



## A message from our Board President...



Shannon Ray

When I wrote this column, it was early August and we were in the heat of the summer. It was also the time of year when our children were returning to school. For those who attend public school in Tarrant County, a certified birth certificate is required to register. At a cost of \$23 per certificate, this is often

an expense that many families are not prepared to pay. Gill helped over 100 children obtain their birth certificate to enroll in school this year. A child can register quickly, with minimal delay, and begin school with their classmates. Last year, Gill provided 465 birth certificates.

that Gill's services are fully understood. Every effort is made to acquaint as many in the school community in order to reach as many children in need as possible.

School nurses are often the first, and sometimes only, professionals to assess a child in need of care, whether it is dental, medical, eye glasses, etc. Their referrals are often critical for a child to receive treatment. Even if Gill is ultimately not the last resort for a child, we will still make every effort to refer the child to the appropriate healthcare provider or community resource.

Please remember Gill if you know of a child who could use our help—we are here and ready!

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During the summer, the Gill team prepared over 1500 information packets that were distributed to the school nurses, counselors, and principals in Tarrant County. In addition, they met with several school districts to ensure

### 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.*



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# Gill Welcomes Dr. Christine Dobson and Dr. R. Casey Stroud

**Dr. Christine Dobson** is a member of The Child Trauma Academy leadership team. She has worked with traumatized and maltreated children for nearly 20 years. Dr. Dobson received her undergraduate degree in Psychology and Sociology from Centenary College of Louisiana, Shreveport, LA and a Master's of Science Degree in Sociology from Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. She completed her Master's of Social Work and Ph.D. in Social Work at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, IL.



She currently lives in Fort Worth, Texas with her husband and two teenage daughters.

**Dr. R. Casey Stroud** is a Pediatric Dentist and has his own practice in Weatherford, Texas. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, a member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the Texas and American Dental Associations. He is also an active member of his church, Christ Chapel, in Fort Worth.



Dr. Stroud spends his spare time with his wife, Emily, and their beautiful daughter and son. When he can, Dr. Stroud attempts to play golf and enjoys traveling with his family.



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# State of Gill

By Amanda Stallings, Executive Director



During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, donors like you provided over \$316,000 in assistance to 1,362 children with a variety of unmet needs. Over the years, service requests have changed as more needs are filled by Medicaid/CHIP, new nonprofits, and other community agencies. However, even with the rise in available resources, Gill continues to fill gaps for children whose needs cannot be met by any other agency. In

addition, Gill is often used as a resource/referral source for families and other agencies. Our experienced team's ability to connect families with

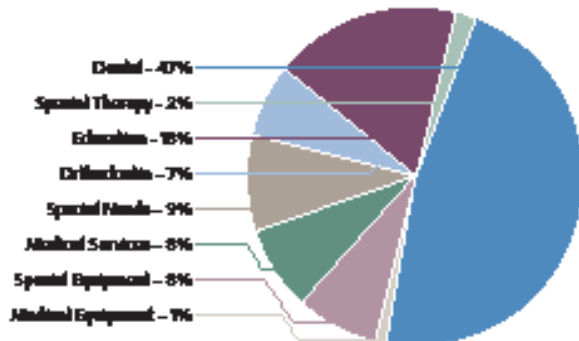
resources or work with providers gives additional value to those we serve.

This year Gill covered the costs of over 20 cranial helmets, not covered by Medicaid/CHIP, for children with malformed heads. The reason for this condition is varied from sleep patterns to complications at birth. However, this tool helps to form a child's head normally as they age. Average cost of the helmet is \$3,000 and with Gill's negotiated rates, we are able to purchase these helmets for \$1,000. The savings helps Gill provide assistance to more children with unmet needs.

**Here are your 2012-2013 dollars at work:**

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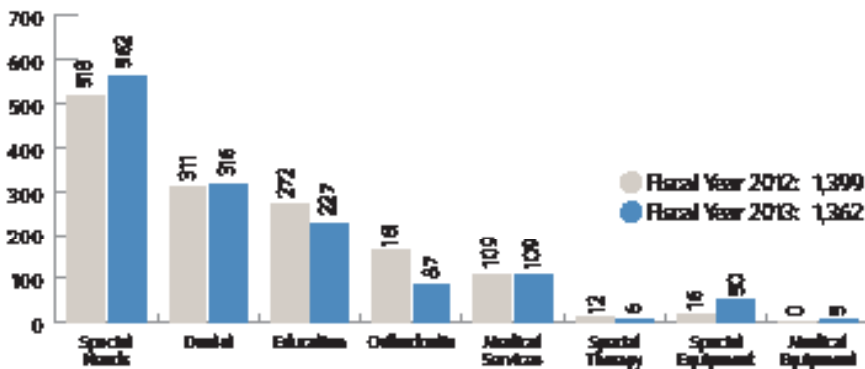
Fund Allocation for 2013 – \$316,480.52



### Description of Services

- **Dental - 47%**  
Teeth Cleaning, Fillings, Root Canals, etc.
- **Special Therapy - 2%**  
Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Testing
- **Education - 18%**  
Testing & Evaluations, Tuition, Tutoring
- **Orthodontia - 7%**  
Evaluation, Braces, Oral Surgery
- **Special Needs - 9%**  
Diapers, Birth Certifications, Emergency Day Care
- **Medical Services - 8%**  
General Exams, Eye Exams/ Surgery, X-Rays, Medication, Lab work
- **Special Equipment - 8%**  
Wheelchairs, Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, Special Chairs, Orthopedic Shoes/ Braces
- **Medical Equipment - 1%**  
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### Gill honors Dr. Dennis Schuster

Gill will honor **Dr. Dennis Schuster** as its table honoree for his continued support of our organization at this year's Association of Fundraising Professionals National Philanthropy Day Luncheon held on November 7, 2013 at the Omni Hotel. Dr. Schuster has a special interest in pediatric plastic surgery, especially as it relates to cleft lip and palate deformities. He reserves a special place in his practice for children in need of plastic surgery and Gill is very grateful for all the children he has helped over the years.



Dr. Dennis Schuster

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