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Tulsa Partners Hosts Fifth Annual Nania Awards

Tulsa Partners honored its 2008 Nania Award winners Tuesday, June 17 during its fifth annual Nania Awards Banquet. This year's ceremony was held at the Bernsen Community Life Center – Great Hall. The Nania Awards were established in 2004 to recognize organizations, businesses and individuals who have displayed outstanding leadership in bringing people “all together” at the grassroots level to build disaster-resistant communities. Over 100 community partners attended this year's banquet.

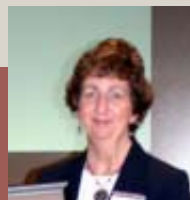
This year's individual honoree was Mark K. Shriver, the Vice President and Managing Director of U.S. Programs (USP) for Save the Children. Keynote speaker J.R. Thomas, Director of the Domestic Emergencies Unit for Save the Children, accepted the award on Shriver's behalf.

Our corporate honorees included the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA), the Child Care Resource Center, and the City of Tulsa's Operation Power Up, a unique public private partnership that responded to the needs of Tulsans without power from the December 2007 Ice Storm.

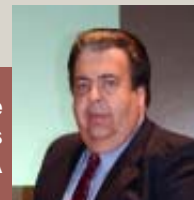
Karen Smith
CCRC



Cheryl Reichmann
City of Tulsa



Steve Williams
EMSA



2008 Nania Award Recipients

Platinum Sponsor: Bank of Oklahoma; **Gold Sponsor:** State Farm Insurance
Silver Sponsor: Public Service Company of Oklahoma; **Bronze Sponsor:** Neal McNeill

**LONG TERM CARE FACILITY OFFICIALS
ATTEND DISASTER MANAGEMENT TRAINING**

In April, Tulsa Partners was pleased to offer the Disaster Management for Long Term Care Facilities Workshop in two locations: Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Now in its fourth year, the workshop drew well over 200 participants from across the state. Highlights included a tabletop exercise, an overview of emergency management, and a discussion of threat assessment and risk analysis.

Speakers included:

Lindsay Hurley Fick – President and CEO
Saint Simeon's Episcopal Home

Dorya Huser – Chief, Long Term Care
Oklahoma State Department of Health

Don Lynch – Director, Pottawatomie County
Emergency Management Agency

Bob Roberts – Preparedness Consultant
Disaster Resistant Business Council

JoAnn Woody – Preparedness Consultant
Tulsa Partners, Inc.

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“With each workshop, our goals are to increase the quality of our program and the number of facilities that receive this valuable information, and we achieved both this year,” said



Dorya Huser



Tim Lovell, Tulsa Partners Executive Director. “The workshop could not have succeeded without the help of our many partnering agencies and our sponsors, both in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.”

CREATING VIGILANT, PREPARED, AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES FOR HOMELAND SECURITY: A COMMUNITY OUTREACH APPROACH TO HOMELAND SECURITY

On June 4-5, Tulsa Partners Inc. and the Region 7 Terrorism Early Warning Group hosted a training offered by the Western Community Policing Institute of Western Oregon University. Held at Tulsa Community College West Campus, the training was certified and funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. It provided an opportunity for community members to work in cross-disciplinary teams and address existing or potential homeland security threats at the community level. The course took an

“all-hazards” approach to threats, including natural, technological, and man-made hazards. It encouraged strong partnerships and collaborations between both



Bob Roberts, workshop presenter

traditional and non-traditional partners. Over 40 people from a variety of public, private and non-profit sectors participated.

Partnering Agencies:

- Emergency Medical Services Authority
- Norman Office of Emergency Management
- Oklahoma City Office of Emergency Management
- Oklahoma City-County Health Department
- Oklahoma County Office of Emergency Management
- Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management
- Oklahoma Department of Human Services
- Oklahoma Insurance Commission
- Oklahoma State Department of Health
- Tulsa Area Agency on Aging
- Tulsa Area Emergency Management Agency
- Tulsa City-County Health Department

Sponsors:

- Oklahoma Gas & Electric (OG&E)
- Oklahoma Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (OKAHSAs)
- Public Service Company of Oklahoma
- Saint Simeon’s Episcopal Home
- Oklahoma Insurance Commission
- Oklahoma Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman



PLANiTULSA
OUR PLAN. OUR FUTURE.

