

LINDA GALE WHITE

Linda Gale White, wife of former Governor Mark White, made public support of children's issues her priority during her term as First Lady of Texas from 1983 to 1986, and today, children's issues are still very important to her.

As First Lady, she served as the Honorary Chairman of PTA's Child Abuse Prevention Program and traveled the state bringing awareness to the importance of prevention programs to keep child abuse situations from ever happening. Working with the Texas Legislature, she helped establish the Children's Trust Fund, which was a dedicated fund financed from a percentage of marriage license fees, to be used for programs that promoted education and training of child abuse prevention.

In 1983, using the Houston Communities In Schools program as a model, she and Governor White helped to establish the first statewide program. Today, CIS is in over 28 Texas cities and in over 875 school sites with an average success ratio of keeping over 98% of CIS students in school.

Linda Gale serves as the Development Chair of CIS Houston Board of Directors and also sits on the national CIS board based in Alexandria, Virginia. She chaired the first national Quality and Standards Committee that standardized basic CIS operational principals in all local programs throughout the United States and received the National CIS Leadership Award in 1998.

Fifteen years ago, Linda Gale fulfilled her dream of being able to continually search for antiques by starting an antique business, LGW Antiques. Today, her discoveries are housed at Memorial Antiques and Interiors in Houston.

Linda Gale and Mark met as students at Baylor University and in 1966 they were married. Their three children, Mark, Andrew and Elizabeth, with their spouses, Melanie, Stacey and Seth Russell and nine grandchildren all live in Houston.