

2020 Quality of Life Award Nominations

Individual	Activities	Nominated by:
David Brooks	Many community activities -FQHC, Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County, Independent Bank Community Grants	Roger Harris
Merina White	Community volunteer - Samaritan Inn, Direction 61:3	Steve Hester
Michael Dodson	Community volunteer - McKinney Chamber, Socks for Seniors, Volunteer McKinney, MISD, Crape Myrtle Trails Foundation and other	Laverne Solis
Phil Wheat	Community volunteer - Crape Myrtle Trails Foundation, Serenity High, Avenues Counseling Center,	Susan Shuttleworth
Mary Carole Strother (2)	Volunteer Executive Director-Collin County History Museum	Jackie Brewer; Rick Glew
Heather Astuto (2)	Volunteer Founder and CEO-Especially Needed, dedicated to advocating and supporting individuals with special needs	Cindi Bolton; Shelley Staton
Michele and David Bernard	Community volunteers - creators of Salsa Fest supporting Community Garden Kitchen; McKinney Farmers Market;	Jaymie Pedigo
Kim Sanchez	Community volunteer with many organizations including HUGS Café and Alliance of Elite Youth Leadership; founder of McKinney Little Free Pantry to provide emergency food sources to poor and hungry	Janay Tieken
Helen Hutton	Founder and Executive Director-Baby Booties providing diapers and potty training supplies to families in need as well as personal care products. Also hosts Jingle Booties to provide holiday gifts, food and other items for families in need	Angi Burns

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Organization	Activities	Nominated by:
McKinney Garden Club	Founded in 1930, dedicated to educating the McKinney community on the design and management of gardens, supporting beautification projects and environmental programs along with sponsoring plantings and benches in city parks and MPAC	Sharon Scott, President
Odysseus Chamber Orchestra	The orchestra has created programs to help youth, providing opportunities to broaden their horizons, awarding scholarships to help kids participate in its youth orchestra programs. The professional orchestra reaches out to a wide variety of audience to build the city as an arts destination.	Jason Lim
Hope Clinic	Hope Clinic offers primary health care, vision clinic, counseling, prescription assistance, dermatology, physical therapy and more for uninsured and under-insured residents of McKinney	Peggy Reilly
McKinney Police Department	Neighborhood Police Officer Unit - a community policing initiative that works to identify crime trends and quality of life issues affecting residents in neighborhoods throughout the community	Greg Conley
McKinney Fire Department	Community Healthcare Program - designed to reduce the need for high utilizers of EMS to access emergency/ER services to improve quality of life for individuals with chronic or specific medical conditions	Daniel Kistner

DAVID R. BROOKS

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

**FQHC, Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County,
Independent Bank Community Grants**

McKinney Awards Candidate

Nomination of David R Brooks

David R. Brooks is Chairman of the Board, President and CEO of Independent Bank Group. Under David's leadership the bank has grown to be one of the 5 largest banks in Texas while maintaining its base in McKinney.

David has served on many local Boards, Commissions, and City Council:

- President of the Board of Trustees of the McKinney Independent School District,
- the McKinney City Council Member At Large
- the McKinney Economic Development Corporation Board and
- the McKinney Chamber of Commerce Board.

David has been active in civic and religious organizations serving many in our community demonstrating his strong leadership skills and his love for McKinney..

David demonstrated his interest in serving the community using his vision and leadership to create the Federally Qualified Health Center in McKinney. Its mission is to create a medical home for McKinney's vulnerable population. Over 15,000 patients were seen at the temporary facility in 2019. The new permanent facility is now under construction and is a great example of how a public/private partnership can help address critical needs in our community. David committed the lead gift from Independent Bank of \$2.5 million as well as a substantial personal donation.

When the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County was searching to build a new facility further north in Collin County, David made the decision to donate land owned by Independent Bank that is the perfect site location for the Center. The value of the gift will easily be above \$1 million. The new facility will enable the Center to continue with its mission to provide safety, healing, and justice for children victimized by abuse or neglect in our community.

