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A Message

FROM WAYNE CARSON, PH.D.

Dear Friend,

Since opening our doors in 1915, our mission to protect children and preserve families has remained the same.

For the past 110 years, ACH Child and Family Services has followed the lead of our founders — a group of women dedicated to the well-being of vulnerable children. Today, you are emulating their example through your caring support.

With a gift to ACH, you can create a legacy of hope that continues long after your lifetime. A gift to ACH through your estate will give children and teens the very best chance at healthy, fulfilling lives for generations to come.

In this issue, Lyn Willis shares how she spent her career helping the most vulnerable children in our community, which encouraged her to give to ACH Child and Family Services through her IRA in retirement. Lyn is committed to continuing her legacy of compassion. You can do the same.

If you have any questions about giving strategically 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.

You can find additional legacy giving information on our website at AchservicesLegacy.org

Your loyal support provides a beacon of hope for so many. Together, we can help children, teens, families and guardians thrive today and well into the future.

Gratefully,

Wayne

Wayne Carson, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer

Our Mission

PROTECTING CHILDREN.
PRESERVING FAMILIES.
SINCE 1915.

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LYN AND HER LEGACY OF COMPASSION

When Lyn Willis thinks about her upbringing as a child of the South in the 1950s, a strong memory is the legacy of integrity her parents modeled for her from a young age. She recalls with admiration that they demonstrated – and expected from her - a strong moral compass to do the right thing by others, because they believed "everybody deserves to be treated with respect."

That legacy of integrity was instrumentally formative for Lyn. While studying sociology at TCU, Lyn learned how abuse and neglect place children at higher risk to become involved in the juvenile justice system. These influences led to her interest in a career in helping those children.

For nearly 40 years, Lyn worked at Tarrant County Juvenile Services in efforts to help some of our most vulnerable children. She learned early on about the committed work of All Church Home (now ACH Child and Family Services), and when ACH expanded to serve the children in juvenile justice, she notes that "it blossomed into a lifelong relationship" with ACH.

In recent years, Lyn has chosen to give to ACH through her IRA. "When I reached retirement age," Lyn comments, "my advisor let me know I could send money to nonprofits through my IRA in order to fulfill my minimum withdrawal requirements." For Lyn, giving through her IRA required prioritizing the missions and organizations most aligned with her values and deemed most impactful. "ACH is at the top of my list because of the organization's admirable leadership and the wonderful things they have done in our community."

"There's a point where you intentionally choose whom to support based on their good works, demonstrated moral values, strategic approaches, being a good community partner, having a vision for the future, and a willingness to get in the trenches and do the hard work," Lyn reflects.

We are so grateful for Lyn's decision to give to ACH as a show of her strongly held values. Her legacy will continue to support vulnerable children for many years to come.

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

Rollover Your IRA for Good

By taking a distribution from your IRA this year, you will likely pay more in taxes and may even reach a higher tax bracket. ***Rolling over*** part of your IRA's "required minimum distribution" or "RMD" to a charity like ACH Child and Family Services can help reduce your tax bill while supporting abused and neglected children in our community.

If you are ***70-1/2 or older***, you can make a gift of up to ***$108,000*** this year from your IRA to help further our mission of protecting children and preserving families.

Benefits of Making an IRA Charitable Rollover Gift:

- You will pay no income tax on your gift
- You can help support your favorite causes
- Your gift can help build your charitable legacy
- You can use the IRA in the way you want

Double the Benefits

An **IRA charitable rollover** gift can benefit both you and our mission! Contact your IRA administrator to get started with your gift. While you will not receive an income tax deduction, you will not pay taxes on any distributions made to ACH. Please also inform us of your plans so we can ensure your gift is used as it is intended.

CELEBRATING 110 YEARS

Secure the future of ACH Child and Family Services

Impact the next 110 years – and beyond

For over 110 years, ACH has been a beacon of hope, delivering vital resources and support to children and families grappling with life's challenges. However, the divide between those in need and the resources available to help is growing larger every day. You don't have to compromise your family's inheritance to make a significant impact. By including ACH in your estate plan, you can play a crucial role in bridging this gap and ensuring that we continue to uplift and empower our community for generations to come. Your support can truly make a difference.

Make a Deep and Lasting Difference

Here are a few simple ways to make a lasting difference that can be updated at any time throughout your lifetime:

- **Include us in your will or trust.** This is an easy and flexible way to extend your support. You can give a specific amount or leave a percentage of your estate. As little as one sentence in your will is all it takes to complete your gift.
- **Name ACH to receive all or a percentage of your retirement plan assets** through their respective beneficiary designation forms, which can be requested from the administrator. Leaving us highly taxed retirement plan assets after your lifetime is tax-smart inheritance planning.

Our Gift Planning Professionals are ready to help. Please contact us today to discover how you can make a transformative impact through your estate plan.

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