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Blue Thumb

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***Help your stream,
Help your community***

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Friends of Blue Thumb (FBT) works with citizen scientists (such as the volunteers who do stream monitoring with the Oklahoma Conservation Commission's Blue Thumb Program) to help educate the public about protecting streams and rivers.

Sometimes FBT helps member conservation districts hold outdoor days for children, tours for elected officials, or field days for farmers. These events educate people about protecting streams and rivers.

Friends of Blue Thumb supports efforts that bring people outside—right to stream banks and in the water. We do this so that people will see the value in the natural world, so that they will meet some of the animals who share the planet with us, so that they will see and understand a bigger picture that includes wild places, wild animals, and the connections among us all that make life worth living.

We know there are many organizations which would be worthy recipients of your time and financial support. Please consider FBT among other charitable organizations you value. FBT keeps money here at home, in the local waterways we want to protect—the streams that flow through town and the rivers that feed our lakes.

Friends of Blue Thumb is planning now for providing grants in 2021. A glance at the back of this letter will show some of the ways FBT makes local, grassroots projects possible. Please join us. Send the form below and your contribution to us as we support those who will be a voice for the voiceless.

FBT is a 501(c)3 organization. **Please send this form with your donation to:** (make checks out to FBT)

FBT, PO Box 58103, Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

Please circle one of the following:

- ◇ Yes, I want to be a member for the rest of my life! (\$150)
- ◇ Yes, I am moved by your mission and I have my contribution ready to go! (any amount you can manage)
- ◇ Yes, I represent a business, corporation, or foundation and want to be a sponsor of this type of good work! (\$250 or more)



FBT offers small grants to accomplish local environmental education. We support projects such as...



Kim Watson's Friends of Blue Thumb grant helped her to buy insect and fish identification materials, plus nets and containers. She is using these for youth education in NE Oklahoma. Kim frequently works with students in afterschool care programs.



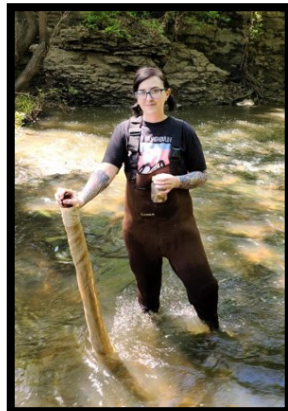
Gabriael Parker
Tulsa County Conservation District

Friends of Blue Thumb joined several partners to make the new "Yard by Yard" community resiliency project come to life in Tulsa and Oklahoma Counties this year.

This effort educates urban and suburban residents about how they can impact their whole community by doing good conservation work in their own yards. Then through the local conservation districts, neighbors are recognized for building healthy soil and reducing the polluted runoff that might flow from their lawns.

FBT is preparing to help this new initiative go statewide in 2021.

Cheyenne Olson, instructor at Rogers State University/ Claremore used a Friends of Blue Thumb grant to purchase waders so that she and her students could better access their Rogers County stream for monitoring and class studies.

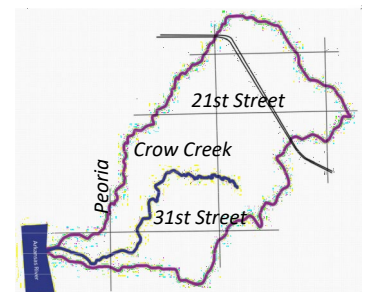


Friends of Blue Thumb was proud to be an early sponsor of "A Grand Adventure" in NE Oklahoma. For the Education Day Camp's initial run, FBT provided a grant for each child to have a personal flotation device.



Friends of Blue Thumb loves to provide grants that get children outside and in a creek! In both 2018 and 2019 Blue Thumb volunteer John Holman, Murray County, took his 4-H chapter and guests to a local stream in Sulphur. With Help from Blue Thumb staff members, the youth got just enough instruction coupled with just enough exploration time so they could determine that a clean stream will be a wonderland of numerous different creatures. Children who have quality outdoor experiences will grow up to be the adults who protect the environment.

The Crow Creek Community in the heart of Tulsa is a special watershed organization that works to help the small urban stream gain biological diversity. Friends of Blue Thumb supports the efforts in the Crow Creek Watershed.



Cleveland County Blue Thumb volunteer Karen Chapman not only does stream monitoring, she also keeps her site on Bishop Creek in Norman free of trash. FBT was proud to finance a little tote wagon to help Karen put litter in its place!