Through the Community Grants Program, Independent Bank awards funding to local nonprofits serving low-to-moderate income individuals and families across. These grants are directed towards projects and programs that support Community Development, Education, and Health & Human Services in the communities where we all live and work. Since its inception in 2015, the Community Grants Program has awarded over \$750,000 to more than 45 different organizations.

David has demonstrated his community commitment over the years with a spirited involvement in building a better McKinney for all of our citizens while demonstrating a strong commitment to the city in his business career.

Nominated by:

Roger D. Harris

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MERINA WHITE

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

Samaritan Inn, Direction 61:3

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Merina White
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How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	7+ years
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	<p>Merina volunteers at several local community outreach organizations. Weekly she volunteers at the Samaritan Inn thrift store, decorating the store. But beyond that, she has had several events such as a boutique at her home, with the proceeds going to Samaritan Inn, including remodeling a home in the historic district and gifting a portion of the profits to Samaritan Inn. Prior to her 80th birthday in the past few years she has personally raised \$60,000 for Samaritan Inn. For her 80th birthday, she had a party with several hundred of her closest friends, and did a fund raiser for the Inn, which resulted in a gift to the Samaritan Inn of an additional \$10,000.</p> <p>If this were not enough, she also volunteers at Direction 61:3, providing them with both financial gifts and her time. She</p>

recently helped organize their annual fundraiser.

Beyond this, she often gifts individuals in the community who are struggling financially with gifts. This week my wife and I found a family that was struggling and offered to help them, we called Merina to tell her our plans and she instantly said, come by and get some cash from her.

This wonderful woman, who should be enjoying life and resting and traveling, also does most of the decorations for her Church and finds time to sing in the choir.

I know of no greater individual helping our community.

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Steve Hester
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Please note:
Additional information may be requested by MCDC.

MICHAEL DODSON

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

**McKinney Chamber, Socks for Seniors, Volunteer
McKinney, MISD, Crape Myrtle Trails Foundation**

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Michael Dodson
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State	TX
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Website	<i>Field not completed.</i>
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	15+ years
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	<p>I would like to nominate Michael Dodson as he truly enjoys everything he does to help make a difference in our community. He inspires those around him and shows that you can make a difference in many different ways. For years I have seen him collect socks for Seniors each holiday season as part of the Chamber. He volunteers at various events and has been doing it for years with a smile at Make A Difference Day, Mc Kinney Crepe Myrtle run, MISD Senior Night. He's been a mentor in the schools for children and even helps deliver the Crepe Myrtle trees each year.</p> <p>Anyone who has worked with Michael knows him with his yellow shirt & Ink van, always there to help with a big smile.</p>

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Name of person submitting nomination: Laverne Solis

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State TX

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PHIL WHEAT

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

**Crape Myrtle Trails foundation, Serenity High,
Avenues Counseling Center**

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Phil Wheat
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Website	www.crapemyrtletrails.org
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	30 years
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	<p>PHIL WHEAT (an Individual) – Quality of Life Nomination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board President (2006 to current), Crape Myrtle Trails of McKinney Foundation, a 100% volunteer and self-funded 501(c)3 non-profit.• Long-time McKinney business owner of Wheat-Givens Financials for 24 years.• Serenity High, McKinney, volunteer board member for many years.• Avenues Counseling Center, McKinney, volunteer board member for many years• Cottonwood Creek Baptist Church, Allen, TX, deacon and church member for many years• McKinney Chamber of Commerce member for many years• McKinney Chamber of Commerce

- Collin County Networking Group (CCNG)
- Crape Myrtle Trails of McKinney Foundation
- Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)
- McKinney Community Concerts
- Leadership McKinney

DESCRIBE HOW NOMINEE HAS POSITIVELY IMPACTED QUALITY OF LIFE IN MCKINNEY:

- As CMT Board President, Wheat was instrumental in leading the CMT board in securing national recognition of McKinney as “America’s Crape Myrtle City” from the U.S. Senate, State of Texas, and McKinney.
 - o Increases tourism = quality of life benefits
 - o Increases business growth = quality of life benefits

