

**McKinney Community Development Corporation**  
**2017 Quality of Life Award Nominees**

**Heather Astuto, Founder**  
**Especially Needed**

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| Nominee<br>(Individual/Organization)   | Heather Moss Astuto- Especially Needed   |
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| Website  | www.especiallyneeded.org   |
| How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?                    | 6 years  |
| Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney? | Heather is an exceptional human being who is a single mom, caring for a five year old and a twelve year old .She does so all the while giving back to the community at large, through her love and commitment to her family, her community and all who live daily with special needs and the challenges that go along with this. Heather is the mom of a beautiful daughter who was born with Down Syndrome. Early on, she realized that there were not many events or resources available for these wonderful "differently challenged" human beings and decided |

that she wanted to create an organization that was committed to providing events and opportunities where those with special needs in the McKinney area could attend, enjoy at their own pace and not be judged, hurried or looked upon as different. Heather founded the non-profit, "Especially Needed" in June of 2010. Through this organization she has established numerous events and venues for this to happen! She has successfully established key programs to benefit and serve those who otherwise might not have the opportunity to enjoy what we at times so easily take for granted. She has even made sure that adults with special needs are allowed the opportunity to attend and not be overlooked. Some of her accomplishments are as follows: 1. Annual Fall Carnival: At this event each year over 300 families, with special needs children are able to attend and enjoy an evening of carnival games, petting zoo, foods, rides, trick or treating and fireworks! But Heather doesn't stop there. She also invites the local Adult Special Care facility, realizing that many adults who are in actuality children themselves, need to have a safe, fun, non-judgmental venue in which to have fun and be themselves. 2. Annual Easter Egg Hunt: More than 200 families each year attend and enjoy egg hunting, visits with the Easter Bunny, face painting, games and events all geared towards children and adults with special needs. She even went to Home Depot and asked them to help her to create a special wand with magnets so that those in wheel chairs could also enjoy the activities by picking up eggs with magnets attached. She doesn't believe in leaving anyone out! She was highlighted on Good Morning Texas, interviewing her about this unique event. 3. A Special Time With Santa: At this event more than 140 families bring their children with special needs and enjoy an evening with Santa. (But not just any Santa.) A Santa who understands the need to be compassionate, understanding and the ability to cater to the individual differences and needs of these amazing members of our community. Heather made sure of this. As stated before, Heather manages all of this while being a single mom and supporting her two children. She does not take no for an answer and will leave no stone unturned in her quest to allow these individuals the same opportunities as others and enhance their quality of life day by day, event by event. She applied for grants through the City Of McKinney Community Development Corporation and was successful in garnering some funds for these events, but still spends much of her own money, to cover the expenses. She worked closely with the Kiwanis Club of McKinney to initiate the startup of the Angel League Halos T-ball team for young children with special needs in 2010 and it is still going strong. She organized and led a cheer camp for children with special needs at the McKinney Community Center in 2012. Heather firmly believes ALL should

be afforded equal opportunities to enjoy an equal quality of life. Thus her belief in providing these opportunities and helping to ensure that the City of McKinney does indeed stand behind all their citizens and share her beliefs. She is proud of her family, her community and her organization, as we all should be. Heather was nominated for and chosen as one of 6 honorees of the Wall of Fame at Morgan's Wonderland of San Antonio Texas. The world's largest theme park for special needs individuals. Her name is forever engraved on their Wall of Fame . <http://www.morganswonderland.com/get-involved/free-to-soar-gala/wall-of-fame-honorees> She was recently highlighted in the DfwChild and Thrive magazines. We have learned that there are some outcomes that are even too large or meaningful to be measured, such as a child's smile who is in a wheel chair and could not bend and pick up an egg, but now can actually hunt along with others or even a child who must walk at her own pace and would normally be overrun by other children and not even have a chance to enjoy the experience of "hunting for eggs" or a child who for the first time got to REALLY TALK to Santa and believe that he understood, or a 32 year old adult who is attending an Easter Egg Hunt for the very first time and is so excited over his treasures. These are things that truly CHANGE quality of life. All of these activities help to showcase that the City of McKinney truly does embrace all. I cannot count the individuals that have expressed how grateful they are to have these events available to them in the area. McKinney is an inclusive community, further evidenced by organizations like Heather's.

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| Name of person submitting nomination: | Karen Smithhart             |
| Mailing Address                       | 1401 Lakepark Dr            |
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Craig Brundege

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| Nominee<br>(Individual/Organization)  | Craig Brundage  |
| Mailing Address   | 115 N. Kentucky St.   |
| City  | McKinney  |
| State   | Texas   |
| Zip Code  | 75069   |
| Phone Number  | 972 542 0185  |
| Fax Number  | <i>Field not completed.</i>   |
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| How long has the<br>nominee been involved in<br>the McKinney<br>community?                    | 6 years   |
| Please describe how the<br>nominee has positively<br>impacted Quality of Life<br>in McKinney? | Craig has created a location that draws hundreds of people to McKinney and has also given opportunity to many burgeoning cooks. |
| Name of person<br>submitting nomination:  | Paul Shanahan   |

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Dorothy "Dot" Bradley

Food Pantry



2017 Quality of Life Award  
Nomination Form

Must be submitted to MCDC no later than January 5, 2017

Nominee (Individual/Organization): Dorothy "Dot" Bradley

Mailing Address: 902 Healy St.

City: McKinney ST: TX Zip: 75069

Phone: 469-952-0166 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dot is always the first one at the food pantry, organizing and organizing the days activities. She also welcomes & organizes the many people who come thru the doors needing food. Regardless of health issues she helps unload the truck, bag food & keeps it all going with a smile on her face and a selfless attitude.

How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community? with this project 5 years.

Name of person submitting nomination: Mary Brauder

Mailing Address: 317 Preston Creek Dr.

