

TIMMY AND CINDY BIRTHDAY PARTY CEREMONY

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For those of us who live here in Owasso, you understand that we consider this our home and we want to make it better. The Timmy and Cindy program was meant to be symbols of those feelings.

Timmy and Cindy identify with our home, family and especially our children – who are our most precious resource and our future.

In 2004, there were twelve citizens who came together and reached out to the community to begin this public art initiative. Their gifts were seeds of reminders of the things we care about deeply; things like Love that only comes from GOD, happiness, freedom and how great it should be to be a child living in Owasso.

As the Timmy and Cindy program evolved, it was important that it be driven and supported by citizens of Owasso; as a result, each exhibit was privately donated by individual Owasso families. In 2004, the program started with 14 statues. Since then, the program has reached 34 Timmy and Cindy's throughout the city. And today *we get to celebrate number 35.*

Public art should exhibit a community's character now and a hundred years from now. Timmy and Cindy do that for us here in Owasso. We believe they are more than just statues; we believe they are a reflection of who we are and what is good.

Of the Owasso landmarks, like our gazebo here at Friendship Park, the water tower, Funtastic Island and soon to be the First Bank building, each adds an accent to our city. Timmy and Cindy enhance that even more, and give us a sense of identity that is so important to having a quality community.

We all should be having fun with Timmy and Cindy. Perhaps using them as a way to tour our city – whether collecting photos of our kids with each statue or going around to see how Timmy and Cindy are decorated for the holidays.

As Timmy and Cindy age, you should notice a natural layer of green tint form on the artwork, making them even prettier as time passes. Similar to that, as Owasso matures, we hope to always improve our quality of life, so our children and our children's children will benefit further from actions that we have taken up to today.

Autumn is a good time to have Timmy and Cindy's birthday celebration. It is a time to reflect, a time for families to express gratitude for blessings given by The Most High. Think about a Timmy and Cindy statue that you might call your favorite. What are they doing and what do you think of when you see it? Share that with a child. It's possible they'll never forget what you told them and that will be lasting memory of you and the community where they were raised.

So, from here let Timmy and Cindy remind us of all the reasons we love Owasso, from its people of character, our neighborly spirit, our great churches. We should remember, most of this world is not as fortunate to live in such a place.

Happy Birthday, Timmy and Cindy! Thanks to all of you for being here today.