- Led CMT Board efforts to partner with McKinney’s CoCo Good, Communications & Marketing Director, in creation of new logo options to increase awareness of McKinney as America’s Crape Myrtle City.
 - o Increases tourism = quality of life benefits
 - o Increases business growth = quality of life benefits

- Leads CMT Board efforts in annual Crape Myrtle Run & Festival. This year, 2020, will be the 15th annual event.
 - o Increases tourism & business growth – by targeting professional runners nationwide by securing official USATF-certification for this 10K and 5K run. Specifically, runners throughout the world look for qualified runs with this USATA certification to qualify for winter runs. Professional runners specifically use our certified run trails due to our fast and flat course to qualify for their winter runs.
 - o Increases residents quality of life benefits – With the
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upcoming 15th Annual Crape Myrtle Run & Free Family Festival, this event has become a huge family favorite event.

- o This event helps to promote healthy family activity. Families with children of all ages benefit from the active lifestyle this community event provides.

- Leads CMT board efforts related to the CMT School Run Grants. As a component of our Annual Crape Myrtle Run, schools receive grant dollars based on the number of runners who mention a school during the online registration process.
 - o In 2019, more than \$5,550 awarded to schools throughout Collin County.
 - o Our school grants program increases quality of life for all citizens, students, and schools by increasing opportunities for healthy lifestyle options.

- Leads CMT board efforts for McKinney's much beloved annual Mother's Day Project.
 - o Since 2006, CMT board donates crape myrtle trees to all MISD elementary school's fifth-graders on the Friday before Mother's Day.
 - o This is a huge quality of life event that all MISD students look forward to as their own "rite of passage". Many students have watched siblings or other students receive their crape myrtle trees. And for some students, this tree will be the only mother's day gift they will be able to give to their moms. It's a heart-warming annual event that provides a life-time memory for families in planting and caring for their trees.

- Instrumental in leading CMT board with McKinney's World Collection Park as related to continual improvement of the park, continual additions and replacements of trees, partnering with McKinney's Parks Department for coordination of all maintenance and improvement efforts.
 - o Continual improvements in McKinney's World Collection Park = quality of life for McKinney citizens and visitors worldwide.
 - ♣ McKinney's World Collection Park (2011 dedication) serves as repository of the genetic protoplasm for future research and hybridization allows side-by-side comparison of crape myrtles by citizens and tourists.

"The quality of one's heart is the primary determinate of greatness. Becoming "America's Crape Myrtle City" by the

manner in which we showcase the South's premier following plant is becoming the 'heart' of McKinney, Texas USA. _Phil Wheat, 2012

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Name of person submitting nomination: Susan Shuttleworth

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MARY CAROLE STROTHER
VOLUNTEER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR
COLLIN COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM



2020 Quality of Life Award Nomination Form

Must be submitted to MCDC no later than Friday, January 3, 2020

Nominee (Individual/Organization): Mary Carole Strother, Executive Director, Collin County History Museum

Mailing Address: 300 East Virginia Street

City: McKinney ST: TX Zip: 75069

Phone: 972-542-9457 x100 Fax: _____ Email: director@collincountyhistoricalsociety.org

Website: www.collincountyhistorymuseum.org

Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney? (*Attach additional pages if needed*)

It is my pleasure to nominate Mary Carole Strother for the MCDC Quality of Life Individual award. She serves as Executive Director of the Collin County History Museum. Along with her board of directors, she has led the museum on a path to fulfill its mission to preserve and honor the past, connect with the present and embrace the future. Their commitment to the collection and preservation of the rich heritage and history of the people and events that shaped McKinney and Collin County is seen with the exhibits created and the improvements made to the museum that include the McKinney Then and Now Exhibit – 2018-2020; and World War I Centennial Commemoration – 2017-2018.

Located at 300 E. Virginia Street, CCHM is an archival museum with historical artifacts, photographs, documents, diaries, manuscripts, historical maps, archival newspapers and land records that provide valuable research information for genealogists, historians, authors, teachers and students. The museum has a library collection of books dedicated to Collin County and Texas History. Docents provide interactive educational programming for students across Collin County.