City: McKinney ST: TX Zip: 75070-7108

Phone: 214-296-8468 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: msb2.compt@tx.rr.com

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McKinney, TX 75070

Attn: Cindy Schneible (if submitting via email: [cschneible@mcKinneycdc.org](mailto:cschneible@mcKinneycdc.org))

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**Gustavo Carbarcas**  
**Hope for the Warrior**

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| Nominee<br>(Individual/Organization)  | Gustavo Cabarcas   |
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| State   | TX   |
| Zip Code  | 75071  |
| Phone Number  | 516-578-8174   |
| Fax Number  | <i>Field not completed.</i>  |
| Email Address   | gcabarcas1030@gmail.com  |
| Website   | <i>Field not completed.</i>  |
| How long has the<br>nominee been involved in<br>the McKinney<br>community?                    | 5 years  |
| Please describe how the<br>nominee has positively<br>impacted Quality of Life<br>in McKinney? | Gustavo Cabarcas works for the non-profit organization of Hope for the Warrior which helps wounded veterans. Gustavo was one of the 9/11 speakers for the memorial this year in 2016 at Boyd High School. He is an active member and participant of the Chamber of Commerce and well known to the businesses in McKinney. He has personally facilitated with the Grand Openings of several new business locations throughout the McKinney area including but not limited to Racetrac, Whataburger on Eldorado as well as many others. On |

12/31/2016, Gus was traveling down Custer when the unfortunate and tragic event of the plane crash happened. Gustavo Cabarcas stopped and put his training and knowledge into use for the Police Department and for the citizens of the community. Once he determined there were no survivors he could help, he began roping areas off where there were plane parts and body parts so as to preserve the integrity of the crash scene. He continued to remain on scene after other police officers arrived and helped them. Before this incident, Gus Cabarcas had been indirectly involved with the location of the missing female in the Target parking lot and her children. Gus Cabarcas has participated in many community events such as the Crape Myrtle Runs and others benefiting the community. Gus has continued to promote the growth in McKinney by personally showing his fellow retired New York Police Department employees that the City of McKinney is a great retirement home for their family. He has personally convinced several of those individuals to move here. There are so many more words that I could use to describe Gus Cabarcas but he is genuine and believes in what McKinney stands for in being the best place to live, work and visit. I am sure that I did not list a fraction of the things he has personally been involved in, but it is truly an honor for anyone that meets this Retired New York Police Officer that not only made a difference in that town but now makes a difference in McKinney. He truly is deserving to have the Quality of Life Award.

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| Name of person submitting nomination: | Tina Malenfant              |
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| State                                 | Texas                       |
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**Luke Calhoun**  
**Prosecutor, Collin County DA's Office**

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Nomination Form**

***Must be submitted to MCDC no later than January 5, 2017***

**Nominee (Individual/Organization):** Mitchell Luke Calhoun

**Mailing Address:** 4816 Lasso Lane

**City:** McKinney

**ST:** TX

**Zip:** 75070

**Phone:** (936) 635-4276

**Fax:** N/A

**Email:** Mitchell.luke.calhoun@gmail.com

**Website:** collincountyda.com/court-1-trial-team/

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

See attached.

**How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?** Over 1 year

**Name of person submitting nomination:** Katherine Calhoun

**Mailing Address:** 4816 Lasso Lane

**City:** McKinney

**ST:** TX

**Zip:** 75070

**Phone:** (972) 795-1075

**Fax:** N/A

**Email:** katherineha21@gmail.com

December 6, 2016

McKinney Community Development Corporation  
5900 S. Lake Forest Drive, Suite 110  
McKinney, TX 75070  
Attn: Cindy Schneible

To Whom It May Concern:

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Justice denied anywhere diminishes justice everywhere." I never really understood what that meant until I watched my husband, Luke Calhoun, become a prosecutor for the Collin County District Attorney's Office and fight, every single day, to protect the community in which we live.

To give you a little background on Luke, Luke attended law school at Texas Tech University School of Law, where he became one of the most decorated oral advocates in the history of the law school. During his first year in law school, he won three of the four intra-school advocacy competitions, in addition to numerous "Best Advocate" Awards. He then surpassed his early success by winning two National Advocacy Championships and claiming the "National Best Advocate" title in numerous competitions. Luke's success was—and still is—unmatched. To put in perspective just how successful he was in law school, Texas Tech University School of Law's advocacy program is currently ranked first in the nation by the University of Houston's Blakely Advocacy Institute. Just last month, preLaw magazine ranked Texas Tech's program the fourth best of any law school this decade. I share this information with you to showcase just how incredible Luke's accomplishments were. Not only was Luke one of the best oral advocates in the history of Texas Tech law, he was one of the best law school advocates in the country.

As to no one's surprise, Luke graduated from law school and landed a high-paying associate position with a Plaintiffs' firm in downtown Dallas. While there, he championed for the rights of less-fortunate individuals who, oftentimes, were left crippled or severely disfigured after catastrophic automobile accidents. Luke excelled in his first year and was quickly noticed by other attorneys as "the attorney to watch out for." Even still, something was missing. Luke loved his clients, and his work, but knew that his passion for service was leading him elsewhere. In the fall of 2015, Luke decided to leave his position in the Dallas skyline and move to McKinney, Texas, to work for the Collin County District Attorney's Office and devote his career to serving the people of our community.

As a prosecutor, Luke has once again excelled and caught the attention of many local attorneys and judges. Luke's primary responsibility is to prosecute individuals who have committed the following crimes in our community: theft, driving while intoxicated/under the influence, possession of illegal substances, and assault. Luke has already successfully put away numerous defendants who posed significant risks to our community, and he has no intention of letting up. Every day, Luke comes home and tells me how proud he is to serve our city and ensure that justice is served. I could not be more proud of the man he is and the leader he has become.

