

J. D. McCarty Center

for children with developmental disabilities



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OEC Foundation Grant to Sooner AMBUCS Benefits J. D. McCarty Center

The Oklahoma Electric Cooperative Foundation has awarded a grant to the Sooner AMBUCS chapter in Norman for \$3,752.75. The grant will be used by Sooner AMBUCS to purchase the latest model of AMTRYKE in several sizes for the J. D. McCarty Center for children with developmental disabilities.

Vivian Gibson, a trustee of the OEC Foundation, presented a check to Jim Ballard, vice president of the Sooner AMBUCS, during a recent visit to the McCarty Center to see a demonstration of the AMTRYKE.

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The AMTRYKE is a unique tricycle that is hand and/or foot powered and is a project of AMBUCS, a civic organization who support people with disabilities. The AMTRYKE improves motor coordination and strength, increases self-esteem and is fun to ride. In some cases, the AMTRYKE is a child's first venture into recreational activities.

The AMTRYKE is available in a variety of sizes for children of all ages. Accessories are available for the AMTRYKE to make it accessible to children with a variety of disabilities.

The McCarty Center is the primary demonstration site for AMTRYKE in central Oklahoma. Children with disabilities can come to the McCarty Center to be evaluated to determine if an AMTRYKE will help them and which model would best fit them. These evaluations are free, but do require an appointment.

To make an appointment for an AMTRYKE evaluation, contact Maria Greenfield, director of occupational therapy at the McCarty Center, at 405.307.2800.

The J. D. McCarty Center is Oklahoma's center of excellence in the care and treatment of children with developmental disabilities. Founded in 1946, the McCarty Center treated just one diagnosis...cerebral palsy. Today, the McCarty Center has treated more than 70 different diagnoses in the developmental disabilities category. For more information about the McCarty Center visit www.jdmc.org.

For more information about the AMBUCS or the AMTRYKE project visit www.ambucs.org.