



Latch Key

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"PEARL GRIFFIN MEMORIAL"

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Greetings, and you guessed it. I'm writing to ask for your help in supporting a local program that's very special to me.

As a member of the board of the Pearl Griffin Memorial Latch Key Program, I've seen hundreds of young children in our community grow up and thrive in the safe, nurturing environment this program provides.

My involvement with Latch Key goes back more than 35 years, when I was a member of the committee at Union Presbyterian Church that created the program as a local mission. Soon, it expanded beyond a single church and became the independent, non-profit, community-based program that had been envisioned from the start. As enrollment applications increased, Latch Key found a new home at First Christian Church, and since 1991 up to 85 youngsters in the Brownwood school district have attended this state-licensed after-school program each semester. This is all provided for eligible families at no cost to them. The children study and play in supervised activities until their working parents pick them up at the end of the day.

With 35 years of history, the need for the program is obvious, but ongoing community support is essential if it is to be sustained. A local board of directors working with its dedicated administrator, Jessica Hardy, ensure that every budget dollar is maximized. Staff members come from the Work Study Program at Howard Payne University, minimizing payroll costs. And while Latch Key enjoys funding from Brown County United Way and local foundations, individual donations are still needed to help pay operating expenses.

Each January, Latch Key has historically conducted its "100 From 100" campaign, and I'm asking if you would join me in supporting Latch Key financially. As the title suggests, our board is seeking donations of up to \$100 from 100 people, but gifts of any amount are welcome and deeply appreciated. Responses of \$25 from 400 people would be wonderful.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Our mailing address is PO Box 2121, Brownwood, Texas 76804. You may also donate online at www.latchkeyprogram.org . If you need further information on Latch Key, call the office at 646-2138.

Also, please remember our annual hamburger-hot dog supper and bake sale on April 17th at First Christian Church. Watch local news media for details.

Best wishes for a happy and safe 2018!

Sincerely,

Gene Deason