



ACH child and family services

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A Message

FROM WAYNE CARSON, PH.D.

Dear Friend,

Our community's children can't wait.

In order to heal and thrive, countless kids in North Texas are in need of a safe place to call home. With you by our side, we can spark tremendous change in the lives of the children and families we proudly serve.

With careful planning today, your generosity can help give our kids the very best chance at healthy, fulfilling lives — even beyond your own lifetime.

You can leave a legacy of kindness and compassion for generations to come with a gift through your estate to ACH Child and Family Services.

In this edition of our *Circle of Life Giving Society's* newsletter, you'll meet one amazing woman who did just that. Janet Carter's planned gift to ACH will help ensure North Texas children and families have every opportunity to succeed well into the future.

Should you have questions about leaving a legacy of your own through ACH, please contact Dixie Mullins, our Chief Development Officer, at 817.886.7115 or by email at Dixie.Mullins@ACHservices.org.

I'm so grateful for your unwavering commitment to our shared mission. Your partnership protects children and preserves families — thank you.

Gratefully,



Wayne Carson, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer



Our Mission

PROTECTING CHILDREN.
PRESERVING FAMILIES.
SINCE 1915.

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THANK YOU, JANET CARTER!



We are so grateful for the life of Janet Carter. Though she recently passed away, her passionate support has left an inspiring legacy. We were fortunate to have a meaningful conversation with her and her husband, Greg, not long ago.

From a young age, Greg's father instilled in him a spirit of generosity and the notion that you cannot outgive the Lord. This foundation, along with Janet's

love for children in need, was instrumental in shaping their decision to include ACH in their will.

Janet spent most of her career in social work and had heard about ACH. She was always impressed with the character and quality of ACH employees, making it an easy decision to join the ACH team in the Families Together program.

"It was the best place I ever worked," Janet said of her five years with ACH before retirement.

During her time employed with ACH, and afterward as a strong community supporter, she felt ACH was doing the best work of any agency she had ever seen and she wanted to help ensure that work can continue as long as possible.

"If you want to help people and your community, this is a place where your money will be well used," Janet reflected. "Take a tour, volunteer, come and learn. If you see that lives are being changed for our most vulnerable children — you'll want to get involved."

"Money is a great treasure that only increases as you give it away."

—Sir Francis Bacon, English philosopher and scientist

There's a unique kind of fulfillment that comes from knowing your generosity has made a real difference in someone's life. And one of the most powerful ways to create that lasting impact is through thoughtful estate planning.

By including charitable giving in your will, you can ensure that your legacy reflects your values. With just a few simple steps, you can maximize the support that goes to the people and causes you care about—while potentially reducing the amount lost to taxes.

To help you get started, we're pleased to offer you a complimentary copy of our Estate Planning Guide.

This valuable resource is designed to:

- Help you gather key personal and financial information
- Clarify your goals for your loved ones and favorite causes
- Prepare you for productive conversations with your attorney or financial advisor

Whether you're just beginning the planning process or updating an existing plan, this guide can help you take the next step with confidence.

To request your free copy, please contact Dixie Mullins at Dixie.Mullins@ACHservices or call 817-886-7115.

Create a legacy that reflects who you are—today, and for generations to come.

Complimentary Estate Planning

A Gift from ACH Child and Family Services



Estate planning is legacy planning—creating peace of mind, protecting those you love, and making sure your values live on. Whether you're updating an existing plan or starting from scratch, here's why thoughtful planning is so important:

- **Protect Your Loved Ones:** Without a valid will or trust, state laws—not you—decide how your assets are distributed. Estate planning ensures your wishes are honored.
- **Honor Your Values:** Support the people, causes, and organizations that matter most to you—even after your lifetime.
- **Save Time & Money:** A clear plan helps avoid costly probate, streamlines the legal process, and relieves your family from added stress during a difficult time.
- **Leave a Legacy That Matters:** A change in your Will can change the world for abused and neglected children for generations to come.

Protect What Matters Most –

To help you take the next step, ACH Child and Family Services has partnered with Thompson & Associates, a nationally recognized estate planning firm to help you:

- Clarify your financial goals and needs for the future
- Decide how much to leave to heirs—and when
- Explore tax-smart strategies to benefit your family and the causes you care about

Through the Thompson & Associates planning service, you will have an expert and objective third party specializing in crafting a personal estate plan that paints far more than your financial picture.

Values-based planning ensures your story is communicated with the same passion, values, and love that have defined and inspired you over your lifetime.

This service is completely confidential and offered at no cost to you with no obligations. It's simply our way of supporting you in creating a plan that reflects your life, your priorities, and your legacy.

Ready to get started?

If you would like to schedule a private consultation with Vince McElligott, our Thompson & Associates representative, please contact Dixie Mullins, Chief Development Officer at ACH Child and Family Services at 817.886.7115 or Dixie.Mullins@ACHservices.org.



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