



Saul Gets a New Smile!

Miriam describes her two-year-old son Saul as a sweet, caring boy with a huge imagination. He loves to sing, dance, and color. Saul and Miriam live together in Fort Worth.

Saul started having sensitivity in his mouth. He would wake in the middle of the night in pain. Miriam took him to the dentist, who quickly scheduled him for surgery. The treatment needed to be completed at the hospital under anesthesia due to his young age. Saul had Medicaid, so his mother scheduled the surgery without issue.

However, Saul lost Medicaid coverage in July when pandemic protections expired. Without coverage, his treatment plan would cost over \$14,000. "I had no extra funds to help pay out of pocket for my son's dental treatment and was very worried for his dental health," Miriam said. "I am a single mother and live on a very tight budget. I hardly have any funds left after bills are taken care of, and I stressed over my son's much needed dental treatment."

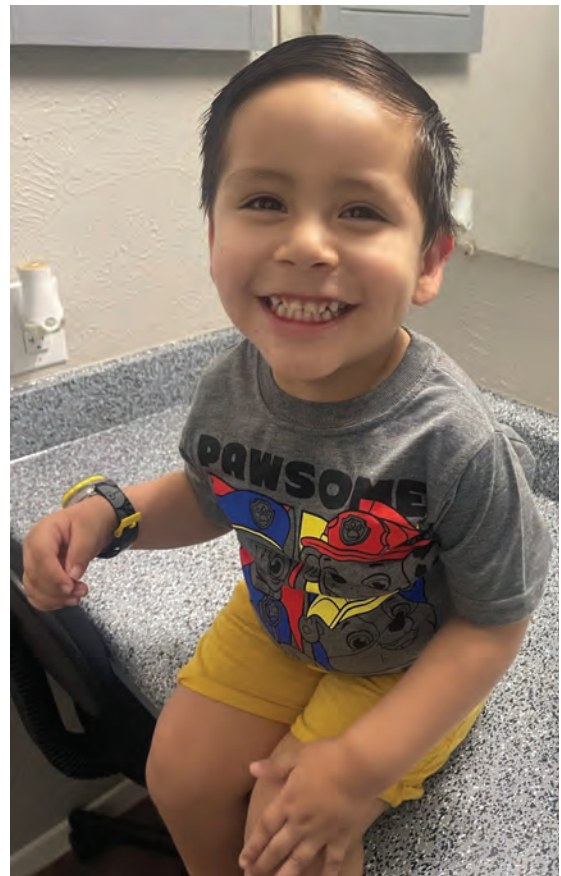
She applied to another organization for assistance, but never heard back. She was told to contact Gill Children's Services. Miriam said, "Gill followed up with me the very next day after I had submitted an application via email." Our Dental Case Manager Alice worked quickly to get Saul's surgery scheduled. Alice negotiated discounts with the dentist, anesthesia group, and hospital to reduce the cost to \$2,700.

Gill provided the emergency financial assistance needed to perform

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Saul's dental treatment. His surgery was successful. "He is doing well eating soft foods and liquids," Miriam said.

Miriam is grateful to the donors who helped Saul. "Thank you for allowing my son to get his dental treatment done and thank you for contributing to an amazing organization such as Gill. You have helped my little family in such an amazing way. I won't ever be able to forget and will be forever grateful!"



Saul's dental treatment was going to cost over \$14,000. Because of our negotiated rates and generous provider discounts, the treatment was reduced to \$2,700.

When you donate to Gill, your gift goes further. Every \$1.00 donated yields a \$2.23 value.

Give a gift to help children like Saul.



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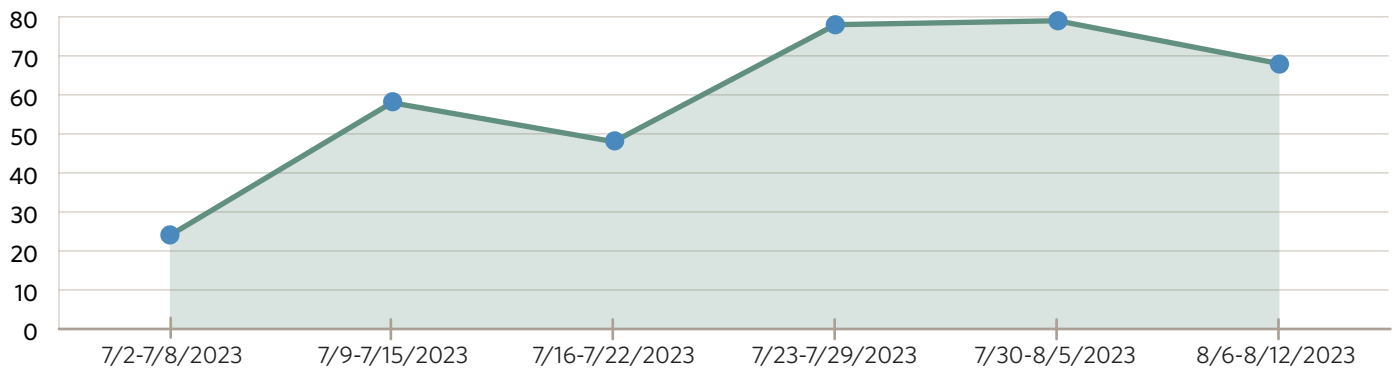
*Peyton S. Lehrer,
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Busy, busy, busy. That is my response when asked how things are going at Gill. We typically experience an increased demand during back-to-school season, and this year was no exception. In the six weeks leading up to the first day of school, we received 355 applications for assistance, which is a 15% increase from last season. Our two case managers were responsible for processing 59 new applications every week, each requiring individualized attention and care.

Parents requested help with emergency childcare, dental treatment, orthodontia evaluations, ENT surgery, eye surgery, birth certificates, medication, eyeglasses, psychological testing, cranial helmets, a stroller, and an app for a communication device. While only a small snapshot, this six-week period is a representative sample of the types of unmet needs Gill is fulfilling for children in Tarrant County.

Your financial investment will help us keep up with rising demand. Gill Children's Services is supported by a small network of fewer than 250 donors. Your generosity is noticed, appreciated, and leveraged to have the greatest impact. Thank you!

Applications:



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World Doctors Orchestra benefits Gill Children's Services

World Doctors Orchestra was founded in 2008 and raised over \$2,000,000 to benefit charities. As WDO describes, "Four times a year, around 100 physicians from numerous countries meet for several days of intensive rehearsals to then exchange their white coats for evening attire and perform charity concerts. The proceeds from each concert session go to selected medical aid organizations."

In between performances in Romania and Denmark, WDO will host its 40th concert series in DFW, benefitting Gill Children's Services and Woven Health Clinic. Tickets are available for purchase on the World Doctors Orchestra website at www.world-doctors-orchestra.org.



Thursday, October 19, 2023, 8:00 pm

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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.

Our Kids' Corner Needs a Makeover!

Since we moved into our home on Hemphill Street in 2011, our Kids' Corner has seen a lot of action! Parents often bring their children to the office when applying for help, and the Kids' Corner offers a space to entertain the kids while the parent visits with Gill staff.

It is time to reimagine the space! We are envisioning a corner that is inviting, stimulating, and most importantly, easy to keep tidy.



Would you consider donating an item to the Kids' Corner? Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wishlist!

