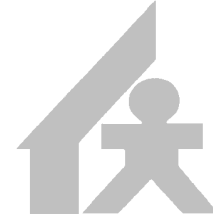


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Leonard Gill to serve as Honorary Chair for *Tailgating for Our Kids* Event

Boys and Girls Home and Family Services, Inc. is proud to announce that Leonard Gill, long time supporter and advocate for children and families, will serve as the honorary chair for *Tailgating for Our Kids*, taking place Friday, October 14 at the Marina Inn. The designation of honorary chairs for this event is a tradition established to recognize outstanding individuals in the community who have illustrated incredible commitment and generosity through volunteer efforts and support.

“It is with genuine appreciation that Boys and Girls Home and Family Services recognizes Leonard Gill as honorary chair of this year’s event,” states Art Silva, President and CEO, Boys and Girls Home and Family Services, Inc. “Leonard’s quiet and compassionate way of providing leadership, direction and support to the many causes and projects in Siouxland is worthy of recognition. It is an honor to recognize him for his dedication and unselfish ways through both his philanthropic work and business intellect. Our entire community is blessed to have Leonard’s presence.”

Gill has provided in making Siouxland a better place to live and raise a family. Over the past 20 years, he has built strong connections to Boys and Girls Home clients and employees; always available to share his experiences to help and mentor others. Gill has offered Boys and Girls Home clients the opportunity to join him to fish and enjoy the outdoors. He has also supported every Boys and Girls Home and Family Services campaign to provide necessary improvements and upgrades to the facility and is currently a member of the Enhancing Lives Capital Improvements Campaign Endorsement Council.

Whether building successful business operations or supporting community efforts, he approaches all his projects in a kind, soft spoken manner with a great deal of professionalism. Gill demonstrates the power of sharing by providing

opportunity for success through education and hard work. Known by many as Mr. Anonymous, recognition is not a driving factor or motivation for Gill; he supports many local efforts quietly. Gill's acts of kindness will forever make an imprint on the lives of many children and families.

Gill currently serves on the board of trustees at Briar Cliff University and holds the following awards from Junior Achievement of Siouxland, Inc., Siouxland Downtown Rotary Club – Service Above Self Award, Dakota County Developer of the Year, Junior Achievement of Siouxland Hall of Fame and Leadership of Dakota County and W. Edwards Deming Entrepreneurial Excellence Award.

Leonard Gill joins previous years' honorary chairs: Art and Eileen Silva, Dan and Kay Pecaut, Fred Wells, Ginny Peterson, Helen Jane Gleeson, Marilyn Christiansen, Eldon and Regina Roth, Joan Waitt and the late Norman Waitt, Sr., the Smith family of the American Pop Corn Company, and the Rodawig and Aalfs families.

Boys and Girls Home and Family Services, Inc. has been helping children and families address their problems for over 117 years. The mission of the organization is to improve the lives of children and families. Boys and Girls Home and Family Services, Inc. is accredited with the Gold Seal of Approval by the Joint Commission.

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