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## **GILL PRESIDENT AND FRIENDS REMEMBER GINNY RICHARDS**

**FORT WORTH:** Gill Co-Founder Ms. Virginia H. Richards passed away in April 2016. Her dedication to our community is honored by her fellow Gill leaders and friends.

“It was a great honor to assume the role of President for Gill Children’s Services last May. As a board member for the past 11 years, I have seen so many lives change with Gill’s assistance. Our organization is strong, built on a foundation of giving to those who have nowhere else to turn. I will continue this mission as I serve our Board and the children of Tarrant County. Gill has relied on the leadership of its founders, Martine Ginsburg and Ginny Richards, since its inception 37 years ago. Although we are saddened by the passing of Martine in 2012 and Ginny this April, we are also strengthened in our resolve to fulfill their mission. It was through their commitment and leadership that Gill has been able to continuously serve the unmet needs of children in Tarrant County. Ginny remained an active member of our Board of Directors until shortly before her death. What an honor it is to continue their legacy. Little did I realize as a young mother with four children, watching Ginny and her husband, John, walking our neighborhood with their beloved dog, that I would one day serve on the Board of an organization that she started! Ginny’s quiet servant heart is something I had admired for years. She put others before herself and served on many community boards, including the Women’s Center of Tarrant County and Parenting Center. Mothers and children were always in the forefront of her thoughts. Her legacy of service will live long after she is gone. It is our job to fulfill her wishes here at Gill Children’s Services.”

- Marilyn Berry, Board President

“Ginny was a tenacious advocate for children. She firmly believed that no child should ever go without the most basic care relative to their health, welfare and education. As co-founder of Gill, she worked tirelessly to ensure that the needs of over 55,000 children in Tarrant County were met during the past 37 years and that many more will receive care in the years to come. These children are her legacy and her work will continue through Gill.”

- Shannon Ray, Board of Directors

“Shortly after I opened my pediatric dental office in Fort Worth in 1978, I was approached by two remarkable women who asked me to assist them in helping the needy children of Tarrant County. Both of these women, Ginny Richards and Martine Ginsburg, impressed me with their enthusiasm for their mission and their dedication to the success of their mission. It was impossible to turn them down. I can’t recall that I have ever met two individuals more selfless than Ginny and Martine. Gill Children’s Services continues to be an incredible resource “of last resort” for the needy children of Tarrant County largely because of their efforts. The loss of these two pioneers



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has been deeply felt by all but their remarkable legacy remains through the services Gill Children's continues to provide."

- Dr. Bruce Weiner, DDS

"Ginny always started her week by volunteering in the OB clinic at JPS to remind herself of her many blessings. Her heart for service is what I admired most about her. There was only one Ginny Richards! She was a rare community leader and friend."

- Carol Minker, Community Leader