



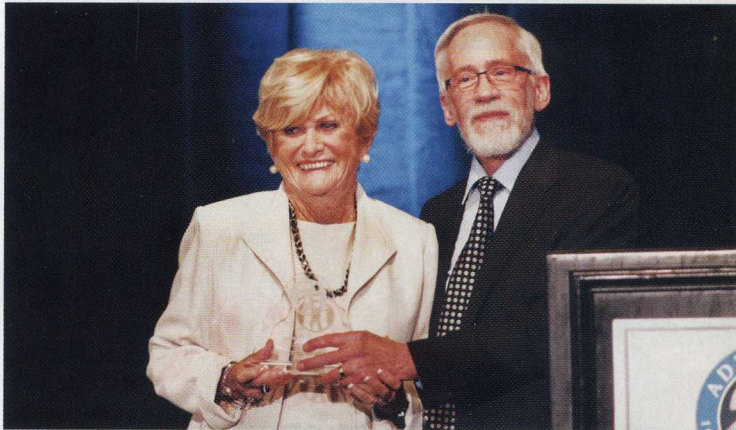
**Tulsa City-County Library** Broadcaster, author and social activist Tavis Smiley received the Tulsa City-County Library's Sankofa Freedom Award on Jan. 28. The award is presented every other year to a nationally acclaimed individual who has dedicated his or her life to educating and improving the greater African-American community. Pictured are Keith Jemison, Rudisill Regional Library manager; Kim Johnson, TCCL chief operating officer; Smiley; Gary Shaffer, TCCL CEO; and Alicia Latimer, coordinator of the African-American Resource Center.



**The Children's Hospital at Saint Francis** Senior Star's Cara Joiner, Robert Grzywa, Hannah Boehmer, Madison Bissett, Kurt Glaser and Shondel Bennett donated fleece blankets made during a team-building exercise at Senior Star's annual meeting. More than 100 Senior Star associates hand-tied the blankets before delivering them to patients at the Children's Hospital at Saint Francis on Feb. 2.



**The Little Light House** The Garden Party on April 16 will benefit The Little Light House. Festivities at the Cox Business Center will include a silent auction followed by brunch, a program and a live auction. Pictured are Jean Winfrey, The Little Light House executive director, and 2015 event patron Jo Babbitt.



**TARC** John Gajda, executive director of TARC — a nonprofit that serves Oklahomans with developmental disabilities — presented former First Lady of Oklahoma Donna Nigh with the Catalyst of Change Award at TARC's 25th annual Advocacy Awards and Volunteer Recognition event Dec. 3 at the Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills Hotel.



**National Charity League** The Tulsa Midtown Chapter of National Charity League Inc. volunteered at the Salvation Army Angel Tree event. The mission of NCL is to foster the mother-daughter bond through community service, leadership development and cultural experiences. The chapter has 275 members, including (back row) Kim Susman, Heather Skeith, Jill Powers, Shelly Drullinger, (front row) Maris Susman, Emma Powers, and Macy and Darcey Drullinger.



**Children's Medical Charities Association** The Children's Medical Charities Association recently reached a \$1 million milestone when it awarded \$77,000 in grants to 17 local nonprofits that serve children. Ken Busby, CEO of the Route 66 Alliance, presented one of the grants to Michelle Wilkerson and Jennifer Sollars Miller, founders of the Autism Center of Tulsa.