We have seen her efforts on behalf of our city over the past 4 years and have been so impressed with her creativity, professionalism and attention to detail as she developed and executed new concepts to bring our museum to life. She understands the importance of fiscal responsibility to the

residents of McKinney and never asks for a penny more than she needs, in presenting incredibly cost-effective museum enhancement project requests (and it really is down to the penny).

One of our most important McKinney landmarks, the museum is a bright, inviting place, supported by Mary's enthusiastic and knowledgeable team. Mary Carole and the team have figuratively (and literally) made history come alive for everyone. Using creative displays incorporating innovative technology – exhibits documenting the history of our area have been celebrated with thousands of visitors from our community and beyond. She has paid special attention to youth interests, with modern augmented reality displays, iPad and coordinated programs with key institutions.

Beyond her leadership role at the Collin County History Museum, Mary Carole is committed to the larger goal of Heritage Tourism in McKinney – by working in partnership with Chestnut Square and Heard Craig Center for the Arts to share the history of McKinney and Collin County not only with our residents, but also visitors from throughout north Texas.

We are all so proud that McKinney is not just another DFW suburb, but a thriving city with its own heart and soul, and thanks to Mary Carole and her team, also one with a clear and readily visible sense of its history and culture.

How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community? 4+ years

Name of person submitting nomination: Rick Glew

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McKinney, TX 75070

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Phone: 972-542-9457 x100 Fax: _____ Email: director@collincountyhistoricalsociety.org

Website: www.collincountyhistorymuseum.org

Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney? (*Attach additional pages if needed*)

I am submitting this application to nominate Mary Carole Strother for the MCDC Quality of Life Individual award. She serves as Executive Director of the Collin County History Museum. Although retired, Mary Carole treats her position as a full-time paying position when in fact this is a volunteer position. She has served on the Museum Board and she was involved in the Sestercentennial community project in 2016 (Collin McKinney Exhibit, which allowed the museum to win the 2016 Collin County Excellence in Education Award) and subsequently became the director after the passing of the previous director. Mary Carole has devoted countless hours to the museum to include manual labor and cleaning. She takes beautiful care of the museum building and its contents so that its history is preserved for future generations. She uses interns and scholars to properly research and catalog artifacts and has worked with many organizations to upgrade the building. She is financially responsible and has attracted financial support from individuals, businesses, grants, and government funding. Mary Carole has created a working board, with engaged members, who make informed decisions based on transparent finances.

Mary Carole and her board have led the museum to great success while fulfilling its mission to preserve and honor the past, connect with the present, and embrace the future. The McKinney Then and Now Exhibit – 2018-2020 and the World War I Centennial Commemoration – 2017-2018 have proven their commitment to preserving the heritage of Collin County and McKinney.

Prior to her role at the Collin County History Museum Mary Carole was the library media specialist at Finch Elementary. Throughout this career she was named Finch Elementary Teacher of the Year, McKinney ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year, Texas Library Media Specialist of the Year, and the National Technology Innovation Teaching Award. While serving in the role of library media specialist, she determined the importance of the history of McKinney. Mary Carole authored a book "Collin McKinney: Patriot and Statesman". This allowed her students to have written documentation about Collin McKinney in addition to the field trips to the Collin County Museum. She enlisted the help of Ridgell McKinney, a great-great-grandson of Collin McKinney. This dedication to her students and community have continued as seen in her work at the Collin County Museum.

Under Mary Carole's leadership, the museum now offers Interactive History Classrooms. This program offers FaceTime or Skype for classrooms to tour the museum. The classroom can interact and ask questions as the tour is viewed on the Smart Screen in the classroom. The museum also uses iPads that can scan a QR code that is linked to videos. This technology has allowed visitors of the Now and Then Exhibit and the World War I Exhibit to watch videos and hear stories of the past. The Now and Then Exhibit has gone one step further with its use of HP Reveal. This allows guests to point the camera of the iPad over an image and an overlay image is revealed. For this Exhibit the reveal is usually a picture of how the building or street of the past looks today. The museum also offers after school programs, summer camps, and recognition of veterans. Journey at the Museum, an after school and summer camp for disadvantaged and at-risk 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students at Finch Elementary won the 2019 Collin County Historical Education Award. These amenities and programs have piqued the interest of visitors of all ages.

