

Phillips Murrah Paying it Forward campaign benefits Open Design Collective in February

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Our Paying it Forward beneficiary in February 2023 is [Open Design Collective](#). #PIF0KC[divider line_type="Full Width Line" line_thickness="1" divider_color="default" animate="yes" custom_height="50"] [image_with_animation image_url="22684" animation="Fade In" hover_animation="zoom" alignment="" border_radius="none" box_shadow="small_depth" image_loading="default" max_width="100%" max_width_mobile="default"] Phillips Murrah is proud to support Open Design Collective, a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization that brings together underrepresented communities and the design and city planning resources necessary to promote social and spatial change. Their mission is to support the needs of Black and marginalized communities through planning, design, and architecture.

Projects include:

- **NE OKC Storytelling Project:** Preserving and protecting the oral histories of NE OKC residents through digitizing and mapping stories. [Learn more](#)
- **Deep Deuce Drive-in:** A Placemaking project where Open Design Collective brought NE OKC residents back to the Deep Deuce community; a once thriving, historically Black community that is now gentrified. [Learn more](#)
- **Brockway Center and Lyon's Luster Mansion:** A cultural preservation and community engagement effort to save and repurpose these two cultural assets in NE OKC. [Learn more](#)
- **South of 8th: A Community Vision:** A master site plan and visioning effort to help support the future development of a marginalized community that has faced social and spatial harm in NE OKC. [Learn more](#)
- **Reviving the Jewel Theater:** Open Design Collective is working with local and national partners to save the Jewel Theater; the only historic Black theater still standing in the state of Oklahoma.

Meet the team!



Open Collective Leadership Team (From left): Errin McKnight (Community Designer), Deborah Richards (CD0: Chief Design Officer), Vanessa Morrison (CEO).

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Previous Beneficiaries

January 2023: [Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City](#)
December 2022: [City Rescue Mission](#)
November 2022: [Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma](#)
October 2022: [Palomar, Oklahoma City's Justice Center](#)
September 2022: [Oklahoma Single Parent Scholarship Program](#)
August 2022: [Oklahoma City Public Schools Foundation](#)
July 2022: [Goodwill Industries of Central Oklahoma](#)
June 2022: [Pivot Oklahoma – A Turning Point for Youth](#)
May 2022: [The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#)
April 2022: [The Nature Conservancy Oklahoma](#)
March 2022: [Suited For Success](#)
February 2022: [Children's Hospital Foundation](#)
January 2022: [Positive Tomorrows](#)
December 2021: [Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma](#)
November 2021: [Infant Crisis Services](#)
October 2021: [Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc.](#)
September 2021: [OKC Beautiful](#)
August 2021: [Bethesda, Inc.](#)
July 2021: [Oklahoma Humane Society](#)
June 2021: [Arts Council Oklahoma City](#)
May 2021: [Partners in Public Health](#)
April 2021: [CASA of Oklahoma County](#)
March 2021: [The Homeless Alliance](#)
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