



ENDOWED TEACHING PARENT AWARDS

Before coming to our Home, our children were in families where the adults were unreliable, whether it was a single mother who was absent because she was working to feed her children or guardians who were addicted to drugs. The children often had to parent themselves, or care for their parents, and faced situations that most adults never do.

At our Home, children are raised by “teaching parents,” professional staff members who live with children and care for them as their own. Teaching parents are the backbone of our program, and as we consistently operate at capacity, we must maintain a strong and stable teaching parent staff. Stability is important in any organization but in our program, consistency of staff, particularly the teaching parent staff, is absolutely vital to the wellbeing of our children.

As more and more residential programs move to a shift model, rotating child care staff several times a day, we remain committed to the live-in, family model to give our children a stable, nurturing environment because we know that it is the best way to raise children. The live-in model is significantly more challenging for our teaching parents, and we work to develop and maintain a culture where teaching parents are valued and supported to minimize turnover.

Endowed Teaching Parent Awards honor and recognize the distinction of superior teaching parents while providing a financial incentive over and above the salary that is funded by the earnings of the endowed gift.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

As part of our commitment to the residents of Boys and Girls Country we promise every student who graduates from high school that we will see them through college, or trade school, and into a first job. Each year, individuals, foundations, and organizations help us fulfill this promise by contributing scholarships to Boys and Girls Country to be given to deserving College and Career students, chosen on the basis of academic merit and financial need. Some of these funds have been gifted to the Endowment Fund to ensure that they will be there for our young people forever. Each scholarship is contingent upon the specific desire and guidelines from the donor. Several examples are:

The Ruse and Sybil McNair Scholarship Fund, established in 1990, was the first scholarship fund for Boys and Girls Country. The McNairs ask that up to two scholarships be given each year to Christian students who are motivated toward academic excellence, and who might not otherwise be able to attend college because of financial need.

The Randall G. Wallace Scholarship Fund was established by Majane Martin in memory of her husband, Randall Wallace, in 1999. The Fund provides deserving young men or women who have grown up at Boys and Girls Country the resources they need to fulfill their education goals.

The Christian Mohn Memorial Scholarship, established in 2002 in memory of Christan Mohn, son of Jerry and Vicki Mohn, is awarded to a hardworking student with financial need, and a desire to succeed in a post-high school education opportunity.

The Liz Berry Scholarship Fund, established in 2006 by Dick Berry in memory of his wife, Liz, is awarded to a student of Boys and Girls Country each year who has a desire to further their education in college.

The Howard Family Scholarship Fund, established in 2010 by Helen and Bob Howard, is awarded annually to a deserving young man or woman who has been in care at Boys and Girls Country. Students attending four-year colleges may apply for the scholarship in the spring of each year. The recipient selected does not have to be in the top of the class, but must have a solid academic record and exhibit financial need.

The Joanne H. Watford Scholarship Fund was established in 2012 with gifts from Michael Watford, Ultra Petroleum and others to support our young men and women in the College and Career Program who are pursuing undergraduate degrees.

The Adrienne Elise Jeffers Scholarship Fund was established in 1986 as a student loan fund in memory of Adrienne Elise Jeffers, granddaughter of Frank Guthrie. Because Boys and Girls Country does not allow its residents to take out loans for college expenses, The Endowment Board passed a resolution in 2013, changing this to a scholarship fund. Recipients are students who would like to further their education who would not be able to without this support.

The Loraine Edmonson Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 by Lewis Edmonson in memory of his wife, who passed away in November, 2012. The Fund is to provide financial support to students from Boys and Girls Country who wish to further their education beyond high school graduation.

The Thomas C. Brennan III Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by a gift from the estate of Tommy Brennan, who passed away in January, 2011. His wife, Nancy, and daughter, Liz Clearman, chose to specify that the gift establish this scholarship fund because education was highly important to Tommy. The Fund provides resources for higher education for young men and women who have grown up at Boys and Girls Country.

The Richard and Fern Basden Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 by a gift from Mrs. Basden to support our young men and women in the College and Career Program who are pursuing undergraduate degrees

The Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 during the first Reunion of the Auxiliary with donations from their members. Founded in December, 1974, the Ladies Auxiliary's purpose was to help and encourage the boys residing at the Home, which was then known as Boys Country. Members also served as public relations persons in the community and raised funds for the Home through the Spring and Fall Festivals.

The Harold G. and Rose F. Jacobson Family Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 by Rose and Jake Jacobson with a gift from their IRA. The fund is to provide financial support to students from Boys and Girls Country who wish to further their education beyond high school graduation.

The Winthrop A. Wyman Scholarship Fund was established by Beverly Johnson to honor the memory of her long-time friend. The Fund provides resources for higher education for young men and women who have grown up at Boys and Girls Country.

The MGM Family through Christ Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 by Marvin and Sarah Moore. Funded by a gift from Marvin's retirement settlement, the Moores chose to make a lasting gift that would honor Marvin's life's work. The scholarship supports our young men and women in the College and Career Program who are pursuing undergraduate degrees.

The Philippians 4: 6-7 Scholarship Fund was established in 2014 by a couple who preferred to use their favorite scripture for its name rather than theirs. The Fund provides resources for higher education for your men and women who have grown up at Boys and Girls Country.

Because of our enhanced focus on education, more and more students are prepared for and desirous for a college education. This, plus the fact that college costs have arisen at twice the cost of inflation for over 30 years, makes these funds increasingly important for our young people.

THE CHILDREN'S TABLE

Feeding the children in our care is the most critical need we have at any given time. We are responsible for purchasing food for more than 125 children and adults every day of the year.

As a member of the Houston Food Bank, we receive assorted items at a reduced cost. We also raise our own beef and reduce our cost for quality meat in this way. Other donors supply livestock and donations through drives for canned foods and staples. However, fresh fruits, vegetables, bread and milk are not always available. These items, and other non-donated items, must be purchased which significantly adds to our food expenses.

"The Children's Table" was started several years ago to assist with these annual expenses:

Sponsor a shelf in the pantry with a gift of \$1,000 to The Children's Table.

Set a place at The Children's Table that will provide food for one child forever with a gift of \$10,000.

Provide food for an entire cottage of 8 children forever with a gift of \$80,000.

When you join our generous donors with a designated gift to this fund, you will know that children at Boys and Girls Country will have "three nutritious, sustaining meals a day"...every day of the year...forever.