

Join us in commemorating Gill Children's Services' decades of service at the 40th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon. Gill will honor special partners who have made a remarkable impact on the children we serve.

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*40th Anniversary
Celebration Luncheon*

September 17, 2019
from 11:30AM to 1:00PM

River Crest Country Club
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Remembering Dr. John Richardson

Dr. Richardson's dedication to local children was unsurpassed. Throughout his life, he worked to protect and care for our community's most vulnerable. Gill Children's Services was honored to be among the many organizations that Dr. Richardson helped lead. As a former board member, he recruited colleagues to become service providers. He strengthened collaborations that still impact Gill's mission today.

Dr. Richardson served many causes including Lena Pope, Cook Children's Medical Center, Alliance for Children, and Catholic Charities, among others. He helped establish the Warm Place and Key School and initiated the Texas Safe Haven Law.

Tarrant County was changed for the better by Dr. Richardson. Gill hopes to continue his legacy by serving children with kindness.



Dr. John Richardson

A message from our Board President



Tod Miller

Preparing for our 40th Anniversary celebration has reminded me how many people have been devoted to Gill Children's Services and committed to fulfilling our mission. Everyone who has supported Gill throughout the years has become an important part of the mission's history.

Gill's 40th year has been a wonderful opportunity for reflection. From holding our first organizational documents

to reading faded Star-Telegram articles about our founding, experiencing Gill Children's Services' rich history is inspiring. However significant these tokens of heritage may be, the real story is the vision of community leaders embracing an opportunity to serve children.

This milestone also gives me the opportunity to appreciate the work of our founders, Martine Ginsburg and Virginia Richards. When Martine and Ginny started Gill in 1979, they thought the organization would be in existence for only a few years. However, Gill turned into the lifelong passion they never expected. We are continuing their work in our community generations later. Because of their vision, over 60,000 last resort services have been provided to local children.

Celebrating our volunteers, supporters, service providers, children and staff will be fun! We hope you will join us! Matching their passion and success of the past 40 years is our challenge.

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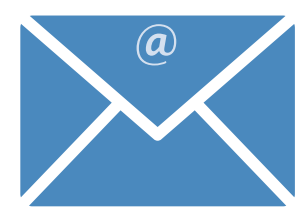
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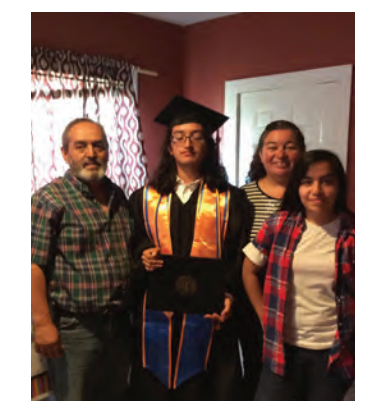


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Gill Celebrates 40 Years!



The Olivo Family

Thousands of children would have fallen through the cracks if it had not been for you. Israel and Andrea are two such children. Israel and his sister Andrea recently experienced an immense tragedy. Their father, Alfredo, was diagnosed with stage four stomach cancer in 2017. Their mother, Marina, dedicated her life to taking care of her husband. With Alfredo unable to work and Marina being his full-time caretaker, the family struggled to make ends meet. Israel and Andrea shared one year with their father after his diagnosis when he passed away. Suddenly a family of three, the Olivos were faced with stabilizing their household while experiencing intense grief. "Since the passing of my husband," Marina said, "we have had no income. We have had friends and family help us financially during our hardship." Marina soon realized that she could not keep up with the payments for Israel and Andrea's orthodontic braces. "I would have to choose which child would have their braces removed," she said. Hopeless, Marina turned to a friend who referred her to Gill Children's Services.

With your help, Gill funded five months of orthodontic payments for each child. This assistance allowed the Olivo family to get back on their feet. Marina said, "Thanks to Gill, I had one less payment I had to worry about. With Gill's help we were able to stay current with other expenses."

Israel is now 19 years old and a student at Sam Houston State University. He hopes to earn a degree in computer software engineering. He balances studying with a part-time job so he can help his mother with bills. Andrea is now 14 years old and in the eighth grade. She enjoys her art classes and hopes to go to college for photography. Thank you for providing hope to the Olivo family!

You can help children like Israel and Andrea with a \$40 gift today!



Commemorate Gill's rich history by supporting future generations of Tarrant County children. Your generosity has provided over 60,000 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.

Thank you to our Champions

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You have made 40 years of service possible!



1978 - Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith Gill leave an incredible legacy for Tarrant County children.



1979 - Gill Children's Services was founded by Martine Ginsburg and Ginny Richards.



1984 - Gill requests help from the community as the Gill estate funds will be spent by 1988.



1988 - Gill helps 10,000 children since 1979 with funding from Mr. and Mrs. Gill and the community.



1999 - Gill celebrates two decades of service and nearly \$4 million distributed to children.



2008 - The need for dental treatment begins to increase, making it Gill's most requested



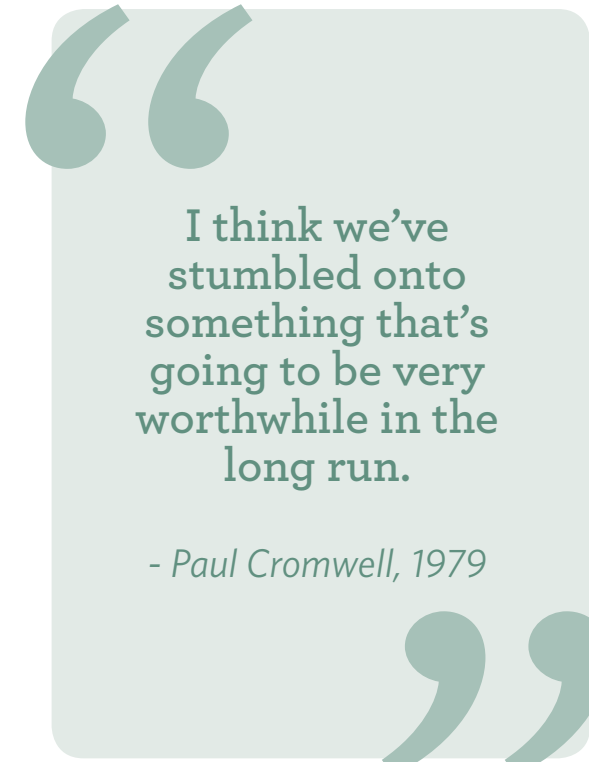
2011 - Martine and Ginny host ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new office at 555 Hemphill Street.