Mary Carole possess a leadership quality that is critical to the success of the museum. She is careful to make each Board member and volunteer feel that they are important to the success of the program. This is a rare gift that she uses effectively. From personal experience, she has worked with my grandson as he has volunteered at the museum. Although his time is limited, she allows him to volunteer when he can and makes him feel important.

Mary Carole also understands the importance of all visitors, but I am very thankful for her focus on children. She understands how children learn and makes visiting the museum an exciting event. She offers volunteer hours for children who would like to help with the iPads and tours. She understands that commitment to one's community starts early. Mary Carole collaborates with Chestnut Square and the Heard Craig Center to offer heritage Alliance joint memberships. She exchanges items with

the Denton County's museum to improve exhibits. Mary Carole promotes and shares the history of McKinney and Collin County not only to the residents of McKinney but to all visitors to the community.

I am proud to know Mary Carole and to honor her with this nomination. She has a "vision" for presenting the history of McKinney and it is working to enlighten the many visitors she brings to the Collin County Museum. She has a genuine desire to add a unique and enlightening experience to learning history.

How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community? 4+ years

Name of person submitting nomination: Jackie Brewer

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McKinney, TX 75070

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HEATHER ASTUTO

ESPECIALLY NEEDED

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Heather Moss Astuto/Especially Needed
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How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	10 years
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	Heather strives to be the voice for individuals with special needs and is committed to community activities where children and adults with developmental delays are given opportunities and resources to excel. As the Founder and CEO of Especially Needed, a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization, dedicated to building a strong community where individuals with special needs are valued, respected and included, she advocates for this special population who is all too often forgotten about. Heather is the mother of two beautiful girls, LeAnna and Giana. In 2003 LeAnna was born with Down Syndrome and since that day Heather works with determination and passion to ensure her daughter is not only provided with the resources to live a happy, full life but that she also has the support and tools needed to succeed. She is an advocate for

all people with special needs and gives all her extra time to Especially Needed.

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Name of person submitting nomination: Shelley Stayton

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State TX

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Heather Astuto
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Website	https://www.especiallyneeded.org
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	9 years
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	Heather is dedicated to building a strong community where individuals with special needs are valued, respected and included, she advocates for this special population who is all too often forgotten. Heather is responsible for much of the vision and strategy efforts for Especially Needed as it touches families all across North Texas.

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Cindi Bolton
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City	McKinney

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MICHELLE & DAVID BERNARD

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

**Salsa Fest supporting Community Garden Kitchen,
McKinney Farmers Market**



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Nominee (Individual/Organization): ___Michele and David Bernard _____

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City: McKinney _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____75069

Phone: 214-726-2203 _____ Fax: _ Email: michele@bernardsgourmetfoods.com

Website: ___https://bernardsgourmetfoods.com

Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney? (*Attach additional pages if needed*)

The Bernards (individually and together) have been involved in dozens of volunteer causes the over the years including their church St. Peter’s Episcopal; recently they have become involved in the volunteer Vendor committee of the McKinney Farmers Market, lending both their expertise in social media and communications but also their experience with other markets and market leadership. But most recently, they created McKinney’s own Salsa Fest, in partnership with Chestnut Square and benefitting Community Garden Kitchen, as a way to bring entrepreneurship and philanthropy together and shed light on food insecurity. The inaugural SalsaFest (2018) not only raised approximately \$10,000 for CGK, they also procured a \$25,000 multi – year sponsorship from Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union and launched 3 new salsa business including 2 in McKinney.

Along the way, they are finalists in HEB’s Quest for Texas’ Best for their roasted salsas, obtaining shelf space in HEB stores across the state.

