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Checking In with the Stewart Twins

You might remember Whitney and Brittney, two young women who received help with orthodontia from Gill Children's Services in 2001. We are thrilled to report that they have both graduated with master's degrees from Columbia University. Whitney earned a Master of Science in Social Work while Brittney earned a Master of Public Administration.

The Stewart girls traveled a long leading to their education in New York. As children, they developed severe overbites and were teased endlessly for their smiles. Their father Frank could not financially support the oral care they desperately needed. It wasn't until he happened across an advertisement for Children's Services that

braces became an option for Brittney and Whitney. Gill was able to partner with Dr. James Dyers of Grapevine to provide orthodontic services. Frank says, "Every time my girls smile, I think of what Gill has done for us."

Since working with Gill in 2001, Whitney and Brittney have become accomplished and successful women. "Gill gave us the confidence to become leaders," Whitney shared. "We now feel like we can take charge when we walk into a room." They have certainly taken charge, becoming leaders in their respective fields. Whitney has worked in India, New York, and Maryland to influence child development and mental health policy. She

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hopes to continue this work as a recent MSW graduate. Brittney has traveled the world, including Singapore, Fiji, and Cambodia, studying diplomacy and public affairs.



She now works for the Department of State encouraging students to travel to the United States for education.

"Gill has helped my sister and me tremendously," Whitney said. Gill Children's Services congratulates the Stewart twins on their accomplishments! We wish them continued success in all their endeavors.

Meet Our New Board Members

Gill Children's Services recently welcomed two local leaders to the Board of Directors, **Mr. Cliff Condrey** and **Ms. Courtney Landes**.



Cliff Condrey has been an executive at family owned Moncrief Oil International since 2004. Prior to joining Moncrief, Cliff was a Vice President of Finance at Brean Murray & Co. in New York from 1998-2001 and Mahler & Emmerson in Dallas from 2001-2004 where he was focused on public financings and financial advisory work at both firms. He received both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in business from the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas

at Austin. Cliff is married and has two boys and a girl ages 9, 7 and 6. When not keeping up with the kids, Cliff enjoys hunting, fishing and golf.

Courtney Siegel Landes hails from Fort Worth where she attended FWCD for 13 years. Courtney received her Bachelor degrees in Spanish and Latin American Studies from The University of Texas at Austin in 2005, followed by her Master's in Latin American Studies in 2007. After serving as an AmeriCorps member with Communities In Schools Central Texas for two years, Courtney returned to UT Austin for her Master's in Social Work. Following graduation in 2011, Courtney, her husband,



Will, and their two pugs (Gomez and Hermes) returned to Fort Worth for work and to be closer to family. Courtney worked at John Peter Smith as the Women's Services Social Worker for two years before moving to her current employer, Lena Pope Home. As a family therapist, Courtney supports children and families to make healthy decisions and form positive, supportive relationships. When she's not working with kids, Courtney enjoys spending time with family and friends, working out, cooking, baking, and traveling.

Thank you, Cliff and Courtney, for lending us your time and leadership.

A word from the Executive Director



Peyton Salavarria, Executive Director

It is with great pleasure that I greet you as the new Executive Director for Gill Children's Services. The opportunity to lead such a regarded and respected organization is an incredible honor. Gill Children's Services was formed by two extraordinary women, Martine H. Ginsburg and Virginia H. Williams. Their vision of serving the underserved has withstood the test of time, helping over 54,000 Tarrant County children for 35 years. I look forward to working with the wonderful Gill community to continue their admirable vision.

While following in Amanda Stallings' footsteps is no easy feat, I appreciate the guidance and support she has provided me. I hope you will join me in thanking Amanda for the incredible work she has done for Gill and the children we serve.

I am very proud to be a member of the Gill family, and I look forward to the challenges ahead. Thank you to all who support our mission of meeting the unmet needs of children – you are truly appreciated.

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.

Students Progress in School with the Help of Gill

Many Tarrant County students find themselves enrolling in a summer school course to keep their education on track. Students may enroll so they can graduate early and financially assist their families. For others, additional preparation for standardized tests is needed. In order to take these classes, families must pay up to \$180 per one-half credit. For many families, the expense is overwhelming.

This summer Gill Children's Services was able to assist 239 students with tuition, providing over \$31,000 in aid. Students from Arlington, Birdville, Eagle Mountain-Saginaw, Fort Worth, HEB, Mansfield, and Northwest ISDs received the funding they needed to further their education.

Gill's Services are Needed More than Ever

The *Nonprofit Times* recently reported that the landscape of the nonprofit sector is changing. While the economy is recovering, many nonprofits are continuing to struggle with providing services to their beneficiaries. A reported 80% of nonprofit organizations are experiencing an increase in demand for services, and only 44% were able to meet that demand. Shockingly, 89% expect that this situation will not improve during 2014.

Gill is able to offer relief for organizations struggling to meet the needs of their clients. When nonprofits have to turn away a child for income, availability, or age, Gill Children's Services can provide critical assistance.

Supporters and advocates like you allow Gill to fill in the gaps in Tarrant County.

Your contributions provide

- Prescriptions
- Medical equipment
- Dental procedures
- Birth certificates
- Summer school tuition
- Emergency child care
- And much more

Source: the 2014 State of the Nonprofit Sector Survey conducted by the Nonprofit Finance Fund.

A message from our Board President...



Megan M. Boschini

Several months ago I received a call from the nominating committee of the Board asking if I would serve as the next president of Gill. Happily I accepted the nomination knowing that Gill was in the capable hands of Executive Director, Amanda Stallings. Well, you might guess where this is headed. After ten excellent years of guiding, leading and loving

Gill, Amanda received a job offer she just could not refuse. We are so very proud of all that Amanda has done to raise awareness of Gill and to serve the children of Tarrant County. We wish her all the best and know that she will always be an advocate for Gill.

One of our fondest memories of Amanda's tenure was our thirtieth anniversary party at the new Cowboys Stadium.

We called it the "Thirtieth on the Thirty Yard Line." Using the football metaphor, it is now time for the next Executive Director of Gill to pick up the ball and move it down the field.

We are so pleased to introduce Peyton Salavarria as our new Executive Director. Peyton has a background in non-profit management and marketing. She most recently worked at Communities In Schools. The Board was in unanimous agreement in hiring Peyton to lead us down the field. Her energy and enthusiasm are contagious. Most importantly, she has a heart for service and a passion for helping children. On behalf of the Board of Directors of Gill Children's Services, I thank you for your past support. Now I ask you to help Peyton Salavarria to reach our goal of helping all children in Tarrant County when they come to us as a last resort.

With a grateful heart, Megan M. Boschini, Board President