What do you want Tulsa to look like in five, 10, 20 years? PLANiTULSA is building a plan for ALL Tulsans. This planning process encourages everyone to look ahead at the things Tulsa should and can offer its citizens. The PLANiTULSA map will get us there.

This is your plan. This is your future. Start thinking about what you want to see in Tulsa in the future. Then mark your calendar for the citywide workshops on September 22 and 23. Save The Date!

For more information, see www.PLANiTULSA.org.

Editor’s note: This is the first update of the City of Tulsa Comprehensive Plan in over 30 years. To be sure that this plan promotes the building of a disaster-resistant and sustainable community, we need you, our partners, to share this vision of the future at these meetings. Please mark your calendars now to attend these meetings. You can also share your opinions by completing the following survey: <http://www.cityoftulsa.org/Community/Planning/CompPlan/Survey.asp>.

TULSA PARTNERS COMPLETES YEAR-LONG SAVE THE CHILDREN PILOT PROGRAM

At the 2008 Nania Awards Banquet, Tulsa Partners Executive Director Tim Lovell provided a detailed overview of the Save the Children Pilot Program, a multi-faceted, one-year grant project that Tulsa Partners completed in June. Below are some highlights from the pilot.

Children's Annex to the Tulsa County Emergency Operations Plan

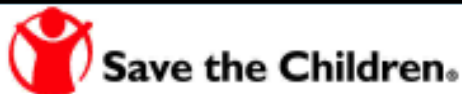
Based on an Emergency Planning Guide developed by Save the Children, Tulsa Partners worked with local emergency managers and other experts to develop a children's annex in the community emergency operations plan. The Tulsa Area Emergency Management Agency (TAEMA) and TAEMA Director Mike McCool hosted the committee, which was staffed by Tulsa Partners and included the Child Care Resource Center, Tulsa Public Schools, and the Metropolitan Medical Response System. The draft was discussed and ratified by a large group of stakeholders. Their children's annex has been adopted as an integral part of the local emergency operations plan and recommended for consideration by other jurisdictions.



Ken Hammock (center) with Kate Dischino and J.R. Thomas, Save the Children.

Safe Spaces Program

The American Red Cross Tulsa Area Chapter participated in a train-the-trainer program for creating Safe Spaces within disaster shelters and is adding the class to their standard training curriculum. The Chapter is also involving community groups and



service projects to create local kits of materials for children, similar to Save the Children's Safe Spaces Kits which are pre-positioned nationally. Safe Spaces Programs are supervised by trained, background checked, compassionate adults who support children's natural resilience and allow caregivers to begin re-establishing their lives. Safe Spaces Programs are set up in evacuation shelters, local assistance centers, and other locations where families congregate.

Kendall Whittier Neighborhood Emergency Network

The *Tulsa Partners/Save the Children initiative* identified and tested ways to strengthen neighborhoods and families, focusing on the developing, culturally diverse, urban Kendall Whittier neighborhood.

Drawing on the neighborhood's strengths, the initiative organized forums where families, neighbors, grassroots groups, and stakeholders along with community emergency-management and responder leadership were brought together to look at how best to protect their children. One goal was to strengthen links among those groups as they work together to find ways to protect and nurture children and families. Activities included:

- ◆ CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteers being trained by Save The Children to deliver disaster-preparedness training workshops, "Resilient and Ready," for children in a Kendall-Whittier after-school program.
- ◆ "Table-top" disaster preparedness exercises and follow-up planning with neighborhood leaders,

stakeholders, and emergency personnel.

