



Meet Gael!



Gael, 15 months

Jacqueline welcomed her first child, Gael, into the world last summer. She was overwhelmed with joy to become a mother. Her son was a happy, growing baby until his first birthday, when he began having problems feeding. Jacqueline did not know where to turn. The staff at Cook Children's Medical Center fitted Gael with a feeding tube to ensure he receives all the nutrients he needs. With the help of the feeding tube, he has gained more weight, has

more energy, and is more alert. However, the tube and tape are very uncomfortable for Gael, and he has pulled out the tube twice. "Replacing the tube is very stressful. He gets scared and cries," says Jacqueline. To make feeding easier, the hospital has recommended Gael get a gastronomy button, or "G-Button". This device would help him get the nutrition and medicines he needs. Before his doctor could surgically place the G-Button, however, the hospital had to run two tests.

Jacqueline works part-time and is not eligible for insurance through her employer. Although her application with CHIP and Medicaid was pending, her son needed treatment urgently. Without insurance benefits, the testing would have been too expensive for Jacqueline to afford. She shared her concerns with the the staff at Cook Children's Medical Center who referred Jacqueline to Gill Children's Services for help. Because of support from people like you, Gill Children's Services was able to pay for Gael's two tests.

Jacqueline is relieved that her baby can begin treatment. She says, "He is much better. He is ready to have his surgery done." Having the G-Button will allow Gael to develop and grow during these critical months. "Hopefully when he gets his G-Button, he will get better and better each day," says Jacqueline.

Support us in Style!

When you purchase a t-shirt for \$20, you are supporting Gill kids! The ultra-soft tee from Bella + Canvas is a fan favorite. Call the office at (817) 332-5070 to order your new go-to t-shirt in sizes small, medium, or large. Post a photo of you in your tee on social media and share why you #givetoGill.



Groceries for Gill!

Did you know that you can add three charities to your Tom Thumb Rewards Card? Gill Children's Services will receive a portion of your purchase when you add our Good Neighbor Number to your account:

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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 Help in Times of Crisis

By Marilyn Berry, Board President 2016-2018

With the end of summer and the start of a new school year, most families are excited, planning for a fresh start, ready to learn and establish a routine. The unexpected natural disaster, Hurricane Harvey, has displaced many of our friends to the South, disrupting their lives. What a tragedy!



At Gill, we are here to aid families in Tarrant County. We provide much-needed assistance to children 0-18 years of age who wouldn't be helped otherwise. Imagine your child unable to concentrate or participate in class because of pain experienced by tooth decay. Or a parent ready to start a new job with no one to care for the baby. Dental needs and emergency daycare are just two examples of resources we provide for those in need.

No one ever knows when they will need to call on their community for help. Organizations like Gill are here for those in need. Like with Hurricane Harvey, unexpected circumstances arise. "When life hands you lemons, you have to make lemonade." If you know of a family in need please refer them to Gill. We are here to help. Let us give children the tools needed to succeed and have a productive and healthy year in school!

Gill Children's Services welcomes Ms. Andrea Breedlove, Mr. TJ Hutchings, and Mr. Paul Ray III to the Board of Directors. Ms. Breedlove is a Crisis Counselor in Birdville ISD. She also serves as a volunteer for organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and Junior League. Mr. Hutchings is a Vice President of Employee Benefits with Higginbotham. He is active in the community, serving as a volunteer with VisionFW and Cook Children's Medical Center in the pediatric cancer unit. Mr. Ray is a partner of Phillips Ray Capital Management. He is the grandson of Gill's co-founder Ginny Richards. Mr. Ray has also served on the Board of Directors of The Warm Place and Casa Mañana, and was co-chair of Friday Night at the Zoo. Ms. Karin Taylor will be shadowing the Board of Directors as a recent graduate of the LeadingEdge program. Ms. Taylor is an Interior Designer at Quorum Architects.



Andrea Breedlove



TJ Hutchings



Paul Ray III



Karin Taylor

Do you work with kids?



Are you a case manager, school counselor, or social worker who works with children? Remember, Gill Children's Services can be a resource for you and your kids! From medications to eyeglasses, we can help pay for unmet needs. If you identify a child in need, ask yourself these questions:

1. Is the child 0-18 years old?
2. Does the child live in Tarrant County?
3. Does the child not qualify for any other assistance?

If you answer YES to all three questions, you may refer them to Gill Children's Services. Our application is available to download at www.gillchildrens.org/apply. We can also refer families to other available resources - just give us a call!

State of Gill

By Peyton Salavarria, Executive Director



Because of you, local children have a safety net. Your support has made the difference between a child in need and a child at peace.

You helped serve 1,294 children who had nowhere else to go this year. Each child's unique need, from bed bug treatment to a stroller, was fulfilled by the generosity of our community. Over \$338,000 was invested in Tarrant County children this year.

Of this investment, dental expenses are Gill's largest category of fund allocation. With the average price of \$679 per service, it continues to be our most expensive category. Gill works alongside local dentists who grant a reduced rate for our clients, allowing us to stretch every dollar. Gill's next largest area of need is educational. Gill partnered with Tarrant County school districts to offer summer school tuition assistance to

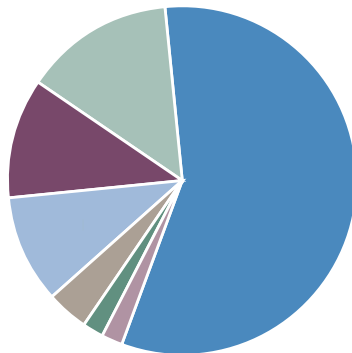


middle and high school students. School counselors referred children who were behind due to medical absences, learning disabilities, and other extenuating circumstances. With Gill's assistance, the students were able to remain on the path to graduation. Gill Children's Services addressed these needs and more through your support. Thank you for equipping us to help those who need it most.

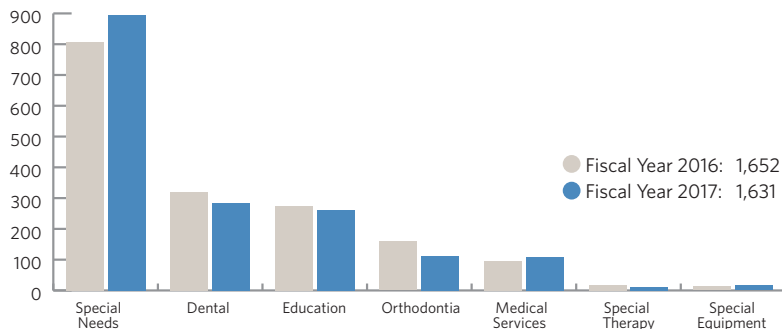
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Fund Allocation for 2017 - \$338,571.47

- Dental - 57%
- Education - 14%
- Special Needs - 11%
- Orthodontia - 10%
- Medical - 4%
- Special Therapy - 2%
- Special Equipment - 2%



Number of Services Provided - 1,631



Description of Services

- **Dental - 285 services**
Teeth Cleaning, Fillings, Root Canals, etc.
- **Education - 261 services**
Testing & Evaluations, Tuition, Tutoring
- **Medical Services and Equipment - 55 services**
General Exams, X-Rays, Medication, Lab work, Nebulizers, Diabetic Supplies
- **Orthodontia - 112 services**
Evaluation, Braces, Oral Surgery
- **Special Needs - 894 services**
Diapers, Birth Certificates, Emergency Day Care
- **Special Equipment - 17 services**
Wheelchairs, Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, Special Chairs, Orthopedic Shoes/Braces
- **Special Therapy - 7 services**
Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, ABA Therapy, Testing



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