2016 - Gill approves the largest case in its history: jaw surgery for 18-year-old Jessica.



2019 - Gill celebrates over 60,000 services provided to children in 40 years.



I think we've stumbled onto something that's going to be very worthwhile in the long run.

- Paul Cromwell, 1979

Your Help is Needed More than Ever

Gill is experiencing a dramatic increase in need for its assistance program. So far this year, additional funding of \$100,000 is required to address the growing need. Increased demand is attributed to community outreach efforts, more intensive case management, and emerging gaps in local services.

Gill's staff has committed to growing our program's visibility in the community. Semi-annual Lunch & Learn events have allowed local nonprofit staff to be introduced to Gill's assistance opportunities. Gill Children's Services has a presence at local resource and health fairs, including the Back to School Roundup, North Texas Wellness Fair, and the African American Wellness Expo. Additionally, Gill staff is dedicated to serving on local initiatives alongside community partners including the Children's Oral Health Coalition and Mental Health Connection Access Committee. These efforts have identified children who need Gill's help.

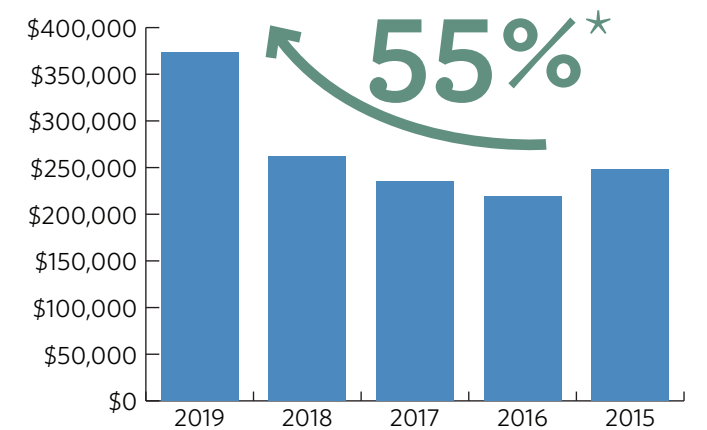
In addition to increasing outreach efforts, Gill staff is devoting more time with each family. By building relationships based on trust and understanding, our case managers often uncover additional needs the child is experiencing.

FW couple leaves \$1 million for 'needy'

Tarrant children get legacy

By RON HUTCHESON
Star-Telegram Contributing Writer
A childless couple who died of cancer within a month of each other has left a \$1 million legacy to the children of Tarrant County.
The money came from A. Smith Gill, a retired oilman who died in March 1978, 22 days after losing his wife, Nina. A week before he died, Gill directed that the majority of his estate go to "benefits for needy children."
"Just exactly what motivated him, he really didn't tell me," said Gill's attorney, Earnest Sanders. "I really don't know what prompted him to do this."
Faced with translating Gill's wish into reality, officials at First National Bank set about looking for a worthy recipient.
Although several existing agencies submitted proposals for the \$1 million fund, the bank chose a committee established expressly for distributing the money.
Tarrant County Juvenile Services Director Paul Cromwell, a member of the committee, said its advantage is that none of the Gills' money will be needed for administrative costs.
"Every penny that we spend is going to go to service delivery," Cromwell said.
The fund will be used to help children who cannot get help from other agencies, he said.
"We want to deal with any kid who has a need that is not being met by existing social service agencies. We're also operating with as little bureaucracy and red tape as we can," he said.
Cromwell said Gill wanted the money spent over a 10-year period. By the time Gill's money runs out, Cromwell said, he hopes other contributors will have donated to the fund.
"I think we've stumbled onto something that's going to be very worthwhile in the long run," he said. "We're looking forward to doing some real good. What we need now is for people to be aware that the service is here so we can have more clients."
Cromwell said he had never heard of the Gills before the will was filed. Sanders said his clients lived quietly in their home at 3804 Lennox.
"He was a very quiet, retiring man," Sanders said of Gill. "He was a gentleman through and through."
Cromwell said the oilman's money already has been used for "everything from paying for some bed space at Lena Pope Home to paying summer school tuition" and buying corrective shoes.
He said anyone who knows a child who could benefit from the fund should call Myrtle Dillow or Lyn Willis at 334-1800.

The first article written about Gill Children's Services appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on July 13, 1979.



Funds Approved for Children's Services

Lastly, growing need for specific services, such as dental treatment, emergency child care, and psychological testing have impacted demand. When access and eligibility to local resources change, Gill is there to serve children who would otherwise fall through the cracks. As the needs of the community change, Gill is determined to be a solution for every Tarrant County child with unmet needs. You can ensure that no child is turned away by making a gift today. Your investment in a child will go far!

*55% increase above 4-year average

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.

A. Smith Gill Society

When you make a planned gift to Gill Children's Services, you will be recognized as a member of the A. Smith Gill Society. A planned gift ensures that Gill's valuable resources will be available for years to come.

Learn more at gillchildrens.org.