



## Meet Tanner!



Tanner, age 9

**Tanner is an energetic** 9-year-old boy. His favorite subjects in school are math and computers. You can often find him making funny videos or playing an adventure computer game called Minecraft.

Tanner's mom, Liz, noticed that he had been playing with his teeth. She saw his adult teeth were crowding as they grew. She took him to the dentist, who informed her that Tanner would require extensive dental work. He needed four

stainless steel crowns, one tooth extracted, one filling, and sealants. Because Tanner has autism, he would need to go under anesthesia for the treatment.

Liz pays out-of-pocket for his Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) autism therapy, which is already a strain on their single income household. She says, "Money is tight and every penny counts for us." The family does not have dental insurance. When she received the treatment plan from

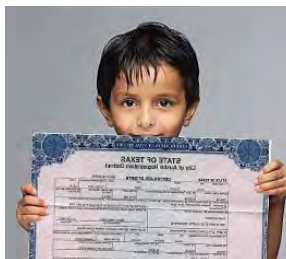
the dentist, Liz knew that the family would not be able to afford the fees. She didn't know what to do. "I felt panicked," she said, "but I knew it needed to be done." Luckily, Tanner's dentist referred them to Gill Children's Services for help.

Case Manager Alice Espinoza helped Tanner receive the treatment he needed. With a generous discount from Pediatric Dentistry of Haslet, Gill Children's Services was able to cover \$1,100 towards the procedure. Tanner has recovered well since his surgery and began school in the fall.

Gill Children's Services helped 394 children like Tanner with their dental needs last year. With help from local dentists and hospitals, Gill allocated over \$232,000 to treat Tarrant County children with nowhere else to go.

## Did you know a birth certificate can change a life?

Children need a birth certificate to enroll in a new school, affordable housing programs, CHIP/Medicaid, TANF, and more. For more than 500 children who needed Gill's assistance last year, these critical programs were inaccessible without the document. You can help a child by making a \$23 gift!



## 'Tis the Season!

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- \$46** provides birth certificates for two children
- \$180** allows one student to go to summer school
- \$300** provides an ill child with medication
- \$400** gives dental treatment to one child

## 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.

# The Nature of Giving

By Tod Miller, Board President 2018-2020

I recently had the pleasure of witnessing two of my passions come together: Texas Christian University and Gill Children's Services. I was invited to attend the giving ceremony for a course in the John V. Roach Honors College called *Nature of Giving*. The course, taught by Professor Ron Pitcock,



aims to teach students to become strategic philanthropists. The class is given grant funding to distribute to charitable organizations at the end of the semester. Listening to how the students selected the charities was truly inspiring. Starting with over 200 organizations that were originally nominated, they began the intensive selection process. They reviewed websites, studied financial statements and tax returns, drafted reports, and visited many of the organizations. They ultimately joined teams to advocate for specific organizations to their classmates. Five students specifically advocated for Gill Children's Services. After hours of deliberation into the early morning hours, students chose six causes to support. We were thrilled to learn that the 2018 class donated \$15,000 to Gill. These funds are a wonderful addition to other Nature of Giving classes throughout the years who made grants to Gill. The course has provided nearly \$44,000 for Gill Children's Services. Their passion for our mission and impact on Tarrant County made us all so proud.

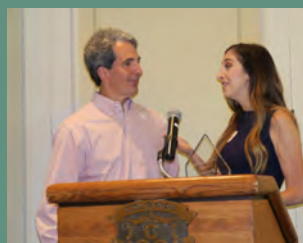
In fact, we were so impressed that we invited one of the members of 'Team Gill', Julia Zellers, to attend a recent board meeting. She shared why she and her team were so passionate about Gill. They connected with our mission of providing a safety net of last resort. They could clearly see where their grant funds would go: helping a little boy with a toothache or a baby girl get a birth certificate. The students also liked that Gill was a small, local organization benefiting Tarrant County children. Julia enjoyed the *Nature of Giving* course so much that she attended a conference of similar classes on behalf of TCU. TCU's course was the first of its kind and has since grown to 132 classes all over the United States.

Thank you to all of my fellow Horned Frogs in the *Nature of Giving* class, and especially Julia and members of Team Gill.