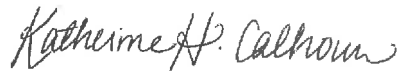
I know that you must receive numerous nominations for this award, and I have no doubt there are many qualified applicants. But, I truly believe Luke is the most deserving individual for this award. Although he is young, he is revered by so many, and his work demonstrates his significant



contribution to the community in which we live. He cares about and protects the child playing in the street from a drunk driver. He cares about and protects the young woman who is scared to face her abuser. He cares about and protects the small business owner who was stolen from and has nowhere else to turn. It takes a lot for a young man with Luke's background to turn down the allure of high-powered firms and tall buildings to devote his life's work to serving neighbors and families he may never meet. I am proud of him and would strongly urge the panel to consider him for the 2017 Quality of Life Award.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine H. Calhoun". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Katherine H. Calhoun

**Mary Nelle Cummins, Founder  
Community Health Clinic**



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**Must be submitted to MCDC no later than January 5, 2017**

Nominee (Individual/Organization): Mary Nelle Cummins

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City: McKinney ST: TX Zip: 75069

Phone: 214-578-6961 Fax: 972-562-1707 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: www.chc-mckinney.com

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

Mary Nelle Cummins began the Community Health Clinic - a free health clinic for low-income, uninsured Collin Co. residents. No insurance is accepted - gov't or private - and no money exchanges hands. It is located at 120 S. Central Expy, Ste 102. The center logs about 3600 patients a year. The clinic is totally supported by donors and volunteers.

How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community? Since 2002

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By: [Rick Atkinson](#) August 15, 2014



Who knows from whence dreams come or why they move us so? Mary Nelle Cummins lay down one night some 12 years ago and awoke with a clear vision for helping McKinney's less fortunate, one that perhaps she wasn't sure she could accomplish.

J. David Thompson, M.D., a fellow member with Cummins at [First United Methodist Church of McKinney](#), recalls the dream thus: "She was sitting in rocking chair in a children's clinic, rocking a child, waiting for that child to be seen. And she couldn't get it out of her mind. She decided the Good Lord was speaking to her, telling her she needed to do something."

That "something" was a free health clinic for low-income, uninsured Collin County residents – and with Cummins' determination and the generous support of local citizens, businesses and churches, her dream came true. Ten years ago this month the doors to the [Children and Community Health Center](#) opened – and many thousands of patients since are thankful they did.



Dr. J. David Thompson

No insurance is accepted at the Center – government or private – and no money changes hands. The Center is staffed almost entirely by volunteers. Located at 120 S. Central Expy., Ste. 102, in McKinney, at the corner of Virginia Pkwy. and U.S. Highway 75, the Center has been a blessing for many with no place to turn.

Now retired, Thompson has served the Center for close to four years. He's one of six volunteer physicians currently staffing the operation. "Throughout my career," he says, "I

always volunteered at a charity clinic and always enjoyed it. I felt like it was what I should do.”

Thompson estimates the Center will log about 3,600 patient visits this year. “I don’t know how you could not be inspired by that,” he says, “that one woman’s dream ... has grown into a clinic which is clearly meeting a need and filling a purpose in our community.”

Thompson notes that Cummins remained actively involved with the Center until about two years ago, when she cut back to spend more time with family.

The Center is open by appointment from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays, except Wednesdays. A walk-in children’s clinic operates on Tuesday evenings, and a Wednesday evening adult clinic is also available.

Sarah Mitchell is president of the Center’s Board of Directors and Manager of Community Outreach for [Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Allen](#). “I think people know we’re out there and we are booked pretty steadily,” she says of the Center, “but we definitely know that people are being missed.”



“We’d love to be able to grow and have a little bit more space and also be open more hours. It really takes people to make this happen,” she adds. “Fundraising is so important for us, to be able to just stay going. We need volunteers on one end of it to keep us going and then fundraising to help us get more supplies and more space.”

We serve most of Collin County. We originally opened to focus on children but we realized that healthy parents make healthy children.”

Mitchell notes that back-to-school is an important time for children to catch up on vaccinations and other health issues.

To be seen at the Center, a patient must present proof of residence in north Collin County and have an income of less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level. (No income would qualify one for Medicaid.) Patients not meeting these criteria are assisted by Center personnel in finding other service avenues.

Even with changes occurring in health care, it's clear that the need for this Center remains. They have experienced a more than 20 percent increase in requests for appointments each year for the last two years.

Executive Director [Dee Silva joined the clinic this summer](#) and brings a wealth of non-profit experience to the organization.

"There are a lot of people in need," she notes. "And our clients come from beyond McKinney. We have patients as far away as Farmersville, Celina and Gunter." The Center's overall organization is strong. "They have gathered the right people. It's all about a team. The staff, community and volunteers have combined to provide an invaluable service to the area."

Currently, besides physicians, eight nurse practitioners and a multitude of nurses staff the medical end of the operation. Only nurse practitioners receive pay. "Not a lordly sum," Thompson says, "but they do get paid." Then there's the slew of administrative volunteers. "They keep everything flowing smoothly," Silva says. "I can't brag on the front-office staff enough."

Interpreters are also on-hand to assist the large Spanish-speaking population served by the Center, though they can always use more.



Photo by TomK Photography

"I will tell you," Thompson says, "this is the most successful charity clinic that I've had the privilege of being associated with."

Partnering local hospitals include [Baylor Medical Center at McKinney](#), [Medical Center of McKinney](#), Texas Health Presbyterian Allen and [Methodist McKinney Hospital](#).

"We are totally supported by our generous donors," Thompson says. "We're providing free, basic medical care to people that would fall between the cracks, the working poor." The Center, he says, has grown by word-of-mouth and has never really advertised. Thompson notes that monies to run the clinic must be raised year-to-year. "You can't take it for granted."

The 2014 [McKinney Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class](#) helped renovate the Center's spaces in March. Also that month, the [Master Gardeners of Collin County](#) donated \$2,755 from its Garden Show. The Center's major annual fundraiser is the [Red Hot Road Rally](#), a 50-plus-mile motorcycle road trip and after-party, held Aug. 23 this year. (Visit [cchc-vim.org](http://cchc-vim.org) for details.)



Children and Community Health Center - Volunteer nurses Dorothy Whitfield and Barbara

Volunteer nurses Dorothy Whitfield and Barbara Watkins.

Another top fundraiser is the Center's Gala event, held Aug. 2 this year at Plano's Marriott at Legacy Town Center. Titled A Dream Come True, this affair's dinner, program and dancing highlighted the Center's 10th year of service.



