



Catching up with Rebekah



Quita and Rebekah

Quita received unexpected news.

Her daughter, Rebekah, was diagnosed as deaf. "Nothing prepares you to be a parent of a deaf child," Quita recalls. "I cried all the way home from the hospital." Although shocked by the diagnosis, Quita was ready to take on her new responsibilities. She said, "Being sorry for myself wasn't going to change the fact that Rebekah was deaf. I just dove in head first." Quita took time off from her career to learn how to

communicate with her daughter.

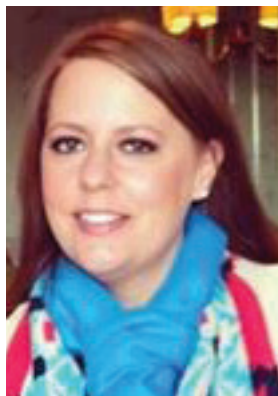
Quita immediately sought the help of local resources. She took Rebekah to see the audiologist at the Child Study Center. The audiologist recommended a Frequency Modulation Device, or "FM Unit", to accompany Rebekah's hearing aid. The FM unit would be worn by teachers, coaches, etc. when speaking, allowing Rebekah to hear them more clearly. However, insurance did not cover the device and

Quita was unemployed at the time.

Gill stepped in and paid for the FM unit, allowing Rebekah to participate in dance class, church activities, and much more. She graduated high school in 2011 in the top 9% of her class and is a member of Mensa. Rebekah recently graduated from Lamar University in Beaumont with a degree in American Sign Language and a minor in Psychology. While in college, she served as President of the Signing Cardinals, a campus-based organization that helps the hearing and deaf communities work together to promote awareness. She has just accepted a position teaching ASL in Sunnyvale ISD. Quita said, "Your assistance helped us lay the foundations for Rebekah's success."

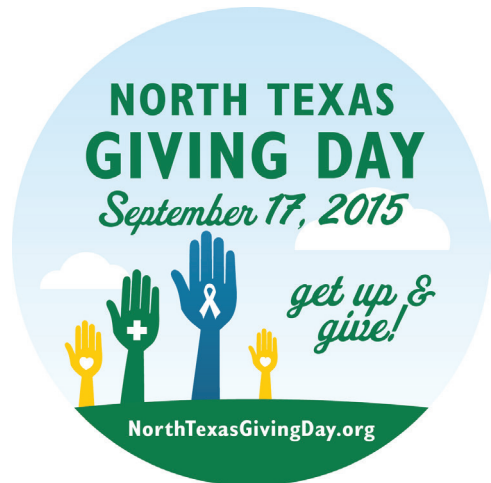
Gill Welcomes Courtney Garrison

Courtney will be Gill's Board Shadow in the Leading Edge program through Leadership Fort Worth. Courtney currently is the Center Coordinator at Alliance for Children. She has educated thousands of children and adults in child abuse prevention programs and currently oversees the children's education programs. Welcome, Courtney!



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.



Mark your Calendars!

On September 17, your gift of \$25 or more can be eligible for bonus funds!

- \$25** provides a child with a dental exam
- \$30** supplies a child with a nebulizer
- \$85** provides a child with eyeglasses
- \$187** allows a child to attend summer school

Adding Life to Years

By Megan M. Boschini, Board President 2014-2016

As you look back on the long days of summer, I hope you reflect fondly on putting a lot of life into each day. At Gill that means an increase in children coming to us in need of services that help them put the most life into their years.



There are so many wonderful organizations in Tarrant County that help families get their kids ready for school. The back-to-school roundup at Will Rogers Coliseum is a great example of people working together to get children ready for the classroom. On the evening news you will no doubt see kids receiving backpacks, school supplies, haircuts, wellness exams and dental checkups. For many their needs will be met at this annual event. There are others that will be identified as needing more extensive treatment that will help them get ready for learning. Gill is there for those families that have nowhere else to turn.

In August my daughter and I spent a morning in the office of pediatric dentist Dr. Elizabeth Gold. While we were there it seemed as if hundreds of children were getting their back-to-school checkups. As a long time Gill supporter, and a Mom, I know just how important good dental health is to the welfare of our children. The kids getting their exams that morning will start school healthy and ready to learn. Gill Children's Services seeks to find and help all children in Tarrant County who need assistance in getting ready for the classroom. We have assisted in dental care, eye care and auditory care to name a few services that if left untreated keep children from productive learning. With your generous support we helped so many families last year. I like to think that we are helping to give these families more life in their years!

As always, thank you for giving us the ability to serve children who need help with getting the most out of their lives. Thanks also for referring families in need of our assistance.