How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community? Natives 50+ years

Name of person submitting nomination: Jaymie Pedigo

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Phone: ___936-524-4743___ Fax: _____ Email: director@chestnutsquare.org

Please submit form to:

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KIM SANCHEZ

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

**HUGS Café, Alliance of Elite Youth Leadership,
McKinney Little Free Pantry founder**

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Kim Sanchez
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State	Texas
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Website	thesanchezgroup.biz
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	20 years
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	Kim has been active in the McKinney area since she moved to McKinney the late 1990's. Kim is a trained Civil Engineer, licensed in multiple states, and together with her husband Martin, opened Sanchez and Associates, LLC., a planning and engineering consulting company, in McKinney in 2005. In addition to her volunteer work, Kim has played an integral part in developing Sanchez and Associates, LLC. into a full land development, real estate and investment company: . Since moving to McKinney, Kim has been an active member at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in McKinney. She has served on the alter guild, capital campaigns, and as youth director. Kim was a member of Junior League of El Paso and Junior League of Plano as well as a Board Member for Holy Family

School in McKinney for the past 10 years.

Kim founded Sanchez Charities, LLC in 2017 to focus the company's and the family's personal charitable giving through a strategic, systematic approach. Through the Sanchez Charities, LLC, Kim launched "McKinney Little Free Pantry" to help provide emergency food sources to the poor and hungry. The idea was simple: "Take what you need; Leave what you can". The original "pantry" started with a used piece of furniture she and her daughters purchased from the Habitat for Humanity's Re-store Store. This mission has flourished and has brought multiple churches, denominations, civic groups and many volunteers together to advance this simple and yet very important concept. With her group of volunteers, The Little Free Pantry has multiple locations in throughout McKinney. Organizations and participants that have coalesced for this mission include: BanCorps South; McKinney Dentist; St. Andrews Episcopal Church; St. Gabriel's Catholic Church; St. Peters Episcopal Church; Trinity Presbyterian; Johnny Rutledge Insurance; Lions Club; Kiwanis Club; boys and girls scout troupes; Valliance Bank; Cookies in Bloom; Secured Title of Texas; Clark Hamilton (Chase Partners) and so many more wonderful people and organizations. 100% of all proceeds collected (cash, in-kind, food, clothing, blankets, gloves, etc.) are all distributed and donated. The administrative costs of running the McKinney Little Free Pantry are shouldered by individual philanthropists and entities such as Secured Title of Texas, The Sanchez Group, Sanchez Charities, Chase Partners and many others. The parent company of Secured Title of Texas, Title Midwest, from Kansas City, provides sustaining financial support to feed the hungry and homeless in McKinney Texas – that is the power behind the mission.

In 2015, Kim was sitting in church, when she started talking to Ruth Thompson, President & Founder of Hugs Café (at the time a fledgling idea). Ruth had a vision to create a non-profit cafe that would be run and operated primarily by adults with special needs. Kim and Martin have a niece with special needs, so the connection was immediate and personal. Quickly, Kim and Ruth developed a plan: Ruth needed a building with a commercial kitchen to keep growing her mission and Kim had a building with a commercial kitchen that had been recently renovated. Hugs Café is now more than a dream and an experiment – it is a real "bricks and mortar" haven for adults with special needs. Today, this mission touches the lives of so

many great people.

In 2017, Sanchez Charities formed a strategic alliance with the Alliance of Elite Youth Leadership (AEYL), led by Derick and Ceretha Robinson. Together, they have sponsored community drives to support families in need for school supplies, backpacks, tutoring, mentoring, etc. Together with various community partners, Sanchez Charities and AEYL have made a tremendous impact on families throughout the McKinney community.

In 2018, The Sanchez Group, through one of its subsidiaries, entered into a private-public-partnership with the City of McKinney to build a parking garage in downtown McKinney. As that project neared completion, Kim partnered the McKinney Arts Commission to create the five-story mural mosaic on the parking garage that faces Virginia – McKinney Blossoms. Kim contributed 50% of the cost for that artwork that was created by Reginald Adams of Houston, Texas. Kim believes the artwork is yet another way for McKinney to celebrate its history and its future.

