



Children's Transplant Initiative

Providing support for children and their families throughout their transplant journey.

Letter from the President/Co-Founder:

As 2018 winds down, I wanted to take a moment and give thanks - to our family, to our friends, to our donors, to our sponsors, to our supporters, and to our one very gracious Heavenly Father. When Children's Transplant Initiative was launched 15 months ago, we had no idea it would impact our lives the way it has. For us, the journey has been truly humbling. The children and their families we have been blessed to get to know have been planted firmly in our hearts forever, a feeling I wish each of you could experience.

My sincere hope is that each and every one of you, whether a donor, a volunteer, or a CTI prayer warrior, truly feel that you are a part of CTI. I don't think we anticipated being where we are today, and the truth is none of this would be possible without YOU - CTI is not about the Witty family, it is about a growing group of loving, caring people, making a difference in the world by turning a misery into a ministry.

So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you. We are blessed beyond measure and so grateful to have you alongside us on this journey!

Blessings,

Less Witty

CTI Families

Since launching 15 months ago, CTI has been blessed to provide support through our mentoring program, as well as provide financial assistance, to 27 families. We have developed a wonderful partnership with the Transplant Social Workers at Texas Children's Hospital and Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital, who let us know when they have a family in need.



"R" Rooms Housing Program



We are excited to announce our partnership with Express Corporate Housing, who are providing fully furnished 2 bedroom apartments for our fellow pediatric transplant families. The "R"Rooms, a place to Rest, Relax and Recover, are less than a mile from the Texas Medical Center and offer shuttle service to the pediatric hospitals.

Thank you to Steve & Shelly Brewer, and the incredible team at ECH for your huge hearts! Special thanks also to Bob Pohl at Furnishings Unlimited for providing the furniture, and to Jana Stafford of JPS Corporate Services, for providing the housewares. These apartments are provided to families at no cost to them!



End of Year Giving

All Donations to CTI are tax deductible. As 2018 comes to an end, join us in supporting these families with a one time donation or consider becoming a monthly partner. The CTI website is now set up to provide the opportunity to give on a monthly basis - go to cti-tx.org, click on DONATE, and you will see the option to make it a monthly donation.

On behalf of the families we serve, we thank you for supporting our mission.

2018 Sporting Clay Shoot /Fundraiser

Our first annual sporting clay shoot/fundraiser was a great success! We were excited to meet our financial goal, and we were thrilled with all the teams that joined as they were "Shooting for a Purpose"! We want to give a heartfelt thank you to all of our sponsors, participants, and volunteers, along with our incredible event planner, Catherine Kruse of Kruse Interests, and the staff at American Shooting Center.

We are gearing up for the **Second Annual CTI Sporting Clay Shoot/Fundraiser** which will be held on **Friday, February 22nd, 2019**, once again at ASC.

This year we are planning on 150+ shooters and we will be holding a fundraiser dinner on Thursday night, Feb. 21st, with live and silent auction items. The venue will be confirmed at a later date, and we will soon be sending out a "Save the Date" announcement. Please mark your calendars, we would love to see you all at both events!





“Ambassadors of Hope”

We are honored to announce several members of our team are now Ambassadors of Hope with LifeGift, an affiliate of DonateLife Texas, the official organ and tissue donor registry of the State of Texas.

We are thrilled to be able to spread the importance of organ donation to our Houston community as we share our experiences of being organ recipients, living donors, and donor families. As an added honor, the Witty family was asked to be in the LifeGift 2019 calendar as a donor, recipient, and caregiver. They also included a nice feature on CTI!



“The only thing I could think of was making her healthy again.”

Ross Witty is a huge sports fan, but the team that's most important to him is his family. When his daughter, Kimmy, needed a new kidney at age 12, he didn't sit on the bench. In November 2011, Ross gave a piece of himself so his daughter could live. Today, Kimmy, 19, is in college. She lives and gives through her dad's card on mission. Ross and his wife Cheryl started the Children's Transplant Initiative to support other families undergoing the transplant process. "While people tell us we are a blessing, it is we who are truly blessed." See the full story at LifeGift.org/Wittyfamily

Ross, Cheryl & Kimmy Witty
Living Donor & Wife
Daughter/Kidney Recipient
Spring, Texas

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Thank you to all of you who have been shopping with us in mind this past year - [here](#) is a link that you can bookmark for your future Amazon shopping.

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