

# Building and Construction Trades Council

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Mr. Travis T. Wallace,  
2020 Live Oak Street,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir;

Several years ago, Mr. R.L. Thomas came to the Building Trades Council to solicit their assistance in erecting a Cerebral Palsy Clinic on Oak Lawn Avenue. The land on which this clinic was to be built on, had been donated by others. The Dallas Society For Crippled Children, was then in its infancy, and had very little money.

Organized Labor agreed to build this Clinic, labor free, and did so. Later on, Mr. Thomas again approached the Building Trades Unions for their assistance in erecting an addition to this building. The result was, that the first annex to the clinic, was built about ninety percent free by Union Labor.

The various Local Unions have donated labor to do a great part of the maintenance work there. Most of the Building Trades Unions donate regularly to the Clinic.

Through all of these years, it has been our pleasure to work with Mr. Thomas. All of us are personally acquainted with him, and hold him in the highest esteem.

The Dallas Building Trades Council would appreciate it very much if we could get your permission to have Mr. R.L. Thomas present our award of merit to us.

As the new President of the Dallas Society for Crippled Children, we wish you success, and assure you of the fullest cooperation of our Organization.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Respectfully Yours,

L.E. Dilley.  
Secretary.

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During the latter part of 1950, Mr. R. L. Thomas, President of the Society For Crippled Children, came to the Dallas Building & Construction Trades Council to solicit their assistance in the erection of a Cerebral Palsy Clinic. The land on which the clinic was to be built is across the street from the old Parkland Hospital on Oak Lawn Avenue. It had been donated by others. The Dallas Society for Crippled Children was then in it's infancy, and had very little money.

The Building Trades Unions agreed to furnish free labor to construct the building for the clinic, and did so. Henry C. Beck Construction Company furnished the supervisor for the job, and carried the employees liability insurance free. This building cost \$125,000.00. The labor was a little over \$50,000.00.

Several Business Manager of various unions worked on Saturdays and Sundays along with the men. Mr. Clyde Wimberley, Business Representative of the Roofers Local Union, fell from the top of the building, and died from his injuries.

In 1955 building tradesmen were asked to work free to erect an addition to this clinic. They did so. Twelve thousand dollars work of free labor was donated to build the addition.

In addition to this donated labor by building trades unions in the erection of the Cerebral Palsy Clinic. A great deal of the maintenance work has also been donated.

Building Trades Unions in Dallas donate money to this worthy project, regularly.

For their appreciation for these things, the Dallas Society for Crippled Children is presenting the Dallas Building & Construction Trades Council with an award of merit.

Mr. R. L. Thomas, who has been a friend of labor for years, is presenting the award of merit.

Mr. Dan Reynolds is President of the Dallas Building Trades Council, Mr. A. J. Christian is Vice President and L. E. Dilley is Secretary and Business Manager.