony of empty hype.

Court TV has also sensed that there might be more interest in the case internationally, almost like Jackson's music is now more popular overseas than in his home country, Dann said. Court TV correspondent Diane Dimond has already been interviewed by television stations in Germany, Japan and Spain, and Court TV has signed an agreement to offer exclusive trial coverage to Channel Five in England.

(Fox News Channel, whose Geraldo Rivera scored an exclusive pretrial interview with Jackson, declined to talk about coverage plans.)

Another reason to keep coverage at a minimum is the expectation that the syndicated entertainment news programs will be all over the case, Klein said.

Not so fast. "The Jackson trial will not hijack 'Access Hollywood,'" said

Rob Silverstein, that broadcast's executive producer. "There are other things going on in the world of entertainment."

The nightly show won't necessarily cover the trial if there's not much going on, he said. "Access Hollywood" does, however, plan to scrutinize coverage of the trial, holding up a mirror if it becomes a media circus.

"We're going to be smart, we're going to be aggressive and not go over the top," he said. "We're not going to be searching for some former housekeeper who met Michael once and put her on the air."

He took notice that syndicated entertainment show ratings did not show any appreciable increase last Monday, when all the programs devoted a good deal of time to the beginning of jury selection. Similarly, a CBS "48 Hours Investigates" report a week ago that featured an interview with Jackson's parents drew nearly a million fewer viewers than the newsmagazine has had on average this season, according to Nielsen Media Research.

In other words, if there's great public interest in the case, it hasn't manifested itself yet.

But things change.

Some dramatic testimony from Jackson, a few unexpected revelations, and the spotlight can become brighter.

At this point, Silverstein isn't surprised to hear many news executives talking conservatively about Jackson trial coverage.

"I think people will say that," he said. "And we'll see if they can help themselves."

## ROBIN:

"The Drunkard," Spotlight Theater presents the nation's longest currently running play, 7:45 p.m. Saturday.

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ing 596-7111 or online at [www.tulsapac.com](http://www.tulsapac.com).

"The Odd Couple," Sapulpa Community Theater presents the Neil Simon favorite about two men — one a sloppy sportswriter, the other a neatnik — who move in together after their marriages fail, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, also Feb. 18-20, playhouse at 124 S. Water St. in Sapulpa. Tickets may be reserved by calling 227-2169.

"No Time for Sergeants," Broken Arrow Community Playhouse presents comedy favorite about a gullible young hillbilly drafted into the 1950s U.S. Air Force, where his hick sensibilities butt up against military rigidity, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday,

also 2 p.m. Sunday, 1800 S. Main St. in Broken Arrow. Tickets may be reserved by calling 258-0077.

"I Love You My Darling, Now Die," Ultimate Murder Mystery presents Valentines Day-themed mystery dinner theater, 7 p.m. Saturday at Molly's Landing, Catoosa, also Feb. 14 at Hotel Ambassador and Feb. 19 at Molly's Landing. Tickets may be reserved by calling 857-8092 or online at [www.ultimatemurdermystery.com](http://www.ultimatemurdermystery.com).

"I'll Be Back Before Midnight," Drumright's Boomtown Theater presents comedy thriller set in an old farmhouse full of ghostly doings and colorful characters, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, also Feb. 18-20, 138 E. Broadway in Drumright. Tickets may be reserved by calling (918) 352-2236.

"The Drunkard," Spotlight Theater presents the nation's longest currently running play, old-time melodrama comically exposing the evils of drink since 1953, 7:45 p.m. Saturday, 1381 Riverside Drive. Tickets may be reserved by calling 587-5030.

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Chase Brunsworth (left), Sierra Custer, Alisha Yowell and Kara Yowell are ready to participate in South Broken Arrow and Schusterman-Benson Libraries' "If You Take Your Mouse to the Library" programs this month. The programs feature stories, songs, games and crafts based on Laura Numeroff's popular books.

