



Turning A House Into A Home

Mr. and Mrs. Guillory came to Spaulding for Children in 2013 looking to provide a loving and supportive home for a child. The Guillorys began their journey to adoption in the 90s after trying multiple methods to have a child. After many years went by, Mrs. Guillory said "I prayed to God to send us a child and no matter how He sent the child, we would accept them."

After many years of prayer, in 2013, the Guillory family would add not only one child to their family but three! They received a call from Spaulding for Children letting them know there were two boys, who are biological brothers, ready to be placed in their home. The following day the Guillorys received another call letting them know that boys' oldest brother needed an adoptive home as well. "There was no way we would separate siblings, so we said yes," exclaimed Mrs. Guillory.

Now they actually have five boys - their three adopted sons, a step-son and Buddy, the family dog. Mrs. Guillory says she is truly outnumbered, but she wouldn't have it any other way. Mr. Guillory added with joyful enthusiasm, "I can't wait to leave work and come home to my boys!"

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When asked, what adoption means to her, Mrs. Guillory stated, "I have learned so much. There are so many children who want a loving, safe, and secure home. If you're unsuccessful at conceiving, why not adopt?"

"Our house is finally a home, and you can tell there's love here!"

"Our house is finally a home, and you can tell there's love here," says Mrs. Guillory about her journey to adoption.



**"Little" Julien, Joseph, Christopher, and JJ,
Mr. Guillory's biological son**

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SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for our annual Home Is Where the Heart Is Luncheon, chaired by Anne Halliburton Stewart and Taryn Hunt Proler!

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Houston Country Club

For more information visit:

spauldingforchildren.org/home-where-heart-luncheon/

Words From a Client

We received the note below from one of our clients thanking Spaulding for Children for the services we were able to provide their child and family. Thanks to supporters like you, we are able to ensure that the work we do each day makes a difference in the life of a child and family in need.

Dear Spaulding for Children staff and donors,

I want to thank you for the support my family has received this past year from Cynthia Couch. She was super supportive and patient with me during one of my lowest points in my life as a parent of a special needs child.

I also want to thank those who have made it possible, financially, for us to send our child to High Frontier. This opportunity to send her to such a nice place would not be possible without people, companies and all involved in passionately helping support children who have suffered from child abuse and those families who adopt.

Thank you so much for all your help.



Share Your Stories

Have a story to share with us?

Email Shannon Barilleau at

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All In For Adoption Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

Spaulding for Children hosted our annual All In for Adoption Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on November 19 at River Oaks Country Club. KHOU Channel 11's Meteorologist, Chita Johnson, served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Guests were greeted by Texans Cheerleaders as they entered the country club. They also had the opportunity to bid on exciting silent auction items including an Earl Campbell jersey, a baseball bat signed by Craig Biggio, jewelry, handbags and much more!

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of co-chairs, David Baggett, Steve Kennedy, Keith Maxwell and Brian Romere and the event's Host Committee, 2015 was a record breaking year! The event raised nearly \$200,000 to support Spaulding for Children's mission to provide children in need of a loving home with the joy of having one.

Three players took home the coveted first, second and third place prizes. The winners of the 2015 All In for Adoption Texas Hold 'Em Tournament were: 1st Place Lane Dodds, 2nd Place Jeff Sinda and 3rd Place Allen May. Congratulations to all players and thank you for your support; we hope to see you at this year's event on November 17, 2016!



Tournament Winners - Jeff Sinda (2nd), Lane Dodds (1st) and Allen May (3rd)



Tournament players contemplating their next move!



Daniel Wilson with Texans Cheerleaders



Event Chairs - Keith Maxwell, David Baggett, Brian Romere and Steve Kennedy with Chita Johnson

Meet J'Andre and Je'Kye'Ya!

Spaulding for Children offers a unique program that offers proactive, child-focused recruitment of adoptive families for children who have been placed in long-term foster care. This unique program provides intensive social work services to find the best adoptive home for a child by exploring all facets of the child's family, school, and friendship circles, as well as recruiting families from the broader community.

For more information about these children and to find out how you can become a forever family, please contact Staci Prince at 713.681.6991 or sprince@spauldingforchildren.org.



First Names:
J'Andrea and
Ja'Kye'Ya

Ages: 12 & 12

J'Andre and Ja'Kye'Ya are twins who share a close bond! They enjoy doing things together such as going out to restaurants and going to the movies.

J'Andre is a very active, loving child who loves to smile. He loves being around his twin sister, Ja'Kye'Ya. When it comes to outdoor activities, J'Andre enjoys playing all types of sports with children his own age.

Ja'Kye'Ya is a loving, affectionate child who loves to smile. **Ja'Kye'Ya likes to color, watch TV, and play with her toys, especially dolls.** She also loves to sing and dance.

J'Andre and Ja'Kye'Ya need a family who will provide them with structure and support as they grow.

Thank you Memorial Woman's Club!



Director of Development, Annie
Richardson and Gay Rod

Memorial Woman's Club is an all ladies service group that helps local non-profits. Each holiday season they choose a local non-profit to donate items in need.

This past year the ladies collected backpacks, gift cards, toys and clothing for our Angel Room. They also made significant monetary donations to Spaulding for Children. Our Angel Room provides clothing, supplies, toys and other essentials for children during transition and in times of crisis.

A special thank you to the Memorial Woman's Club for providing our children with the items they needed this holiday season!

For more information about donating to our Angel Room please contact Shannon Barilleau at 713.681.6991 or sbarilleau@spauldingforchildren.org.

2015 Family Holiday Party

On Saturday, December 12, 2015, Spaulding for Children hosted our annual family holiday party at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church. Families had the opportunity to see Santa and meet Miss International. Below are pictures from the wonderful event! Thank you to everyone who made this event possible!



Volunteers, Felicia Carpenter, Shavon Barras, Tracey Bradley and Lachelle Ivory with Santa



Miss International, Elise Banks, with Santa

Forever Families

In 2015, Spaulding for Children placed its 2,000th child in an adoptive home! Meet a few of our newest forever families below.



The Zapata Family



The Nisar Family with Judge Ellis



The Reyes Family



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Randalls Good Neighbor Program: Link your Randalls Remarkable Card to Spaulding for Children, which is organization number **1470**, and Randalls will donate a percentage of your purchases to Spaulding for Children. Please fill out the Randalls Good Neighbor Form, which can be found at <http://www.randalls.com/ShopStores/Good-Neighbor.page>, and bring it with you next time you shop at Randalls.

Corporate Matching Gift Programs: Does your corporation have an employee matching gift program? Many corporations offer employee giving programs where they match donations to eligible nonprofits. It's an easy way double or even triple your contribution to Spaulding for Children! Check with your company today to see if we are on their list of approved nonprofits.

Amazon: Spaulding for Children is a participating charity of AmazonSmile. This is an easy way to designate a percentage of your purchase to go to Spaulding for Children! Once you have linked the account, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases!

Here is how it works:

- Visit <http://smile.amazon.com/>
- Sign in as you would on your regular account or create one if you don't already have one
- On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will need to select Spaulding for Children to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. You can do that by clicking the link towards the top of the page that reads "Supporting"
- Search for Spaulding for Children (make sure you select the Houston location!)
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