“At the present time there’s clearly a need for a clinic like this in our community,” Thompson says. “McKinney is a well-to-do, growing community. But when you’ve got a growing community, you’ve got a lot of construction, a lot of low-wage jobs that are needed for this community to grow. Where do those people get their health care?”

Thanks to dreams, one fine answer is McKinney’s Children and Community Health Center. For more information or an appointment, call 972-547-0606.

*About the author: Rick Atkinson is a McKinney-based freelance writer and cartoonist. Like many, Atkinson believes when you’ve got your health, you’ve got it all.*

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## Who We Are

The Community Health Clinic opened its doors in August 2004. A dream that began with Mary Nelle Cummins has become a medical home for thousands of patients throughout the years. Access to care is difficult for 1 in 5 Texans who are without medical insurance. Due to the exorbitant cost, many people have no choice but to delay acute care and for the most part forego preventative care. We believe that healthcare is a basic human need and our dedicated staff and volunteers are now continuing that dream to move forward to a larger goal of expanding to meet that basic need of the underserved in the community.



Mary Nellie  
Cummins

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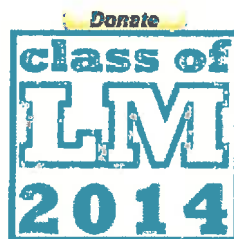
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**Leadership McKinney**

Over 30 people from the Leadership Class pulled up carpet, laid tile, replaced closet shelving and arranged for new cabinets and counters in the nurse's lab and break room. It was hard work, on their knees most of the time but the floor was completed in one weekend. The cabinets give us much needed storage space and the class donated a child-sized table and chairs for the waiting room. We can't thank them enough for replacing the old carpet with new tile and making our clinic a cleaner, brighter and more pleasant place for staff and patients alike.

**Dr. Shannon DeShazo**

**Physician**

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| Email Address   | sldeshazo@gmail.com  |
| Website   | <a href="http://deshazomd.com">http://deshazomd.com</a>  |
| How long has the<br>nominee been involved in<br>the McKinney<br>community?                    | 7 years  |
| Please describe how the<br>nominee has positively<br>impacted Quality of Life<br>in McKinney? | Dr. DeShazo established a solo family medicine practice in McKinney because it is considered a Medically underserved community. After 7 years in practice, when most doctors have practices that are 80-100% private insurance, her practice is about 70% Medicare, Medicaid, and ACA patients. She is the only family physician in McKinney willing to take new patients on two of the three Medicaid managed care organizations. She is the only family physician willing to see patients on the Molina ACA plan, a plan with such a limited network that she has over |

a year waiting list trying to work them in with her other patients. She is an active provider with Project Access-Collin County, which works with a network of providers to give free care to the uninsured. She decided not to join the most prominent Accountable Care Organizations serving Collin County because they will not cover Medicaid. Dr. DeShazo considers her practice a self-funding, vocational ministry. She sees some of the poorest, medically complicated, chronically ill patients in McKinney. In exchange, she sees low reimbursement rates, massive paperwork, absurd bureaucratic rules, irrelevant clinical quality measures, and an extraordinarily limited specialist network. And complaints from patients who do not understand how their insurance plans work, or who do not understand that she is tired, or late because she has to counsel with heart-breaking, life-shattering issues every day. Because she sees the hard cases. I am her husband. I feel conflicted submitting this because she's not doing this for praise. But she directly improves the quality of life of thousands of our most vulnerable citizens, and I hope that if more physicians hear how little access to care so many "insured" patients really have, a few more will sign up to help serve.

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| Name of person submitting nomination: | Jon DeShazo  |
| Mailing Address                       | 2204 State Blvd.   |
| City                                  | McKinney   |
| State                                 | Texas  |
| Zip Code                              | 75071  |
| Phone Number                          | 972-369-6395   |
| Fax Number                            | <i>Field not completed.</i>                                |
| Email Address                         | <a href="mailto:jdeshazo@gmail.com">jdeshazo@gmail.com</a> |

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**Rebecca Drekman**  
**Community Volunteer**

## Cindy Schneible

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| Nominee<br>(Individual/Organization)   | Rebecca Drekmann   |
| Mailing Address  | 400 West Virginia, Suite 100   |
| City   | McKinney   |
| State  | TX   |
| Zip Code   | 75069  |
| Phone Number   | 469-268-4178   |
| Fax Number   | <i>Field not completed.</i>  |
| Email Address  | rebecca.drekmann@n2pub.com   |
| Website  | www.n2pub.com  |
| How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?                    | I have known Rebecca the past two years. I am uncertain beyond that  |
| Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney? | I have worked with Rebecca and a committee of other former Leadership McKinney members in planning the past two City of McKinney 9/11 Memorial ceremonies. She puts forth magnum effort in serving on this committee. Rebecca is also Publisher of a fine periodical called Our Neighborhood Magazine. Her service on the committee and the articles in her magazine are wonderful evidence that she leaves a very positive impression of McKinney on everyone she interacts with. |



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| Name of person submitting nomination: | David Herron              |
| Mailing Address                       | 1126 Redbud Street        |
| City                                  | Celina                    |
| State                                 | TX                        |
| Zip Code                              | 75009                     |
| Phone Number                          | 972-658-2321              |
| Fax Number                            | 972-547-2858              |
| Email Address                         | dherron@mckinneytexas.org |

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**First Church Pinnacle of Praise**

**Dr. Dwaine Guyton, Pastor**



## MCDC Grant Request – Letter of Inquiry

### ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name: First Church POP EIN: 47-4676218  
 Mailing Address: 614 Annie St  
 City: McKinney ST: Texas Zip: 75069  
 Phone: 972-542-4835 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: firstchurchpop@yahoo.com  
 Website: firstchurchpinnacleofpraiseofmckinney  
 Primary Contact: Dwaine Guyton Title: Pastor  
 Phone: 817-791-1152 Email: pastordkg@yahoo.com

(Check one)

Project Grant Request

Not really sure about this?

