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# A Message

FROM WAYNE CARSON, PH.D.

## Dear Friend,

In 1915, Fort Worth looked very different than it does today. One thing that hasn't changed is the dedication and compassion of the ACH Child and Family Services network of partners, friends and supporters like you.

ACH started as a group of women dedicated to the well-being of vulnerable children. Today, 109 years later, we carry on the same legacy — to protect children and preserve families.

You have something in common with our founders — just like them, **you have the power to shape the future by planning your legacy today.** A gift to ACH through your estate will reach vulnerable children and families for generations to come.

In this issue, Bill and Janeen Lamkin share how a lifetime of commitment to our shared mission led them to include ACH Child and Family Services in their estate plan. They have ensured their legacy of compassion continues beyond their lifetimes. You can do the same.

Should you have questions about giving strategically and/or leaving a legacy through an estate or endowment gift to ACH, please contact Dixie Mullins, our Chief Development Officer, at 817-886-7115 or by email at [Dixie.Mullins@ACHservices.org](mailto:Dixie.Mullins@ACHservices.org).

Thank you for joining us in our mission of protecting children and preserving families. It is an honor to partner with you!

Gratefully,



Wayne Carson, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer



## Our Mission

PROTECTING CHILDREN.  
PRESERVING FAMILIES.  
SINCE 1915.

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# DISCOVERING THE TRUE ESSENCE OF LIFE: A JOURNEY TOWARDS LIVING FULLY!

Upon graduating from Texas Christian University, Janeen Lamkin was looking for a way to get involved in the community. With a warm smile, she thinks back to the first Christmas parties she helped host with her fellow Women's Auxiliary members.

"I was lucky enough to be introduced to ACH Child and Family Services, and I joined their Women's Auxiliary," she says. "It was a great way to make people aware of its mission while gathering with and making new friends."

Janeen has since served as president of the Women's Auxiliary and as a member of the ACH Governing Board and the Hoot 'n Holler planning committee. She's currently on the All Church Home for Children Foundation Board.

"Now, I see more of my support coming through our investment into the continuation and preservation of ACH," she says.

Bill says his wife's evolution with ACH is a wise trend to take note of. "ACH's mission is vitally important to our community, and Janeen and I feel it is important to get involved with the organizations we support. We encourage people to get engaged to experience the mission and see how your support is making an impact."

As years go by, a person's involvement may take different shapes. "When we began to plan our estate, it was a natural extension of our involvement to consider including ACH."

The Lamkins have generously included ACH in their legacy plan. While they acknowledge estate planning can



be a daunting task, they encourage others to reframe their mindset.

"When some people think about estate planning, they associate it with death," says Bill. "But if you do a good and thoughtful job with an estate plan, it's really focusing on life and the benefits of life in our community. That's a pretty nice legacy."

"So, don't focus on the death part," Bill continues. "Focus on the lives you're impacting and how you're making those lives better. Your gift is not just helping children. It's helping a child grow into an adult and giving them the tools to have a good life."

*If you would like to learn more about how you can make a planned or legacy gift to ACH, please contact Dixie Mullins at 817-886-7115 or visit our gift planning website at [ACHservicesLegacy.org](https://ACHservicesLegacy.org)*

## Organize Your Plan

Do you feel like you need to make plans for the future but don't know where to begin? Here is another way that we can help. Our Estate Planning Guide is an easy-to-use, fill-in-the-blank booklet that can help you organize all of the information an estate planning attorney will need to create your will or trust plan. We are offering this guide as our gift to you because we believe it will help you create a successful and satisfying future. To request your free copy, please call or email Dixie Mullins at 817-886-7115 or [Dixie.Mullins@ACHservices.org](mailto:Dixie.Mullins@ACHservices.org)

# A PLAN THAT PAYS FOR ITSELF

An old saying goes, "If you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there." Sadly, nearly half of Americans neglect to create a will or estate plan. This puts their loved ones at risk of misinterpreting their wishes, incurring extra taxes and expenses, experiencing delays, and missing out on opportunities to support the causes that matter most to them.

With careful planning, you can create an estate plan that reflects your values and leaves a lasting legacy for future generations. Even a simple plan can have significant benefits.

Are you planning for income? You can include trusts or gift annuities that provide income to you, your spouse, or your family, all while

lowering current or future taxes.

Are you interested in creating a charitable legacy? You don't have to disinherit your family to support your favorite charitable causes. Selecting the right assets or methods to give can save your heirs tax bills and support charities like ACH Child and Family Services.

Let your values guide your plan — don't let your estate be reduced to distributing things. What if your plan passes on not just your valuables, but also your values? Consider creating a legacy reflecting your life's passions and work.

Estate planning can give you the confidence and peace of mind your heirs will be provided for and protected.

## **Best of all, planning is easier with guidance**

If you would like to create a plan for your future or need to make updates to an existing plan, we offer complimentary tools to help get you started. Visit our website to learn how to use the Wills Planner to create the peace of mind that comes with having a plan.

*For more information about creating or updating your will, trust, or ways to support ACH through a charitable estate gift, please call 817-886-7115 or contact me at [dixie.mullins@ACHservices.org](mailto:dixie.mullins@ACHservices.org). I am ready to help you!*

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