- ◆ CERT training for residents and stakeholders. Over twenty enthusiastic trainees learned basic disaster-survival skills. The American Red Cross and Tulsa Fire Department conducted the 20-hour training, and have agreed to continue providing follow-up training for the neighborhood to establish long-term CERT teams.
- ◆ Working with the newly trained CERT members, with neighborhood leaders and stakeholders, and with block captains trained through a City of Tulsa beautification program, Tulsa 2-1-1 has agreed to let neighborhood volunteers serve as resource specialists at their call center, serving as liaisons between Kendall Whittier and emergency management and social service professionals, particularly during a disaster response. This is the first time Tulsa 2-1-1 has done this with a neighborhood.
- ◆ A steering committee of neighborhood stakeholders has been set up to continue work on a proposed neighborhood emergency response plan, the first in Tulsa.

NACCRRRA Training:

The Tulsa Child Care Resource Center (CCRC) delivered NACCRRRA's "Is Child Care Ready" curriculum, specific to both centers and family homes in the first session, then over the next month providers were challenged to develop and/or improve an emergency management plans specific to their facility. To support this project, Tulsa Partners identified and trained more than a dozen volunteers, representing the CCRC and underwriters from a private partner, State Farm Insurance,

to support centers and homes in developing their plans. A month later the group returned for a second session that offered more detailed information and focused on resolving any planning problems. Sponsors and partners set up information booths, with free breakfast and giveaways, including Tulsa-area Wal-Mart stores provided each participating facility with a large rolling tub filled with emergency supplies, plus \$25 gift certificates for additional supplies; and a national manufacturer Midland Radio Corporation donated NOAA weather radios.

“Open for Business®”: Child care assessments & business continuity planning

In the first session, emergency management professionals drew upon the Open for Business® planning system developed by the Institute for Business & Home Safety to teach providers about the importance of business continuity planning, how to conduct “hazard hunt” assessments of their facilities, and ways to reduce risks through low-cost improvements such as wind-resistant windows. Additional suggested improvements included: Tornado SafeRooms, NOAA weather radios, smoke alarms, and backup generators.

The CCRC used this training to develop plans for their own facility and is continuing to provide this two-part workshop training as a component of their ongoing education outreach to child care centers and family home child care sites. As of June 2008, twenty facilities have been trained through this program.

Resilient and Ready – Children’s disaster preparedness workshops.

Five hundred children, between kindergarten and 8th grade, in the greater Tulsa School District and after school programs participated in Save the Children’s “Resilient and Ready”, a disaster preparedness workshop teaching children safety through cooperative play and literature. Focused on tornadoes, a prime hazard the area faces, Save the Children provided the core training curriculum. The hour-long workshops combine cooperative games and fun with



disaster education, including parachute activities, reading a children’s book named “Twister”, and a discussion on how to stay safe.

Each child who participates receives a backpack with supplies that gets them thinking about preparedness, such as flashlight with batteries, hygiene kit, and a stuffed bear. The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management provided Family Preparedness Guides and activity booklets from their McReady program, developed with local McDonald’s Owners and Operators. These materials, included in the backpacks, allow us not only to educate the children, but to provide emergency preparedness information for their parents as well.



Elizabeth King, Cox Connects, presents a check to Tim Lovell.

Save the Children provided a training of trainers to child-focused CERT volunteers who then delivered the workshops to children. In addition, volunteers from Gallagher Risk Management Services, a local insurance company, were also trained to assist in the program. Prior to the initiative’s end, Tulsa Partners received two \$5,000 contributions from private donors (the George Kaiser Family Foundation and Cox Connects Foundation), allowing the preparedness programming to continue, reaching an additional 600 children during 2008. Thanks to a donation from Safe Kids Tulsa Area, bicycle helmets were added to the preparedness backpacks.

Journey of Hope — Care for the Caregiver workshops.

Stressors are inherent in daily life and are natural reactions to a disaster. Despite being affected, most times those asked to come back to work first are those who provide care for children.

Save the Children’s Journey of Hope workshops provides administrators, teachers, child care providers and others who care for children an organized forum to build trust and a sense of community, to understand reactions to stress, to enhance skills for coping, and to identify and amplify community strengths and assets.

In the Tulsa initiative, mental health professionals within the community were identified and trained by Save the Children to deliver the Journey of Hope program to support child care facilities tasked with developing preparedness and continuity plans. Family and Children’s Services and coalition representatives from other social service agencies are prepared to provide the curriculum to caregivers in the event of future disasters.

