

“We are indebted to the past, to those who precede us. We drink from the wells we have not dug. We enjoy liberties we have not won. At the same time, we are seeds of the future, for those who succeed us. The fruition of our decisions will be known to those whom we will not meet.”
- Anonymous



Welcome, Juana!
Juana Villafranco is our newest team member. She serves as Gill's Receptionist. She is the first friendly face our families see. Juana says, "In the short time that I have been working at Gill, I have been able to experience joyful moments with families when I informed them that we can help. I like working at Gill because I know that by the end of the day, we will have made at least one family's day."



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A message from our Board President



Tod Miller
Our 40th Anniversary Luncheon was truly a party! We celebrated two incredible ladies of vision, determination, and compassion. We celebrated gifted service providers who donate their valuable time and skills to benefit Tarrant County children. We celebrated individuals, organizations, and foundations whose incredible generosity has supported our mission for 40 years. We celebrated our dedicated staff who are skilled in matching children's needs with community resources.

Funds for the Future
The Martine Ginsburg and Ginny Richards Endowment Fund was established in 2012 to ensure the longevity and sustainability of Gill Children's Services. When Martine and Ginny started Gill in 1979, they never anticipated that the organization would be in existence for more than a few years. However, the need for last resort services remained long after the founding gift from Mr. A. Smith Gill's estate was spent. Through generous gifts and prudent investing, we continue to serve 1,400 children per year, filling critical needs that would otherwise be unresolved.
The Board of Directors is proud to announce that \$40,000 of proceeds from the 40th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon will become endowed funds, increasing the Martine Ginsburg and Ginny Richards Endowment Fund to over \$350,000. The Endowment Fund will ensure that generations of children will have a safety net of last resort.
You can continue what Martine and Ginny started by investing in the children of the future. Help us honor their vision of Gill by making a gift to the Endowment Fund.

We shared the stories of two children who would have fallen through the cracks without the combined efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Gill, Martine Ginsburg, Ginny Richards, service providers, donors, staff and the Board of Directors. These two children are among the thousands Gill has served since 1979.

Planning the 40th was a labor of love for some very dedicated, generous and talented people. At various meetings we talked about what initially attracted them to Gill, why they continue to support Gill and remain so passionate about fulfilling our mission. The common theme among them was Gill's focus on finding help for children with unmet needs.

Organizations may be very complex, with layers of members and constituencies, but at their most basic level, they are collections of people. At our 40th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon, I was reminded how lucky we are that our organization reflects the sum-total of all the people comprising us.

Thank you for being a part of Gill's history. Because of you, I look forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary of serving children.

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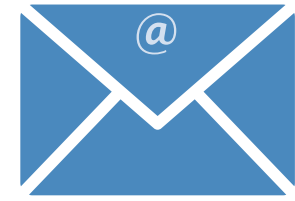
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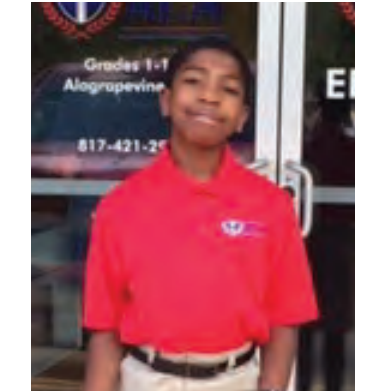


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Meet Devin!



Devin, age 13

to lose interest in attending class. ALA offered him a new start and the individualized care he needs

Devin lives with his adoptive mother, Kathryn. She is a single mother to two adopted children and two foster children. For Kathryn, being an adoptive and foster parent is a calling. "I want to provide a positive difference in the lives of all the children who come to my home," she says. Kathryn welcomed Devin with open arms and he quickly became a part of her family. With a full house on a single income, Kathryn was struggling to come up with tuition to pay for Devin's school. Devin's case manager at MHMR of Tarrant County

Devin is a 13 year old boy who loves building with Legos and creating alternate reality worlds in the computer game Roblox. He is a sixth grade student at the Accommodated Learning Academy in Grapevine. ALA provides custom education for students with learning differences such as A.D.D., A.D.H.D., Autism, Asperger's, dyslexia, and anxiety. Devin transferred to ALA after difficulties in public school. His fellow students bullied him because of his learning differences, which caused Devin

referred her to Gill Children's Services for help.

