

**PORTRAIT OF A DONOR: WHY I  
GIVE TO NILD—MEET PAUL &  
DONNA HOBBS**

There are numerous ways to help NILD, and Paul and Donna Hobbs practice many of them. They don't think they are doing anything special, though. "We just give back to the organization that helped two of our boys."

They learned about NILD after they realized their 9th grade son Ryan had trouble with reading and writing, even though he made Bs and Cs in school. They began to understand that he had a learning disability. He was enrolled in NILD's Discovery Program in 10th grade. By his senior year in high school there was a great difference in Ryan's ability, his attitude and even his personality. He went from seeming beaten down to exhibiting confidence.

The word "servant" describes Paul and Donna. They support NILD's annual fund and sponsor individual students in the Discovery Program. Paul serves on the NILD and Discovery Program boards. He even serves barbecue lunches to the staff of both organizations whenever his construction company, Phil R. Hobbs & Son, is working nearby! Paul and Donna say, "God has given to us, and we enjoy giving back."



**DID YOU KNOW CHILDREN WITH LEARNING  
PROBLEMS OFTEN BECOME SUCCESSFUL LEADERS  
... WHO STILL STRUGGLE**