

At the time of Aunt Jane's death on August 1, 1948, national president Lee Wandel wrote to all chapter presidents stating that Grand Council had met with Aunt Jane earlier that year at the Oklahoma City convention. The meeting was called to set up a five-year contingency fund to be used for some charitable project in Aunt Jane's honor on her 75th birthday.

Lee explained that Aunt Jane told Grand Council she preferred that JPS not give money in her honor while she lived. She also advised them that it might be given as a memorial to her since her doctor recently advised her that she had only six months to live.

Lee added, "We will carry out her wishes in this as we did when she was here, and in 1952 the amount so accumulated will be given in her memory. While we deeply mourn her passing, we are stronger and better fitted for life through knowing her and associating with her, and will carry on with even greater enthusiasm to make JPS, of which she was so proud, the greatest organization ever organized and operated by a group of girls, and so honor the memory of our beloved Aunt Jane in whose honor it was organized."

At the 1951 convention, delegates voted to make the Memorial Fund a perpetual one, accumulated in five-year units. To support the memorial fund, all chapters contribute five percent of net proceeds from local money-making projects. No chapter may contribute less than \$10 and the chapter hosting the convention that year may contribute 5 percent or choose to make a \$10 contribution while raising money for convention expenses. Prior to the time of selecting a Memorial Fund recipient, any chapter may recommend a nominee to be selected by delegates at the national convention.

When JPS selected its first memorial in 1952, it began a tradition and heritage which has lasted throughout the years. However, there was one shaky period when a member of the Phillips family suggested that the fund be discontinued as he felt Aunt Jane's wishes had been fulfilled. Delegates decided otherwise at the 1967 convention and voted to continue the national Memorial Fund as originally designed.

Since that first memorial, the Jane Phillips Society has given over \$150,000 in Aunt Jane's honor. These contributions have helped alter shattered lives and create dreams for the once hopeless. Furthermore, the memorial represents only a fraction of the money raised by each chapter to support local causes.

Unit I: 1952

\$2,259.43 to the Jane G. Phillips Episcopal Hospital in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to equip a chapel.

Unit II: 1957

\$3,889.33 to the Children's Memorial Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska, for the Nursery Department.

Unit III: 1962

\$5,128.65 to the National Jewish Hospital, Denver, Colorado, for the Children's Treatment Center.

Unit IV: 1967

\$6,850.21 to Girlstown, U. S. A., Whiteface, Texas, to build a swimming pool.

Unit V: 1972

\$5,436.72 to the Tammy Lynn Home and Development Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, for infirmary and therapeutic equipment and an entire day training room and its equipment.

Unit VI: 1977

\$7,667.59 to the Dean A. McGee Eye Institute, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for the purchase of a Donaldson Stereo Eye Camera and related equipment to be used in the study of corneal diseases.

Unit VII: 1982

\$22,194.63 to the C. Henry Kempe National Center, Denver, Colorado, a nationwide center for the help and treatment of sexually, mentally, and physically abused children. These funds will be used to purchase new equipment for the pre-school and play area, video recording equipment, cameras, and monitors for their research programs.

Unit VIII: 1987

\$36,682.64 to the Genesis Project, Jones, Oklahoma, a home for abused children, to help build and totally equip the kitchen and cafeteria facilities to accommodate an additional 72 children.

Unit IX: 1992

\$42,296.95 to the Star of Hope, Houston, Texas, to renovate one of the Transitional Living Center's family apartments and two rooms for single adults so bathrooms will be accessible to handicapped residents. Also, wheelchair ramps will be built.

Unit X: 1997

\$26,541.63 to the Hutchinson County Crisis Center, Borger, Texas, to renovate the kitchen, bathroom, and other areas of the shelter.

Unit XI: 2002

\$27,711.38 to the Center Serving Persons With Mental Retardation in Houston, Texas to build a playground for children.

Unit XII: 2007

\$28,729.95 to The Children's Center in Bethany, Oklahoma to purchase mat tables for the new Pediatric Medical Rehabilitation Unit which opened in February, 2007.

Unit XIII: 2014

\$42,483.03 to The Food Bank of the Rockies to purchase a large freezer to help feed the homeless.