Disaster Resistant Business Council Update



Tulsa Metro Chamber

As a founding member of the Disaster Resistant Business Council, the Tulsa Metro Chamber of Commerce has been an instrumental component of our success. Most recently the TMCC has been working on gathering and analyzing data from its members regarding the effects of the recent ice storm. The retirement of Dennis Currington the former director of Small Business operations and founding member of the DRBC, had left a hole in our group. Tulsa Metro Chamber's President & CEO Mike Neal and Senior VP Matt Pivarnik recently emphasized their continuing commitment to this partnership and the goal of a disaster resistant community. Kinnee Tilly the newly appointed Director of Small Business Programs and Warren Unsicker, Small Business Program Manager have been added to the Disaster Resistant Business Council and will continue Dennis work and our strong partnership with the Tulsa Metro Chamber of Commerce.

The ice storm survey has been completed and is being evaluated by the Disaster Resistant Business Council (DRBC) for use in our outreach efforts.

Tulsa Area United Way

Bob Roberts and Rick Myers did a presentation in May on business continuity using the Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) Open for Business® curriculum to the agencies gathered by the United Way's NTech Collaborative. Forty-nine people from 29 agencies enrolled for the presentation. Bob and Rick also did some follow up consultations with some of the agencies. The NTech Collaborative assists the Tulsa Area United Way and its member agencies to make the most of technology.

Tulsa Community Foundation

The DRBC is working with the Tulsa Community Foundation on the development of their emergency and business continuity plans. Bob Roberts and Rick Myers met in July with staff at the foundation on developing a business continuity plan using IBHS Open for Business®. Captain Stan May of the Tulsa Fire Department and Tulsa Area Emergency Manager Mike McCool (see photo) met later in the month to do a walk through of the foundation's offices, which they share with the George Kaiser Family Foundation and another non-profit. They also advised the staff on items to include in an emergency plan.



The DRBC and Mike McCool will meet again with Tulsa Community Foundation staff in September to review their plans and recommend scenarios to test the plans.

Presentations Around Oklahoma

DRBC Chair Dave Hall did a presentation on July 24th at a business disaster preparedness workshop in Oklahoma City. This event was co-hosted by the State Chamber of Commerce and Oklahoma City Human Resource Society.

The DRBC was invited to help kick off Altus' Ready Business program in September. Bob Roberts & Rick Myers will be making the long drive to Altus to host a series of three presentations to the Altus OK business community. The program is co-sponsored by Altus Emergency Management and the local Chamber.

New Directors to Fill Board Vacancies

Due to other commitments, Paul Hunter with Williams and Steve Sutton with SpiritBank have stepped down from the Tulsa Partners' Board of Directors. Steve Sutton and former board member Ted Cundiff at SpiritBank continue to assist Tulsa Partners with the Millennium Center project. Tim is working with people at Williams to identify another company representative to fill a future board vacancy. We thank both Paul and Steve for their service to Tulsa Partners.

Larry Fisher and Mary Ann Summerfield have agreed to join the board to fill the above vacancies.

Larry Fisher with Sam's Club likes to say he is "older than mud" and has worked since the age of 14. He was in the broadcast business for 34 years. He owned KWBB radio in Henryetta, and was general manager of the Oklahoma News Network. He worked at KTOK radio as a personality, and at KVOO and KRMG as a news editor/anchor. In 2000 Larry started a business building and hosting web sites. In 2005 he started working for Sam's club at 71st and Mingo as Asst. Manager of Marketing and Membership which is his current position.



Mary Ann Summerfield retired from the City of Tulsa in late 2007 after serving the citizens of Tulsa for 38 years. She began as a Recreation Leader in the Park Dept. in 1969 and worked her way up to Recreation Center Supervisor, District Supervisor and District Superintendent. In 1985 she was promoted to Maintenance & Operations Manager for the newly-created Stormwater Department, and in 1990 became the Surface Drainage & Vegetation Management Manager in the new Public Works Dept. In 2002, she returned to the Park Dept. as Dept. Director.