Promotional Activity or Community Event Grant Request

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Requested: 15,000

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION (please limit to this space)

Remodelling a 104 year old church to serve the community with afterschool tutoring and computer training for job searching

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**Helen Hutton, Founder  
Baby Booties Diaper Bank**

## Cindy Schneible

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| Nominee<br>(Individual/Organization) | Helen Hutton   |
| Mailing Address                      | 610 N Church Street  |
| City                                 | McKinney   |
| State                                | TX   |
| Zip Code                             | 75070  |
| Phone Number                         | 469-939-9316   |
| Fax Number                           | <i>Field not completed.</i>  |
| Email Address                        | hhkhut33@gmail.com   |
| Website                              | <a href="http://www.babybootiesdiaperbank.org">www.babybootiesdiaperbank.org</a> |

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?

Helen, is a person that always thinks of others first. And most of those "others" are in dire need or are children. When Helen became a mother of twins she realized the expense of diapers and how that expense impacts a families daily budget. What she and her co-founder decided to do was make a difference in the lives of families in their own backyard. Diaper need is real and she has worked tirelessly to help not only providing diapers, wipes and potty training kits but also by going to the top to advocate for change. She and other diaper bank

founders from all over the US went to DC last year to push lawmakers to make a change in cost, taxes and affordability for a basic need - diapers! Looking forward to 2017 - she is expecting to deliver 300,000 diapers to over 4,000 children in need. And for the past 3 years she has done this mostly on her own with her family. She has done this on her own time all while running a full time day care in her home. She has recently formed a Board of Directors that have jumped in with both feet to help take this amazing organization and make it even better. There truly are not enough words to tell this committee how wonderful Helen really is. I hope that I have given you enough information to discover your winner for this year's award in Helen Hutton.

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| Name of person submitting nomination: | Kristen Barnes               |
| Mailing Address                       | 3007 St. Tropez Ct.          |
| City                                  | McKinney                     |
| State                                 | Texas                        |
| Zip Code                              | 75070                        |
| Phone Number                          | 9725693939                   |
| Fax Number                            | <i>Field not completed.</i>  |
| Email Address                         | kristen@johnbarnesfamily.com |

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# McKinney Seniors Helping Seniors



**2017 Quality of Life Award  
Nomination Form**

***Must be submitted to MCDC no later than January 5, 2017***

Nominee (Individual/Organization): McKinney Seniors Helping Seniors

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3361

City: McKinney ST: Texas Zip: 75070

Phone: 469-396-7042 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: mckinneyshs@gmail.com

Website: www.mckinneyshs.org

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

see attached

How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community? 6 years

Name of person submitting nomination: John Miller

Mailing Address: 4901 Morning Glory Way

City: McKinney ST: Texas Zip: 75070

Phone: 972-529-5471 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: jchsmiller@gmail.com

**Please submit form to:**

McKinney Community Development Corporation  
5900 S. Lake Forest Drive, Ste. 110  
McKinney, TX 75070  
Attn: Cindy Schneible (if submitting via email: [cschneible@mckinneycdc.org](mailto:cschneible@mckinneycdc.org))

*Please note: Additional information may be requested by MCDC.*



McKinney Seniors Helping Seniors is a 501© 3 Christian based organization established 6 years ago by several Senior Citizens that were interested in helping other seniors in the community. They obtained sponsorship from 10 local area churches and the Kiwanis Club.

Currently there are 25 SHS volunteers whose mission is to help seniors from the sponsoring organizations and others in the community with minor home maintenance and repairs. The primary focus is to improve safety and security in the home environment.

The donations from sponsors made it possible for the volunteers to complete about 600 requests for services during 2016. The SHS volunteers donated over 2000 hours during the year. The most common items that the volunteers installed were grab bars, smoke detectors and batteries. The group has also helped with electrical projects, caulking, A/C filter replacement, light bulb replacement, fence repairs and plumbing projects.

## What We Do

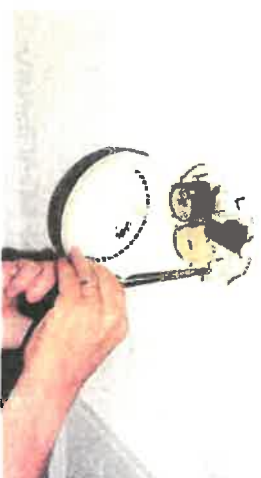
### Minor Home Maintenance and Repairs

McKinney SHS volunteers provide minor home maintenance and repair service with a key focus on safety issues in the home. Typical repairs are those that can be completed in 3 hours over several work sessions.

We help seniors and others with special needs within the McKinney community and those associated with our sponsoring organization.

### How Can You Help?

- Volunteer
- Donations
- Client Referral



## Types of Services

### Installation of:

- Exterior handrails
- Bathroom grab bars
- Wheelchair ramps
- Threshold ramps
- Smoke detectors

### Basic home repairs:

- Minor plumbing
- Minor electrical
- A/C filter replacement

### Basic home maintenance:

- Caulking
- Door locks
- Light bulb replacement
- Fence repair

**And much more...**

## Who We Are

McKinney SHS is an all volunteer organization sponsored by local area churches and senior volunteers whose mission is to help seniors and others in need within the community with minor home maintenance and repair.

There is no charge for the help that we provide. However, donations are welcomed. Your contributions help offset the cost of materials and help others who are less fortunate.