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## kids CALENDAR

### tuesday

"Afternoon Art Adventures," for third-through fifth-graders, preregistration required, 4-4:45 p.m., Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St., 250-7307.

"Hank the Cowdog" book discussion group, for second- through fourth-graders, 4-5 p.m., Broken Arrow Library, 300 W. Broadway, 251-5359. If you love Hank the Cowdog stories by John Erickson, then this book discussion group is for you. Participants should read the selected book prior to the program.

After-School Book Club, featuring book discussion and activities, for third-through fifth-graders, preregistration required, 4-5 p.m., Schusterman-Benson Library, 3333 E. 32nd Place, 746-5024.

### thursday

Book Buddies, for first- through third-graders, 4-5 p.m., Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Road, 669-6349. Enjoy stories and share a fun activity or craft.

"If You Take Your Mouse to the Library," for ages 4-8, 5-6 p.m., South Broken Arrow Library, 3600 S. Chestnut, 451-0002. Enjoy stories, songs, games and crafts based on Laura Numeroff's books.

"Pajama Book-O-Rama," for ages 5-9, 6:30-7 p.m., Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St., 250-7307. Join us for stories and other fun activities. Pajamas and slippers are optional.

### saturday

Family story time, for all ages, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Road, 669-6349. Enjoy valentine stories with your little sweeties.

American Girl tea party, featuring the popular "American Girl" series, for ages 5-12, preregistration required, noon-1 p.m., Broken Arrow Library, 300 W. Broadway, 251- 5359.

## If you take a kid to the library, some fun is likely

If you take your mouse to the library, he'll probably want to get a library card; he'll probably want to surf the Internet; he'll probably want to attend a story time; and he'll probably want to check out movies, music and books to enjoy at home.

Tulsa City-County Library invites children ages 4-8 to "If You Take Your Mouse to the Library," featuring stories, songs, games and crafts based on Laura Numeroff's popular books. The free program is scheduled for:

► 5-6 p.m. Thursday, South Broken Arrow Library, 3600 S. Chestnut

► 4-5 p.m. Feb. 17, Schusterman-Benson Library, 3333

E. 32nd Place

After listening to a story and singing songs, kids can engage in fun-filled activities based on characters from Numeroff's books "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie," "If You Give a Pig a Pancake" and "If You Give a Moose a Muffin." Kids will participate in a broom relay, cleaning as the mouse does after he makes a mess. They will make pancakes as the pig does, and create moose puppets from paper sacks.

After the program, visit the children's section of the library and check out some of Numeroff's books.

Other titles by Numeroff include "If You Take a Mouse to School" and "If You Take a Mouse to the Movies."

For more titles, search the library catalog on the children's Web site, <http://kids.tulsalibrary.org>, or ask a librarian to recommend some.

For more information about "If You Take Your Mouse to the Library," call Kristen Gettys at South Broken Arrow Library, 451-0002, or Lisa Jones at Schusterman-Benson Library, 746-5024.

## kids CORNER

## Nursing infant should sleep near mother, pediatricians say

USA Today

Nursing babies should sleep right next to their parents' bed, advises the American Academy of Pediatrics in a new breastfeeding policy being released Monday.

The academy reiterated its 8-year-old policy that mothers should feed babies only breast milk for six months, unless there are special nutritional needs, and continue breastfeeding until the baby is at least 1 or longer if desired.

Mothers should keep babies close by so they can hear early signs of hunger — stirring and mouth-smacking — before the

baby cries, says pediatrician Lawrence Gartner, the policy's senior author. "It's harder to get the baby to settle on the breast and start feeding if he's already crying," Gartner says.

Breast-feeding rates have increased for 12 years, but only about one-third of mothers are still nursing 6-month-olds, and slightly fewer than 1 out of 5 breast-feed 1-year-olds, according to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Nursing helps protect babies against infections and diarrhea and cuts the chances of dying in infancy, the policy says.

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