



The Settlement Home for Children

## THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GARAGE & ESTATE SALE



*Garage & Estate Sale Co-Chairs  
Julie Schechter, Mary Gilmore  
and Ruth Whitehurst*

### TOGETHER, WE RAISED \$1,833,556 TO SUPPORT YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

This year marked a major milestone for The Settlement Home's beloved tradition: the 50th Annual Garage & Estate Sale—Austin's most unique fundraiser supporting one of the city's oldest and most impactful nonprofits.

Founded in 1916 by 12 determined Austin women, The Settlement Home for Children began as a simple day nursery and grew over the decades to meet the evolving needs of Texas foster care. What hasn't changed is the organization's commitment to providing safety, support and stability for children who need it most.

Today, The Settlement Club has expanded to more than 450 women from across the Austin area. Their very first Garage Sale in 1976 set the tone for what would become a signature community event. With 4,200 eager shoppers, that inaugural sale raised an impressive \$36,129 for the Home. Fast forward to this year: the 50th Annual Garage & Estate Sale soared to new heights, grossing more than \$1.8 million—a testament to the passion of the volunteers and the generosity of the Austin community.



For months leading up to the Sale, Club members roll up their sleeves to collect, sort, process, price, and sell thousands of donated treasures. Items range from fine crystal and china to furniture, sports gear, linens, kitchen gadgets, vintage finds, clothing, holiday décor, fine art and countless other surprises. All of it comes together at the Palmer Events Center on the first full weekend of November, transforming the space into a shopper's dreamland.

The festivities begin with the Preview Party, where sponsors and ticket holders enjoy first pick of the goods over dinner and drinks. The Sale then runs Friday through Sunday, building up to the legendary Box Sale, where shoppers purchase an empty box and fill it with as much as they can carry—always a crowd favorite. As part of the Home's commitment to serving the entire community, through their Giving for Living Program, gift certificates are provided to individuals in need so they can select items at no cost.

***Mark your calendars now: next year's Sale returns to the Palmer Events Center,  
November 6–8, 2026. You won't want to miss it!***



Thank you to our sponsors!

We would like to thank our sponsors who helped make The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Garage & Estate Sale a huge success. All proceeds from The Sale support individuals who have experienced severe emotional trauma, abuse and neglect.

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The Settlement Club’s Board Presidents and Garage & Estate Sale Chairs from the last 50 years

Preview Party!



WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 5 2025

Sponsors and attendees enjoy exclusive first look while sipping drinks and mingling with friends



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Enthusiastic shoppers in line!



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THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GARAGE & ESTATE SALE



Shopping!



Friday, November 7–Sunday, November 9, 2025

Attendees shopped from our 21 departments throughout the weekend at the Palmer Events Center. A special thank you to our Settlement Club members and volunteers for their help in making The Sale a success!



Clothing for the entire family!



Precious silver at affordable prices!



Gorgeous, inexpensive wedding dresses!



Incredible art to add to your collection!



Fine china at even finer prices!





# ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION



Located in Austin on a 10-acre campus, The Settlement Home is a licensed nonprofit that provides 24-hour care to help children in foster care access the support they need to build and preserve a stable sense of well-being.

Each of The Home’s programs builds a foundation for children as they access healing for a hopeful future. The skills they learn and the self-belief they build continue to develop well beyond their time in our care. As adults, they have a higher chance of maintaining steady employment and stable housing, as well as lower chances of incarceration or experiencing homelessness. As parents, they have the ability to build and sustain healthy relationships with their children. All of the children we serve can break the cycle of abuse, and we are dedicated to supporting them as they realize the depth of their potential.

## OUR PROGRAMS

### Residential Treatment Center (RTC)

Our Residential Treatment Center provides care for girls and young women ages 12–18 in a highly structured environment with 24-hour therapeutic support. While many children in foster care are in the state’s custody for basic needs, all residents at The Settlement Home for Children come to us with urgent, critical needs. Our RTC is a safe and nurturing environment that enables our residents to begin trusting the healing process.