You may give your donation to a volunteer or mail it to:

**McKinney SHS**  
P.O. Box 3361  
McKinney, TX 75070



## Area Church Sponsors

**Christ Fellowship**  
2801 Orchid Dr. McKinney, TX

**First Baptist McKinney**  
1615 W. Louisiana St. McKinney, TX

**First Christian Church**  
1800 W. Hunt St. McKinney, TX

**First United Methodist**  
315 N. Church St. McKinney, TX

**Kiwanis Of McKinney**  
608 W. Lamar St. McKinney, TX

**Our Savior Lutheran**  
2708 W. Virginia Pkwy. McKinney, TX

**St. Andrews Episcopal**  
6400 McKinney Ranch Pkwy.  
McKinney, TX

**St. Gabriel Catholic**  
110 St. Gabriel Way McKinney, TX

**St. Michael Catholic**  
411 Paula Rd. McKinney, TX

**Stonebridge United Methodist**  
1800 S. Stonebridge Dr. McKinney, TX

**Trinity Presbyterian**  
5871 W. Virginia Pkwy McKinney, TX



# McKinney



Handyman Program

Minor Home

Maintenance & Repair

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A 501(c)3 volunteer organization  
sponsored by area churches

**North Collin County Habitat for Humanity**

**Celeste Cox, CEO**



2017 Quality of Life Award  
Nomination Form

Must be submitted to MCDC no later than January 5, 2017

Nominee (Individual/Organization): NORTH COLLIN COUNTY HABITAT  
FOR HUMANITY (NCC-HFH) / CELESTE COX, EXEC. DIRECTOR

Mailing Address: PO Box 153

City: McKINNEY ST: TX Zip: 75069

Phone: 972-542-5300 Fax: 972-542-5159 Email: celeste@ncc-habitat.com

Website: ncc-habitat.org

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

NCC-HFH HAS BUILT OVER 100 NEW HOMES (82% IN MCKINNEY) AND HAS COMPLETED MORE THAN 90 OLDER HOME REHABS (90% IN MCKINNEY). THE IMPACT ON HUNDREDS OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND THE IMPACT ON THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS IN OUR COMMUNITY IS OBVIOUS AND PROFOUND. CELESTE COX AND NCC-HFH HAVE ARRANGED, COORDINATED, ORGANIZED, AND SUPPORTED HUNDREDS OF FAMILY MEMBERS, HUNDREDS OF BUSINESSES, AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE (THINK "HERDING CATS") INTO A MODEL OF COMMUNITY, CORPORATE, CHARITY, AND GOVERNMENT COOPERATION.

How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community? NORTH COLLIN COUNTY OFFICE 24 YEARS

Name of person submitting nomination: J. DAVID THOMPSON

Mailing Address: 1953 BELLEMEADE LANE

City: McKINNEY ST: TX Zip: 75071

Phone: 972-569-7432 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: j david.thompson@netscape.net

Please submit form to:

McKinney Community Development Corporation  
5900 S. Lake Forest Drive, Ste. 110  
McKinney, TX 75070

Attn: Cindy Schneible (if submitting via email: [cschneible@mckinneycdc.org](mailto:cschneible@mckinneycdc.org))

Please note: Additional information may be requested by MCDC.

Leigh Price  
SPCA of Texas

## Cindy Schneible

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| Nominee<br>(Individual/Organization)   | Leigh Price  |
| Mailing Address  | 8411 Stacy Road  |
| City   | McKinney   |
| State  | TX   |
| Zip Code   | 75070  |
| Phone Number   | 214-461-1909   |
| Fax Number   | <i>Field not completed.</i>  |
| Email Address  | lprice@sPCA.org  |
| Website  | www.sPCA.org   |
| How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?                    | 8 years  |
| Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney? | To whom it may concern: I would like to nominate Leigh Price for the Quality of Life Award. Leigh is a person that goes above and beyond to make every experience for everyone around her positive and impacting. She works at the SPCA of Texas and this is the leading animal welfare agency in North Texas. We are an animal shelter that takes in owner surrenders, transfers from other area shelters and our Animal Cruelty Investigations. Leigh is our Lead Volunteer Trainer for the SPCA of Texas. She has made a measurable impact over the past 8 years as a |

passionate advocate for all the animals and volunteers. She spends her days training staff and volunteers how to successfully help our animals. She works around the clock making sure our staff and volunteers are trained and have the tools they need to help us bring in more animals. Also making sure these animals are adopted out and cared for during their stay at our shelter. She has shown ongoing initiative, leadership and dedication devoted to sustained and selfless service. She has earned the respect from her peers and became a role model in our organization for her sustainability. Her impact has enriched the lives of animals and people within the community. Thank you for taking this nomination in consideration, Terri Hooks

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| Name of person submitting nomination: | Terri Hooks                 |
| Mailing Address                       | 2400 Lone Star Drive        |
| City                                  | Dallas                      |
| State                                 | TX                          |
| Zip Code                              | 75212                       |
| Phone Number                          | 214-461-1811                |
| Fax Number                            | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Email Address                         | thooks@spca.org             |

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**Kristin Priscak**  
**Girl Scout Leader**

## Cindy Schneible

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| <b>Nominee<br/>(Individual/Organization)</b>  | Kristin Priscak - Girl Scout Leader and Volunteer for over 15 years   |
| <b>Mailing Address</b>  | 2809 Whitetail Ct.  |
| <b>City</b>   | McKinney  |
| <b>State</b>  | TX  |
| <b>Zip Code</b>   | 75070   |
| <b>Phone Number</b>   | 2145443877  |
| <b>Fax Number</b>   | <i>Field not completed.</i>   |
| <b>Email Address</b>  | kdpriscak@gmail.com   |
| <b>Website</b>  | <i>Field not completed.</i>   |
| <b>How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?</b>                    | over 12 years   |
| <b>Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?</b> | Kristin Priscak has been a Girl Scout volunteer for McKinney for over 12 years. She has held several key leadership roles for this organization and helped build the success of this organization for the McKinney area during these rapid growth periods. She has also been the acting Director of the annual McKinney Girl Scout Twilight Camp for over 10 years and has been the driving force behind it's success. Through her leadership roles in this organization, she has given countless |

hours of devotion towards enriching the lives of the young girls and women in this community. Not only has she broadened the minds and experiences these girls are exposed to, but she has also touched the lives of countless volunteer adults as well. She has been the Camp Director, Service Unit Manager, Leader Trainer, Leader of 2 Troops, and held several other positions as needed for this organization. She is an inspiration to many. I know girls that she has lead from Kindergarten all the way through HS Graduation. She has been supportive of them all the way and always makes time for them. She has helped them achieve the highest award a Girl Scout can earn, as well as, coaching and mentoring for other needs, such as writing recommendation letters for college scholarships, etc. She will always take a call any time to help new leaders and ensure things get done as efficiently as possible. She is truly one of a kind and McKinney would not be the same without her. I can write much more if needed, as well as, find several others who would be willing to support this nomination. Please let me know if you need more. I would love to see her be recognized for this.