## Gill Honors a Dedicated Partner

For more than 10 years, Dr. John Kelley has made an enormous impact on the children Gill serves. When Gill Children's Services began receiving more requests for orthodontic help, we needed a trusted orthodontist to help navigate the overwhelming need. Dr. Kelley was the first person to volunteer to help. Since then, Dr. Kelley has come in four times a year to screen applicants for orthodontic assistance through Gill. He greets every child with a smile and understands both their medical needs and their hearts. He helps the parents and Gill staff understand each child's unique needs.

Gill Children's Services honored Dr. Kelley for his service to the organization and community amongst his peers at the Fort Worth District Dental Society's annual officer installation dinner. Dr. Kelley was also honored by the Society with the Distinguished Service to the Dental Profession Award. Dr. John Boyd, the President of FWDDS, said, "Dr. John Kelley is an individual who goes above and beyond a commitment to service. His is a calling, a passion to make positive change in the world." We certainly agree!



## TCU Students Learn the Nature of Giving



# State of Gill

By Peyton Salavarria, Executive Director



Because of you, Gill Children's Services said "yes" to 1,290 children who asked for help last year. With a 19% increase in spending for children's unmet needs, we need your help more than ever.

Last year Gill experienced growing needs for ENT exams and surgeries, x-rays, CAT scans, MRIs, and cranial helmets for the uninsured and underinsured. While these medical services grew, some needs remained

steady.

For over a decade, the majority of Gill's funding has been spent on children with extensive dental needs. Gill pays for dental treatment when there are no other resources available, including private insurance, CHIP/Medicaid, and other local dental clinics.

Birth certificates continue to be Gill's most requested service. Gill paid



for 529 children to receive copies of their birth certificates so they could enroll in school, health care, and affordable housing.

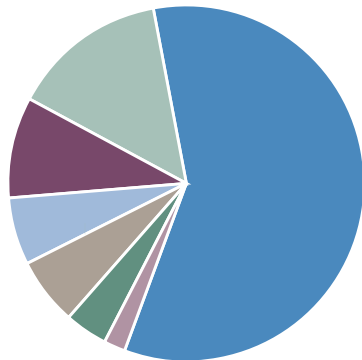
We are able to serve more children through the generosity of our service providers. Wonderful hospitals, medical and dental providers, and other organizations gave Gill an average discount of 42% last year, allowing each dollar to go further.

With help from dedicated partners like you, Gill can say "yes" to more children every year.

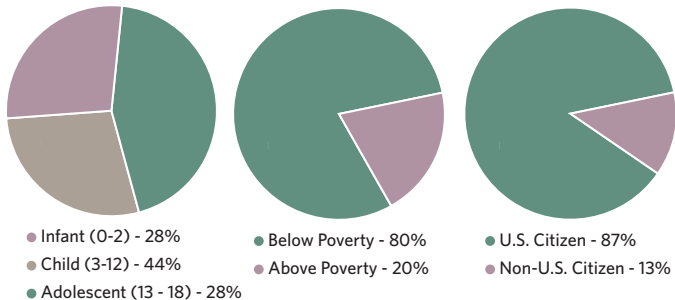
## Your Donations at Work

Fund Allocation for 2018 - \$403,984.52

- Dental - 58%
- Education - 14%
- Special Needs - 9%
- Medical Services - 6%
- Orthodontia - 6%
- Special Equipment - 4%
- Special Therapy - 2%



Number of Children Served - 1,290



### Description of 1,731 Services

- **Dental - 394 services**  
Teeth Cleaning, Fillings, Root Canals, etc.
- **Education - 211 services**  
Testing & Evaluations, Tuition, Tutoring
- **Medical Services and Equipment - 108 services**  
General Exams, X-Rays, Medication, Lab work, Nebulizers, Diabetic Supplies
- **Orthodontia - 79 services**  
Evaluation, Braces, Oral Surgery
- **Special Needs - 911 services**  
Diapers, Birth Certificates, Emergency Day Care
- **Special Equipment - 18 services**  
Wheelchairs, Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, Special Chairs, Orthopedic Shoes/Braces
- **Special Therapy - 10 services**  
Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Testing



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