Gill provided funds towards Devin's tuition to ensure he would remain in his current academic environment and maintain the progress he has made. Kathryn says, "Devin is so much happier. His confidence with school is really improving." Devin's therapists are pleased with the positive changes in his behavior and performance since enrolling at ALA. Kathryn is grateful to have help providing a safe, positive, enriching environment for Devin. "The school year is off to a wonderful start and your organization assisted in making it possible. Thank you!"

You can help children like Devin with a \$40 gift today!



Commemorate Gill's rich history by supporting future generations of Tarrant County children. Your generosity has provided over 61,000 services to children who would otherwise go without. We look forward to helping thousands more with your help!

\$40 a month would impact:

- 32 infants who need diapers, or
- 32 children who need an orthodontic screening, or
- 21 children who need a birth certificate, or
- 7 children who need lab work, or
- 7 children who need a medical exam, or
- 5 children who need eyeglasses, or
- 2 children who need to attend summer school.

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40th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon September 17, 2019 at River Crest Country Club



The Outstanding Foundation award was presented to the Sid W. Richardson Foundation in recognition of its transformational partnership with Gill Children's Services since 1990. The award was accepted by Dr. William Koehler.



The award for Outstanding Service Provider was presented to Dr. Bruce H. Weiner. Dr. Weiner was recruited by Martine Ginsburg to assist children with dental needs and has been instrumental to Gill's mission since the 1980s.



The Outstanding Philanthropist award was presented to Design Inspirations. The award was accepted by Ms. Katie Semple and Ms. Elizabeth Sparks, chairmen for Design Inspirations 2020 and Ms. Anne Wright, President of the Fort Worth Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association.



The Humanitarian Award recognized the late Dr. John M. Richardson for his dedication to both the children of Gill and the children of Texas. The award was accepted by Dr. Richardson's daughter, Kathy Richardson.

Our Mission

Gill Children's Services is a funding source of last resort that provides a safety net for Tarrant County Children whose medical, dental, physical, social, psychological and educational needs have not been met by other community resources.

Thank you to our committee and underwriters who made our 40th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon one to remember!

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Gill Today

In 40 years Gill Children's Services has funded over \$13,000,000 for 61,000 needs that would have gone unaddressed. The need for our services persists. More and more children are asking for help. Thanks to you, we are able to say "yes".

Last year Gill allocated \$567,469 to fund last resort needs, which represents a 50% increase over the average funding from the previous five years. The funds fulfilled 2,143 services such as birth certificates, prescriptions, eyeglasses, and more. Of the 1,457 children served last year, 86% come from low-moderate income households. Through efforts to increase community outreach, offer more intensive case management, and strengthen

partnerships, Gill is identifying more children who need help. Specifically, requests for assistance with psychological evaluations, emergency childcare, summer school tuition, and dental treatment have increased.

The average cost of a last resort service is \$265, which includes generous discounts from Gill's service providers. The average discount provided last year was 39%, which resulted in a savings of over \$1,000,000. While program funding continues to grow, Gill has maintained its administrative expenses. Our challenge in the upcoming year will be raising funds to meet demand, ensuring that no child is turned away.

\$567,469 Allocated for 2,143 Services in 2019:

Dental - 481 services
Teeth Cleaning, Fillings, Root Canals, etc.

Education - 321 services
Testing & Evaluations, Summer School Tuition

Medical Services and Equipment - 150 services
General Exams, X-Rays, Medication, Cranial Helmets, Surgeries

Orthodontia - 58 services
Screenings, Braces

Special Needs - 1,081 services
Diapers and Wipes, Birth Certificates, Emergency Childcare

Special Equipment - 26 services
Wheelchairs, Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, Special Chairs, Orthopedic Shoes/Braces

Special Therapy - 26 services
Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Psychological Testing