

**The Emily Grace Stiegler Fund
Citizens State Bank
4611 W. 6th Street
Stillwater, OK 74074**

Dear Friend,

Oklahoma State University students and faculty have formed several relay teams to run in the upcoming Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon to raise funds for Emily Grace Stiegler. We hope you will consider supporting our relay team by making a donation to the Emily Grace Stiegler Fund.



Jenny and Dr. Chris Stiegler with their daughter Emily Grace at Chris' graduation last May.

Emily is the orphaned daughter of Dr. Chris and Jenny Stiegler. A tragic automobile accident took the lives of Emily's parents on Christmas Eve (please see full story on next page). Out of this heartbreaking event arose the miracle of little Emily's survival. Now just 10 months old, Emily Grace faces the challenges of life without the love and support of her parents.

We would like to show our support for Emily by running and raising funds for her. Any amount is truly appreciated and is tax-deductible. Please consider supporting our team through a donation or by sponsoring an amount per mile run. The marathon is 26.2 miles long (www.okcmarathon.com).

The Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon is a race that is not about running—it is about life. 168 banners line the marathon course, one for each victim. Those banners serve to remind us as we run that we have been given the gift of life and that it is too precious to waste. This is what the Memorial Marathon is about: realizing the preciousness of time, valuing one another, taking life as it comes and making something magic from it. Celebrating Life.

Emily is out of the hospital, her cast was recently removed, and she is on the way to full recovery. For that we are thankful. We would also be very thankful for any support you may provide for her through your generous donation. Every little bit helps.

Sincerely,

To donate:

We can accept cash or check.

Please make a check to: Emily Grace Stiegler Fund, c/o Citizens State Bank, 4611 W. 6th Street, Stillwater, OK 74074.

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The university and community have joined in mourning the tragic loss of OSU alums Dr. Chris Stiegler and his wife Jenny Goodpasture Stiegler in an auto accident on the afternoon of Christmas Eve. Each had earned both bachelor's and master's degrees at OSU. Chris, 35, was an assistant professor at Texas A&M after receiving a doctorate in turfgrass management from the University of Arkansas last May. Jenny, 32, was manager at Bath & Body Works at Post Oak Mall in College Station.

The couple's 8-month old daughter, Emily Grace, was the sole survivor of the accident that also killed another couple whose vehicle reportedly hydroplaned into the Stiegler's path across Texas 14, between College Station and Dallas. The Stieglers were headed to Dallas for a family gathering.

The accident left Emily with two broken femurs, and a small skull fracture. She is in a cast and doing remarkably well, according to her grandfather, Dr. Jim Stiegler, OSU Emeritus Professor and former head of the plant and soil sciences department, and his wife Connie.

"She was released from the hospital on Dec. 29th, but will remain in a bilateral spica body cast for at least six more weeks," said professor Stiegler. "Emily's doctors indicate that the broken bones in her femurs are starting to calcify and they expect a complete recovery. She is sleeping and eating well and playing with her cousins in the Dallas area. She is truly our 'little angel' and the largest blessing of all," he said. "She will be a living reminder and tribute to both of her parents."

"We are overwhelmed by the tremendous outpouring of support for Chris, Jenny, Emily and our families. There are not enough words to adequately thank all the people in Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma, especially the Stillwater community for their prayers, love, concern and support throughout this difficult time," Stiegler added.

"Chris and Jenny were two very special young people, who had touched so many lives in their short lifetime," said Connie. "Emily lost her very loving and nurturing parents and we also lost a great son and daughter-in-law, and OSU lost two outstanding alums."

A fund has been started to provide for Emily's education and life. It is the Emily Grace Stiegler Fund, c/o Citizens State Bank, 4611 W. 6th Street, Stillwater, OK 74074.

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