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| Name of person submitting nomination: | Roxanne Doelling            |
| Mailing Address                       | 4811 Ivyleaf Lane           |
| City                                  | McKinney                    |
| State                                 | TX                          |
| Zip Code                              | 75070                       |
| Phone Number                          | 214-548-4068                |
| Fax Number                            | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Email Address                         | trdoelling@aol.com          |

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PSA McKinney

## Cindy Schneible

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**Nominee  
(Individual/Organization)** PSA McKinney

**Mailing Address** 6500 Preston Meadow

**City** Plano

**State** TX

**Zip Code** 75024

**Phone Number** 9722083850

**Fax Number** 9722083824

**Email Address** mkusters@gmail.com

**Website** www.psaplano.org

**How long has the  
nominee been involved in  
the McKinney  
community?** Dec 2014

**Please describe how the  
nominee has positively  
impacted Quality of Life  
in McKinney?**

PSA feels there is no greater investment in the community's youth than the development of character, fellowship and sportsmanship through sports. PSA provides quality year-round recreational and competitive sports leagues to over 30,000 McKinney residents alone. Also, over 1500 kids attended summer camps at PSA McKinney in 2016 and we were a large sponsor of Oktoberfest. And as a result of overwhelming success since opening in 2014, we were able to pay back the

**\$2.7 million loan from MCDC two years early, freeing up funds for more McKinney projects.**

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| <b>Name of person submitting nomination:</b> | <b>Marilyn Kusters</b>     |
| <b>Mailing Address</b>                       | <b>6500 Preston Meadow</b> |
| <b>City</b>                                  | <b>Plano</b>               |
| <b>State</b>                                 | <b>TX</b>                  |
| <b>Zip Code</b>                              | <b>75024</b>               |
| <b>Phone Number</b>                          | <b>9722083850</b>          |
| <b>Fax Number</b>                            | <b>9722083824</b>          |
| <b>Email Address</b>                         | <b>mkusters@gmail.com</b>  |

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**J. Randy Routon, Ph.D., CEO**  
**Lifepath Systems**

## Cindy Schneible

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**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2016 11:47 AM  
**To:** Cindy Schneible  
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| Nominee<br>(Individual/Organization)   | J. Randy Routon, Ph. D. - CEO LifePath Systems   |
| Mailing Address  | 1515 Heritage Drive, Suite 105   |
| City   | McKinney   |
| State  | TX   |
| Zip Code   | 75069  |
| Phone Number   | 972-562-0190   |
| Fax Number   | <i>Field not completed.</i>  |
| Email Address  | routon@lifepathsystems.org   |
| Website  | www.lifepathsystems.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? | Randy is a tireless advocate for the populations we serve and has worked extensively with lawmakers at the local and state levels to represent the interests of the people we serve. He is an innovative thinker who has kept the Center moving ahead through periods of great change and guided our responses to the rapid growth in the area. He has been dedicated to McKinney through his involvement in the Rotary club and in making sure that our services had a physical presence in this community. His leadership over the past 30+ years has helped |



the Center flourish and grow and be able to serve ever increasing numbers of local residents, improving the quality of life for all. His focus has always been on what can the Center do to improve services and touch more lives in our area. He truly cares for the people we serve plus the staff. He has always been a great supporter of all of the staff and wanting to always make the work environment a better one for them. Randy Routon has provided significant strategic leadership to the Behavioral Health Services Division of LifePath Systems during his tenure as Chief Executive Officer of this Agency. Just over the past 5 years, because of his insightful leadership, this division has grown from a budget of under \$2 million a year to \$16 million a year. This increase in funding has brought additional services and supports to individuals struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues in Collin County. Randy has a keen eye for the upcoming trends in healthcare and healthcare financing. Because of this, LifePath Systems was able to participate early and significantly in the Medicaid Transformation Waiver funding which is a significant portion of our increased funding and services. Randy always seems to be aware of new opportunities in establishing additional contracts, negotiating with managed care companies, and identifying partnerships that can benefit our agency and the community. Over the past few years, we have developed relationships with 1) UT Southwestern for primary health care services, 2) Prosumers for consumer support groups and advocacy, 3) Collin County Teen Court for mental health and substance abuse services for identified teens, 4) Collin County Mental Health Managed Counsel Program for case management and administrative assistant services, and many other collaborations. Randy is also supportive of staff participation in training where we can learn of the latest advances in our field. It's important to him that LifePath Systems' not only keep up with the latest advances in research and evidenced based practices, but stay on the cutting edge for the benefit of our clients and our community. Randy's vision for the future of LifePath Systems has enabled us to move towards improving our infrastructure by obtaining new office space, renovating that space, and moving into that space. In addition, LifePath Systems will be opening an 24hr Crisis Center in McKinney in 2017. His leadership strength and tireless dedication to those in need of assistance have been Randy's primary focus. He continuously plans for the future growth of McKinney and the increasing need for services. It is with great honor that I nominate him for 2017 Quality of Life Award.

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| Name of person submitting nomination: | Shama Shams                    |
| Mailing Address                       | 1515 Heritage Drive, Suite 105 |
| City                                  | McKinney                       |
| State                                 | TX                             |
| Zip Code                              | 75069                          |
| Phone Number                          | 214-448-4433                   |
| Fax Number                            | <i>Field not completed.</i>    |
| Email Address                         | sshams@lifepathsystems.org     |

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**Juli Smith**

**All Abilities Playground**

**(2 nominations)**

## Cindy Schneible

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Nominee <sup>Juli</sup>  
(Individual/Organization) ~~Jill~~ Smith

Mailing Address 3206 Saint Pierre

City McKinney

State TX

Zip Code 75070

Phone Number 2147277713

Fax Number *Field not completed.*

Email Address julismith@tx.rr.com

Website *Field not completed.*

How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community? Many Years

Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?  
Juli has been working very very hard to get every to build a Handicap Play Grounds at Bonnie When park on Vigrigina, in McKinney. This park would be wounder full for handicap children. Would make them feel like regular children. The handicap children would be able to have so much fun and children that are not handicap can have fun also. Juli has been on many committees in McKinney. She use to work for Meals on Wheels. Juli & her husband (Floyd) help a elderly person so

she can stay in her home. They have done this for some time now. Juli loves her community.