“It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.”
- Abraham Lincoln

The first annual **Play A Round Charity Golf Tournament**, presented by Fat Daddy's Sports & Spirits Café and House of Hotrods & Classics, was held on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at Southern Oaks Golf Club in Burleson, Texas. This unique, annual tournament was formed by AngMar Companies' owners, Angie and Mark Eddins, which includes Fat Daddy's Sports & Spirits Café, House of Hotrods & Classics, Southern Oaks Golf Club, and many other affiliates. The Eddins pride themselves in giving back to the communities they serve and select beneficiaries that assist underserved or underprivileged children in Tarrant County. Keeping in line with this mission, the Eddins decided to create an annual golf tournament that would benefit a charity dedicated to serving the children. For 2015, Gill Children's Services was selected as the primary beneficiary of the tournament and received \$60,000 from Play A Round. We are pleased to share that Gill Children's Services has been designated as the primary beneficiary of the 2nd Annual tournament that will take place on Friday, May 13, 2016. Please visit www.fatdaddyslive.com/playaround for information about next year's tournament, including registration, sponsorship opportunities, and donation opportunities.



TCU Students Learn the Nature of Giving

Honors students at TCU researched over 100 nonprofits during the spring semester. Their task: to choose a handful of worthy organizations to receive funding from



the Once Upon a Time Foundation. We are honored to have been selected as one of the six nonprofits. Thank you to the TCU students and staff who participated in the program!

State of Gill

By Peyton Salavarria, Executive Director



Because of your generosity, Gill provided 1,660 children with over \$361,500 in critical services during the 2014-2015 year. From diapers to root canals, you allowed us to address a multitude of issues currently faced by our little ones.

Educational needs such as summer school tuition continue to grow, with a 30% increase in applicants this year. Without Gill's help, many Tarrant County students would otherwise face

repeating a grade because they could not afford the average tuition cost of \$187. We covered the cost of summer courses for 329 middle and high school students this summer.

Dental needs such as exams, root canals, and fillings continue to be Gill's most requested service. At an average cost of \$515 per child, it is also Gill's most costly service. We continue to partner with local dentists,



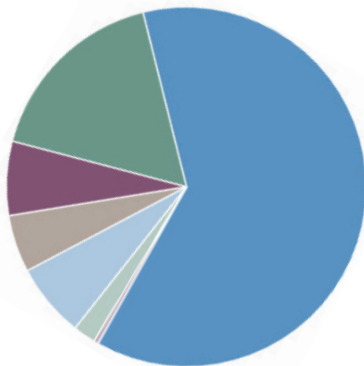
clinics, and nonprofit organizations to make the most of every dollar. Gill helped 436 children improve their oral health this year.

With your help, we look forward to making an even larger impact in our community in 2015-2016! Thank you for ensuring that no Tarrant County child goes without the services they need. For more information on how to get involved, visit www.gillchildrens.org.

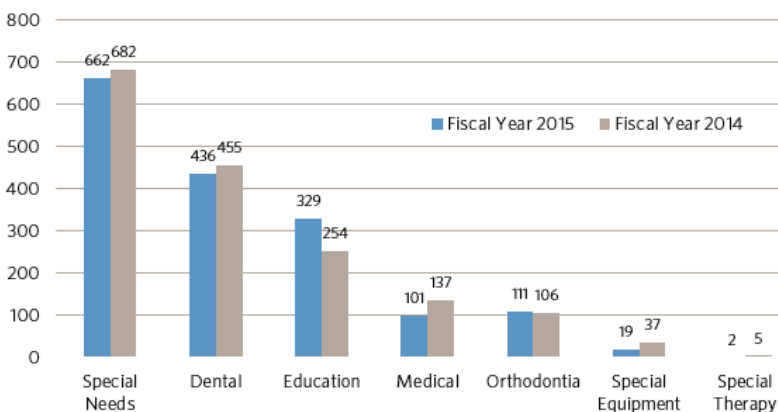
Your Donations at Work

Fund Allocation for 2015 - \$361,579.79

- Dental - 62%
- Education - 17%
- Medical - 7%
- Orthodontia - 5%
- Special Needs - 7%
- Special Equipment - 2%
- Special Therapy - 0%



Number of Children Served - 1,660



Description of Services

- **Dental - 436 children**
Teeth Cleaning, Fillings, Root Canals, etc.
- **Education - 329 children**
Testing & Evaluations, Tuition, Tutoring
- **Medical Services and Equipment - 101 children**
General Exams, X-Rays, Medication, Lab work, Nebulizers, Diabetic Supplies
- **Orthodontia - 111 children**
Evaluation, Braces, Oral Surgery
- **Special Needs - 662 children**
Diapers, Birth Certifications, Emergency Day Care
- **Special Equipment - 19 children**
Wheelchairs, Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, Special Chairs, Orthopedic Shoes/Braces
- **Special Therapy - 2 children**
Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Testing



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