### Group Home Program (GHP)

Our Group Home Program provides care for girls and young women ages 12-18 in a home-like setting with 24-hour therapeutic support. The goal of the GHP is to create a family-like environment while giving our residents the opportunity to practice independent living skills that help them prepare for adulthood. Residents go grocery shopping together, cook at home and have independent recreation time.

### Supervised Independent Living (SIL)

Our Supervised Independent Living provides 11 efficiency apartments for young women 18 and older who are not quite prepared to live on their own and therefore choose to remain in the custody of Child Protective Services. Residents in our SIL live in apartments on our campus and receive case management and therapy. These young women continue to build life skills like financial literacy and job preparedness.



### Foster & Adoption Program (FAP)

Our Foster & Adoption Program works with Child Protective Services to provide either a temporary or permanent home for boys and girls of all ages who can no longer remain in their current living situation. To best support our children and families, our FAP trains foster and adoptive families in trauma-informed care, supports them through the foster and adoption process and provides post-adoptive services such as therapy and resource referrals.

### Post Adoption Services

Our Post Adoption Services provides support to families after adoption including family therapy, parent coaching and more.

### University of Texas Charter School

Our on-campus University of Texas Charter School serves students from sixth through 12th grades and provides special education services, credit recovery and tutoring.



## MAKE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON MAGICAL FOR KIDS IN FOSTER CARE!

This time of year reminds us of the warmth and togetherness we all cherish. Your kindness can bring these gifts within reach for the children and families we serve.

Please consider making a gift this holiday season.



Scan to make a gift!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
for  
**The Settlement Home’s Spring Fundraiser**  
**A Night Out**  
**April 23, 2026**  
**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF AUSTIN**  
**COMMUNITY IMPACT CENTER**



fun

ACTIVITIES

available to residents at The Home



**Prom**

Some of our residents do not attend public school where they can experience Prom, so we organize a unique occasion as an alternative!



**Games Day**

This annual field day is full of fun activities including a photo booth with props, a cupcake walk, a dunk tank, hula hooping, water balloon toss, bingo and more.



**Quinceañera**

Each year we hold a quinceañera for participants where we celebrate with friends and family, delicious food and lively music.

**Summer Program**

Participate in daily activities such as yoga, arts and crafts, book club, music lessons, game nights and more in the summertime.



**Graduation**

Graduating high school is an important milestone. To honor that achievement, we have a ceremony for our graduates where they receive their diplomas and are surrounded by our supportive community.



**Run Club**

Stay active with our Run Club! The club trains weekly with a mentor to run 5K races in the community.

*“As a foster family, we were surrounded with organizations and individuals who showed up for our family with respite support, systemic supports, financial waivers for activities, special camps for kids in foster care, and so much more. It’s astounding that so many of these services disappear when an adoption is consummated. The families still deal with trauma and intense behaviors, still have huge financial commitments as part of supporting their kids, and can often find themselves feeling alone and adrift wondering where everyone and everything went. The Settlement Home’s post-adopt services help change this reality for so many families.”*

PROVIDE A FOREVER HOME

At The Settlement Home for Children, our Foster & Adoption Program serves children from infancy to age 18. Our dedicated team recruits, screens, trains and verifies potential foster and adoptive parents to become providers with us. The months and years after adoption can be overwhelming for adoptive families, our goal is to walk with you every step of the way.



Are you interested in learning more about becoming a foster or adoptive family? Reach out to our Family Development Team at 512-832-1252 or [fap@settlementhome.org](mailto:fap@settlementhome.org).

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Mission, Vision and Values

Our mission is to promote healing and growth in children, young adults and families by providing a continuum of care, support and resources.

We serve individuals who have experienced severe emotional trauma, abuse and neglect.

**Vision Statement:** Working to end the cycle of child abuse.