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Dr. Chip Cooper honored for community contributions

BRISTOW, OK – Donald “Chip” Cooper, a doctor at Bristow Memorial Hospital, received a service award Saturday, Dec. 18 during the Bristow Community Christmas Musical at the Freeland Center from SpiritBank and the Oklahoma Bankers Association (OBA) for his exemplary spirit of volunteerism and community service.

“As a community, I’m not sure how we can properly thank Chip for his tireless hours spent making our community a better place in which we live,” said nominator Kell Kelly, president and CEO of SpiritBank. “We all enjoy many events in our town because of the dedication, vision and hard work of Dr. Chip Cooper.”

Dr. Cooper has previously been honored as Bristow’s Citizen of the Year. In addition to his many civic duties, he was the guiding force behind organizing the new Freeland Center.

The Oklahoma Bankers Association started the “Heart of the Community Award” to help recognize those outstanding individuals who are willing to make the type of personal sacrifices that make our communities whole. The OBA has asked their member banks to help find these wonderful volunteers in their communities that they see meeting unmet needs all across the state.

“The Heart of the Community Award recognizes Dr. Cooper’s enthusiastic spirit to make his community a better place,” said Roger Beverage, OBA president and CEO. “We’re fortunate to live in a state where a great deal of importance is placed on volunteerism and personal contribution to each other and our community.”

Like the dedicated work ethic of Chip Cooper, the banks of Oklahoma have been an integral part of Oklahoma life long before statehood. Beverage noted that these banks and bankers have been investing in the hearts of our communities and “the measurement of time and money is not as important as the fact that banks have played a central role in making Oklahoma a wonderful place to live and work.”

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Dr. Chip Cooper - Nominated by Kell Kelly of SpiritBank in Bristow. Seen in photo with Jim Davis of the OBA at the Freeland Center during the surprise announcement.