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| Name of person submitting nomination: | Etta M. Muller              |
| Mailing Address                       | 2411 Lakeview Circle        |
| City                                  | McKinney                    |
| State                                 | TX                          |
| Zip Code                              | 75070                       |
| Phone Number                          | 214-727-7713                |
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**2017 Quality of Life Award  
Nomination Form**

**Must be submitted to MCDC no later than January 5, 2017**

Nominee (Individual/Organization): Julianne (Juli) E. Smith

Mailing Address: 3206 St. Pierre

City: McKinney ST: Texas Zip: 75070

Phone: 972-658-9977 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: julismith@tx.rr.com

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please see attached page.

How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community? 20 years

Name of person submitting nomination: Barbara J. Williamson

Mailing Address: 612 Harvest Drive

City: McKinney ST: Texas Zip: 75070

Phone: 214-548 4692 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: willibj1@att.net

**Please submit form to:**  
McKinney Community Development Corporation  
5900 S. Lake Forest Drive, Ste. 110  
McKinney, TX 75070  
Attn: Cindy Schneible (if submitting via email: [cschneible@mckinneycdc.org](mailto:cschneible@mckinneycdc.org))

*Please note: Additional information may be requested by MCDC.*

## Nomination for 2017 Quality of Life Award - Juli E. Smith



**Juli Smith** has contributed to the quality of life in our community with dedicated service for so many of her 20 years as a resident. I am nominating her for the **2017 Quality of Life Award** specifically for her amazing leadership, vision and hard work for **McKinney's All Abilities Playground**. The vision and intent: a playground where children of all ages and abilities can play together, one with equipment accessible to those with developmental delays, special sensory requirements and other physical challenges.

Juli is the current President of the McKinney Sunrise Rotary that is collaborating with the McKinney Parks and Recreation to cause this huge dream to be realized. A 12 -year veteran Rotarian, Juli's current initiative began long before 2016. Juli brokered a partnership with the City of McKinney to build the Playground in Phase II of Bonnie Wenk Park located near the corner of Virginia Parkway and Hardin Blvd. To facilitate the fundraising effort, Juli established the McKinney Sunrise Rotary Foundation, a 501(c) (3) entity, and serves as the Foundation's Board President.

With Juli as Project Lead, the three McKinney Rotary Clubs have committed to raise **\$560,000** from community and business sponsorships to pay for the additional costs of an All-Abilities playground's specialized equipment and foundation. Due to Juli's tireless work creating the Sunrise Rotary Foundation, writing grant applications, raising public visibility for the project, sponsoring fundraising events, the funding commitments currently stand at **\$420,000 as of December 2016**.

Juli even engaged McKinney ISD's gifted and talented, or Alpha, students to work with professionals in recent months to help design the facility. Juli says, "Children, after all, are the most obvious stakeholders in the venture."

While this nomination focuses on Juli's current project, this dedicated woman has steadily served McKinney and the Collin County area for countless years. Her past contributions include: Director of Senior Services for Meals on Wheels for Collin County; Commissioner/Vice Chairman of the McKinney Housing Authority; and, Interim Executive Director of Collin County Committee on Aging. Juli has served the McKinney Sunrise Rotary as Secretary, President Elect and President. Not just an effective leader, Juli can be found in the trenches, for example, installing flags on holidays all around McKinney for the Rotary's Flag Lease Program. This flag effort benefits the health, humanitarian, and youth service programs throughout the community, nation and world. Juli serves as a Deacon at Trinity Presbyterian Church McKinney, managing programs for seniors.

Juli Smith is a visionary, effective, dedicated community activist who cares deeply and is committed to improving the quality of life for **ALL** McKinney citizens, young and old.

Respectfully submitted on 12/7/2016,

*Barbara J. Williamson*

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**Ruth Thompson, Founder**

**Hugs Café**

**(2 nominations received)**

## Cindy Schneible

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### Quality of Life Nomination Form

Quality of Life Award Nomination Form

*All entries for the current year must be submitted no later than January 12th.*

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

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| Nominee<br>(Individual/Organization) | Ruth Thompson               |
| Mailing Address                      | 224 E. Virginia St.         |
| City                                 | McKinney                    |
| State                                | TX                          |
| Zip Code                             | 75069                       |
| Phone Number                         | (469) 301-6900              |
| Fax Number                           | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Email Address                        | ruth@hugscafe.org           |
| Website                              | www.hugscafe.org            |

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?

We've known Ruth many years beginning with her time teaching cooking classes to our kids at Market Street. During that time, Ruth also taught special needs McKinney ISD students cooking skills too. I remember her sharing with us her dream to open a café where special needs people could come together, feel they had a purpose, learn skills, and serve their community. Hugs Café opened almost 1 1/2 years ago and people come from all over the world to enjoy their wonderful, warm service and food!

(Section Break)

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| Name of person submitting nomination: | Wendy Shelley               |
| Mailing Address                       | 1306 Lakewood Dr.           |
| City                                  | McKinney                    |
| State                                 | TX                          |
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Nominee (Individual/Organization): Ruth Thompson  
Hugs Cafe

Mailing Address: 224 E. Virginia St.

City: McKinney ST: TX Zip: 75069

Phone: (469) 301-6900 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: wendi.osborn@gmail.com

Website: www.hugscafe.org

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

Ruth has dedicated the years since she retired to making her dream of opening a non-profit cafe that employs mostly adults with disabilities, come true. She not only gives our population of adults with disabilities a place to belong and contribute to their community; she has also opened up the hearts and minds of our typical community members as well. Please have lunch at Hugs and see

How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community? 5 years For yourself

Name of person submitting nomination: Wendi Osborn

Mailing Address: 2320 Itasca Dr

City: McKinney ST: TX Zip: 75070

Phone: 903-816-4192 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: wendi.osborn@gmail.com

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