Welcome to the Board, Larry and Mary Ann!

CITY OF TULSA HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Tulsa Partners is serving as a consulting organization with R.D. Flanagan and Associates on the update of the City of Tulsa Hazard Mitigation Plan, funded through a Pre-disaster Mitigation Grant from FEMA. The plan is to provide guidance for community activities for the next five years, and to ensure that the City of Tulsa and other partners implement activities that are most effective and appropriate for mitigating natural and man-made hazards.

A key component of this process is receiving public input on the plan. Several meetings have already been held. The final meeting has been scheduled for August 19 at the Francis E. Campbell Room, (where City Council meets), 200 Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. If you haven't already done so, please come to this meeting to share your opinions on how we can minimize the impact of future disasters:

Historic Properties / Cultural Resource Annex to Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Predisaster Mitigation Grant that the city received to update its Hazard Mitigation Plan has also funded the development of an annex to deal specifically with the issue of protecting historic properties and cultural resources from disasters. Tulsa Partners is excited to be assisting R.D.

Flanagan and Associates and the City on developing this annex. Historic Preservation consultant Cathy Ambler will also be assisting in this process.

An initial meeting of some key stakeholders was held on July 21, and included representatives from the Tulsa Preservation Commission, Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa, Gilcrease Museum and the Philbrook Museum. Other stakeholders will be invited for future meetings, to begin after the National Trust for Historic Preservation conference in late October.

On a related note, Executive Director Tim Lovell will be leading a panel educational session at the Preservation Conference on October 24th. The "Expecting the Worst: Planning for Disasters"

panel will include FEMA Federal Preservation Officer John Ketchum, Walter Gallas with the New Orleans office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Ron Flanagan with R.D. Flanagan and Associates. For more information, go to www.PreservationNation.org/conference.



City Councilor Rick Westcott at June 3rd public meeting he hosted on the Hazard





Millennium Center Selects Exhibits Consultant

We are very excited about bringing our new Exhibits Consultant, **Taylor Studios, Inc.**, on board.

Taylor Studios is an exhibit design and fabrication firm that assists museums and other clients in creating exhibits that are educational, creative and built to last. Their team of professionals and cooperative artists has experience and talent to coordinate, communicate, research, plan, design, manage, and produce exhibits of the highest quality.

Taylor Studios staff includes designers, historians, artists, illustrators, researchers and project managers. And they have a personal interest in our mission to combine green and safe. The staff is highly talented with a wide range of skills and the ability to accomplish any job with quality and efficiency. In addition, aside from standard construction, fabrication and design, Taylor Studios has experience in computer-based interactive multimedia and video productions. We have designed and created interactive computer programs, videos and digital audio productions.

Taylor Studios coordinated a design development session on July 31st with our stakeholders to develop the “story” that we want people to experience when they visit the Center. Read more about our newest partner at www.taylorstudios.com/index.html.



Planets, Adler Planetarium, Chicago

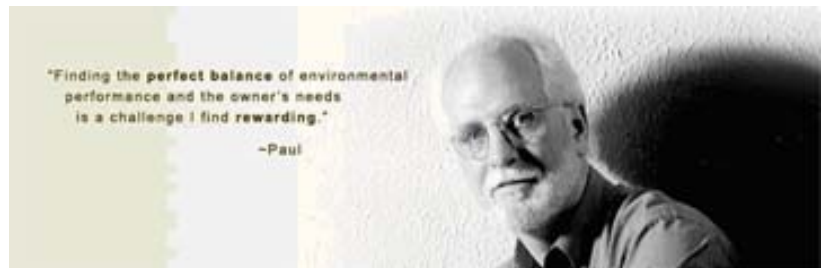
About the Architects: Selser Schaefer

Selser Schaefer Architects is unique not in the services they provide, but in how they provide those services. They involve their clients from the beginning, ask questions, and really listen to their responses in order to determine unique needs. The main goal is to address those needs with thoughtful solutions that fit within their client’s budget and are completed on time.