Kim focuses a lot of her time on her two beautiful children, always teaching them the importance of being servant leaders and giving back to their community. She and her daughters volunteer with food drives, clothing drives, backpack drives and with spreading the mission of compassion and giving. Every year, Sanchez Charities adopts multiple families throughout the holidays for gifts, necessities, food and more importantly, fellowship. Kim currently serves on the McKinney Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Hunger Coalition Board and manages to run a successful multi-faceted business that has had a far reaching impact to the broader community. Kim Sanchez is an amazing individual and an example of what one person can do to improve their community and positively impact the lives of many!

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Janay Tieken
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HELEN HUTTON

**BABY BOOTIES FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
and HOST for Jingle Booties Holiday Gift Drive**

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Helen Hutton
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State	Texas
Zip Code	75069
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Website	https://www.babybootiesdiaperbank.org
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	over a decade
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	Helen is the Founder and Executive Director of Baby Booties in McKinney. Her organization helps provide diapers and potty training supplies to families in need. She recently added feminine products to the packages provided to families. She also launched a program in local schools to assist with feminine hygiene product accessibility. Additionally, Baby Booties has their annual Jingle Booties event providing holiday gifts, food and items for those in need. This year she added a Thanksgiving meal service too! Helen is a wonderful woman who serves her community in countless ways.

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Name of person submitting nomination: Angi Burns

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McKINNEY GARDEN CLUB

Quality of Life Nomination Form

Quality of Life Award Nomination Form

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	McKinney Garden Club
Mailing Address	5100 El Dorado Pkwy., Suite 102, #310
City	McKinney
State	TX
Zip Code	75072
Phone Number	972-542-9999
Fax Number	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	sharon@sharonscott.com
Website	www.McKinneyGardenClub.org
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	90 years
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	The McKinney Garden Club (MGC) is celebrating its 90th year helping to beautify the city of McKinney! Since 1930, MGC has continuously been committed to promoting an interest in gardens and gardening. MGC is dedicated to educating our community on the design and management of gardens, supporting beautification projects and environmental concerns as well as sponsoring plantings and numerous benches in city parks and around the old Courthouse. Annually MGC also provides several \$2,000 scholarships to college-bound students who are majoring in horticulture, landscape design, environmental management, forestry, city planning etc. In 2019 alone the McKinney Garden Club donated over \$22,000 to various non-profit organizations. One project involved providing

a peace garden for special needs young adults who have aged out of MISD. Another provided vegetable seedlings and rainwater harvesting to a food insufficient elementary school garden club to grow food for the childrens' families. At another elementary school we provided education on beneficial insects. Another project provided purchase of pansy seedlings to be grown by special needs adults for resale providing them with a meaningful job. Many shrubs and large trees were planted through our donations to several non-profits. One year MGC supported the planting of 90,000 daffodils in city medians. Every other year since 1998 MGC has hosted a fabulous Garden and Home Tour featuring the loveliest gardens and homes in McKinney. The next much anticipated tour is May 30, 2020. And for almost 80 years MGC has provided plantings, irrigation system and total maintenance of the beautiful Lovejoy Memorial Cloverleaf Flowerbed located in Finch Park. In addition to its members meeting monthly for continuing education on gardening and the environment, this year's president, Sharon Scott, instituted two new projects. The first involves social gatherings to allow the members to get to know one another better so MGC can work like a well oiled machine on our numerous projects. The other is Garden Glimpses where members visit each others' personal gardens to learn more about the care and upkeep of nature. The President's theme is a quote by May Sarton: "Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circle of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace." The 81 women and men in the McKinney Garden Club are truly supporting McKinney being Unique by Nature!

