

# Lila

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## LEGACYSOCIETY



In 1969, Lila Bjorklund was touched by the plight of abused and neglected girls. At the time, there were foster homes for boys, but girls were sent to detention. With donated land, materials and labor, Lila and her friends, (mostly fulltime housewives), marshaled the resources to build the first foster home for girls in Utah.

Lila believed, *“the gift that makes dreams come true is so simple. It is love, plain, simple, warm love.”* Armed with that love, Lila worked, without compensation, for forty-plus hours weekly, for twenty-five years, to ensure that some of Utah’s most desperate children would receive the love they needed. Her legacy of unflinching advocacy for children remains in the happy, productive, lives of all Village children.

Lila said, *“I have been blessed and able to share this vision with others who, with love and caring, have accepted it as their own. Now it becomes our common cause.”*

Your Planned Gift automatically makes you a member of the Lila Legacy Society, an elite group of individuals with a *“common cause.”* Like Lila, you share the vision of advocating for children and families.

Members enjoy a private evening, once a year, to visit and celebrate Village success, along with meeting Teaching Parents and children from one of our group homes. Society members can ask questions of the parents and children, to deepen their understanding about our youth’s experiences learning the Teaching Family Model and the Village mission.

Your deferred Planned Gift to Utah Youth Village, guarantees your legacy of caring for children will live on in perpetuity. Your membership in the Lila Legacy Society, ensures the Village will continue to teach skills for success. Your generous gift will bring happiness and joy to many children and bless them and families for years to come.