With a total staff of 42, they take a team-oriented approach to each project. They are licensed in 36 states, and they have 10 Registered Architects, 3 Construction Administrators, 5 Interior Designers and 19 Interns. Each team works together during all phases of a project to ensure continuity from design through construction. They have the expertise to take a project from the pre-design & planning phases through the final post-construction phase.

They pride themselves on being at the forefront of new technologies, processes, materials and methods. Green & sustainable Architecture is one of the newest, most important types of design. As a U.S. Green Building Council member firm for almost five years, and with 7 LEED® Accredited Professionals on staff, they are committed to delivering economically, socially and environmentally responsible projects.

In addition to the Millennium Center, other recent projects include the adaptive re-use projects for the Visual Arts Center of Tulsa and for 200 E. Brady, the new Center for Creativity at Tulsa Community College, and the Morton Comprehensive Health Center.



Paul Moore, LEED certified architect with Selser-Schaefer



Several stakeholders participated in the recent charette to help design the Millennium Center.

From the Millennium Center Program Coordinator's Desk



Bob Roberts

First, we'd like to give a huge THANK YOU to Mike Gurley for chairing the Millennium Center Steering Committee (formerly the Executive Committee) as it was developed and has been leading the charge over the last couple of years. Mike is still here, and actively working with other projects, such as reconfiguring our Advisory and Technical Committees into a more robust and active group.

We also wish to thank David Perkins, who is stepping down as a member of the Steering Committee. During his time on the committee, he has served as Capital Campaign Chair, assisting us in developing our business plan and in leading us in choosing the best capital campaign consultants. Thank you, David.

Over the past few months, the phenomenal Ann Patton has served as Interim Chair. Ann, the founding director of Tulsa Partners, has been a national leader in the disaster mitigation community for many years, and has moved the Committee forward in developing a more formal relationship with the Tulsa Partners Board, and with our work with Graham Brannin and the Exhibits & Education Committee on crafting educational and promotional messages. Thank you, Ann!

We are now excited to welcome our new formal Chair, Mary Ann Summerfield, who recently retired as Director of the City of Tulsa Parks & Recreation Department. (For more information about Mary Ann, see page 5).

In other articles, you'll see overviews of our new partners, our architects Selser-Schaefer, and our Exhibit Consultants, Taylor Studios. We are so fortunate to have both these firms working with us. As we went through the interviewing and vetting process, these two companies stood out as being "in tune" with what we are trying to accomplish with the Center. Over the next few weeks, each of these groups will be holding a **charette** (pronounced [sh/h-ret] and often called a "design charette") to bring together key stakeholders in an intensive brainstorming process. With Taylor Studios, we'll be building the "story" we want to tell our audience as they walk through the Center. With Selser-Schaefer, they'll be taking that story, and seeing how the building itself will come together to facilitate the exhibits and landscaping.

When we talk next, we expect to have initial drawing and layouts to share. So these are exciting and energetic times for the Millennium Center. We're hoping you'll continue to come along for the ride.

A Note from Graham Brannin, Millennium Center Exhibits & Education Committee Chair



Graham Brannin

I have been the chair of the Millennium Center Exhibits & Education Committee (MCEE) for about 6 months now. It has been an interesting time and the excitement is starting to build. We have made great progress in the last few months but it is just the groundwork for the important, creative, and exciting work to come. I believe the collaborative effort between our diverse committee members and the exhibit consultant, Taylor Studios, will yield a compelling theme & story told with engaging & entertaining exhibits.

The exhibit space will be just the beginning for an educational and empowering experience that will be brought back to the participants home and into their lifestyle. We endeavor to provide the tools & resources along with the follow up necessary to affect our core values and result in a more sustainable community. This is a truly worthwhile and exhilarating project.

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Our Mission:

To create a disaster-resistant community and improve Tulsans' safety and well-being by reducing deaths, injuries, property damage, environmental and other losses from natural or technological hazards. Public-private partners will accomplish this mission in a manner that advances community goals, enhances Tulsans' quality of life, and creates a more livable, viable and sustainable community.