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Name of person
submitting nomination:

Sharon Scott, President MGC

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ODYSSEUS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Quality of Life Nomination Form

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Odysseus Chamber Orchestra DBA McKinney Philharmonic Orchestra
Mailing Address	1011 Thomas St
City	Denton
State	TX
Zip Code	76201
Phone Number	9405948790
Fax Number	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	odysseuschamberorchestra@gmail.com
Website	www.mckinneyphilharmonic.org
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	5 years
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	This orchestra has created so many programs to help youth, giving them opportunities to broaden their horizons, awarding scholarships to help kids participate in its youth orchestra programs. The professional orchestra has reached out to a wide variety of audience helping the city build as an arts destination.
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Name of person submitting nomination:	Jason Lim
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State	Texas
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HOPE CLINIC

Quality of Life Nomination Form

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Hope Clinic of Mckinney
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City	Mckinney
State	TX
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	469-712-4246
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Email Address	hopeclinicmckinney.org
Website	hopeclinicmckinney.org
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	3 years
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	The Clinic has been life changing for so many un-insured or under-insured citizens of Mckinney. Hope Clinic offers primary health care, vision clinic, counseling, prescription assistance, dermatology, physical therapy and more. As a volunteer, I see first hand how much a little kindness, caring and time can improve quality of life. The volunteers and care givers have developed real relationships with their patients. There are many stories to tell; depression managed, Hep C cured, glasses given- allowing patients the ability to work, early detection of cancer for treatment, on and on. These patients would go without care or end up at the hospital ER without this medical home. Additionally, the clinic is able to provide some healthy groceries each week, and many free personal care items that everyone needs. Everyone who works or volunteers

here has a heart to help! Hope Clinic of Mckinney fills a huge void for the citizens of Mckinney!

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Name of person submitting nomination: Peggy Reilly

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McKINNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE OFFICER UNIT

Quality of Life Nomination Form

Quality of Life Award Nomination Form

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	McKinney Police Department - Neighborhood Police Officer Unit
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City	McKinney
State	TX
Zip Code	75071
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Website	www.mckinneytexas.org/166/Police
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	4 years
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	The Neighborhood Police Officer Unit (NPO) is a community policing initiative that works with the community to identify crime trends within their assigned area along with quality of life issues affecting the residents. They work closely with neighborhood groups and individual citizens to identify and address these issues. A significant role played by the NPO's is to connect the Police Department more closely to the community it serves. The NPO's sponsor and coordinate with numerous community events such as: Tacos with Cops; Coffee with Cops; Hoopin with the Blue; and the annual Turkey Bowl youth flag football. A primary strategy of the Unit is bicycle patrol which makes the officers more approachable in the neighborhoods.

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Name of person submitting nomination: Greg Conley, Chief of Police

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**McKINNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE PROGRAM**

Quality of Life Nomination Form

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Please note that additional information may be requested by the McKinney Community Development Corporation.

Nominee (Individual/Organization)	McKinney Fire Department Community Healthcare Program
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Website	www.mckinneyfire.org
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How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	The CHP was created in 2013
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Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	The Community Healthcare Program was designed to reduce the need for high utilizers of EMS to access emergency services...in short, to improve the quality of life for those with chronic or specific medical conditions. To date, over 250 patient participants have been assisted since inception. Forty-two patients are enrolled at any given time. The potential impact with regard to 911-avoidance and cost savings to the patient are significant. The CHP paramedics develop rapport with their patients and the trust built has sometimes resulted in recognizing when something was "off," or a patient was not behaving as usual. This recognition has resulted in identification of life threatening emergencies that were then corrected. In addition, this program keeps fire apparatus and ambulances in service for higher acuity calls. For many of our
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patients, individual dignity is restored or maintained. As our patients are seen proactively in their residence, or urgently as required, transportation to a health care facility is often avoided. Our paramedics are in touch with the patient's primary care physician as well. The CHP also assists with prevention and disease process education, public service activities such as teaching "stop the bleed," and respond to high acuity calls to augment other first responders as necessary. It is my honor to nominate the McKinney Fire Department Community Healthcare Program paramedics for this recognition and am available to answer any questions or elaborate further. Thank you.

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Daniel Kistner
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