

# McKinney Community Development Corporation Agenda

Monday, March 29, 2021

8:00 AM

Council Chambers 222 N. Tennessee Street McKinney, TX 75069

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**CALL TO ORDER** 

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#### SPECIAL AGENDA

**21-0256** Consider/Discuss/Act on 2021 Quality of Life Award

Nominations.

Attachments: 2021 Nominee Packet

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

#### **BOARD OR COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Board or Commission Comments relating to items of public interest: Announcements regarding local or regional civic and charitable events, staff recognition, commendation of citizens, upcoming meetings, informational update on projects, awards, acknowledgement of meeting attendees, birthdays, requests for items to be placed on upcoming agendas, and condolences.

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**TITLE:** Consider/Discuss/Act on 2021 Quality of Life Award Nominations.

#### **SUPPORTING MATERIALS:**

**2021 Nominee Packet** 

# 2021 QUALITY OF LIFE NOMINATION PACKET

Individual	Activities	Nominated by:
Amy Rosenthal	McKinney Main Street Amy has an energy and positive attitude in dealing with pandemic-related issues, as well as ongoing challenges like parking and construction in Downtown. She's a caring listener who perpetuates a culture of inclusion, compassion and positivity that is infectious.	Jaymie Pedigo
Brittany Stewart	Luxe Realty Group helped more than 60 families find homes during pandemic. Each home sale helps her invest in local and global causes. Organized mask drive for First Responders. Sponsored 200+ girls for IHOPEE(International Health Operations Patient Education and Empowerment). Donated gift cards to teachers. Funded short-term financial needs around McKinney & Frisco. Adopted Christmas angels. Provided clean water for children in sub-Saharian Africa. Helped fund students in need of education in Ecuador. Offers variety of home-buying seminars. Recently appointed to Lady Leadership Chapter President for Northern Dallas. Promotes the best for Collin County, stimulates the economy and serves the needs of others in McKinney.	Kristin Reznicek
David Brooks	Chairman, President and CEO of Independent Bank - 10th largest bank with HQ in Texas. Past City Council, MISD Board, MEDC Board, Chamber Board. Independent Bank committed \$2.5 million to creating McKinney's FQHC serving over 20,000 patients and now new facility on Virginia. Donated land valued at more than \$1 million for Children's Advocacy Center new facility in McKinney. Since 2017, Independent Bank's Community Grants Program has awarded over \$1,539,000 to 80 different organizations for community development, education and health and human services. In 2020, \$405,000 awarded to 36 nonprofits.	Roger Harris
Dennis & Sandra Williams	15 years serving McKinney through Kiwanis, Salvation Army and McKinney Housing Authority. Coordinate bell ringers. During pandemic, coordinated toy drive and rallied sponsors for 368 Housing Authority properties.	Roslyn Miller
Forrest "Bud" Ward	Past Board member of Habitat for Humanity and Meals on Wheels. Volunteers for Habitat, Meals on Wheels, AARP Foundation Safe Driver Program, McKinney Seniors Helping Seniors, Trinity Disaster Recovery Team and AARP Foundation Tax-Aid (created, coordinated and trained volunteers for a socially-distanced program to	David Counts
Guy Giersch	Implementing programs to preserve and protect McKinney's heritage. Leader of McKinney's Historic Preservation Board.	Karen Zupanic
Jason Burress	Represents hundreds of clients throughout Collin County and Texas. Past 3-time chair for MEDC and chair of Government & Legislative Issues Committee of McKinney Chamber.	David Clausi

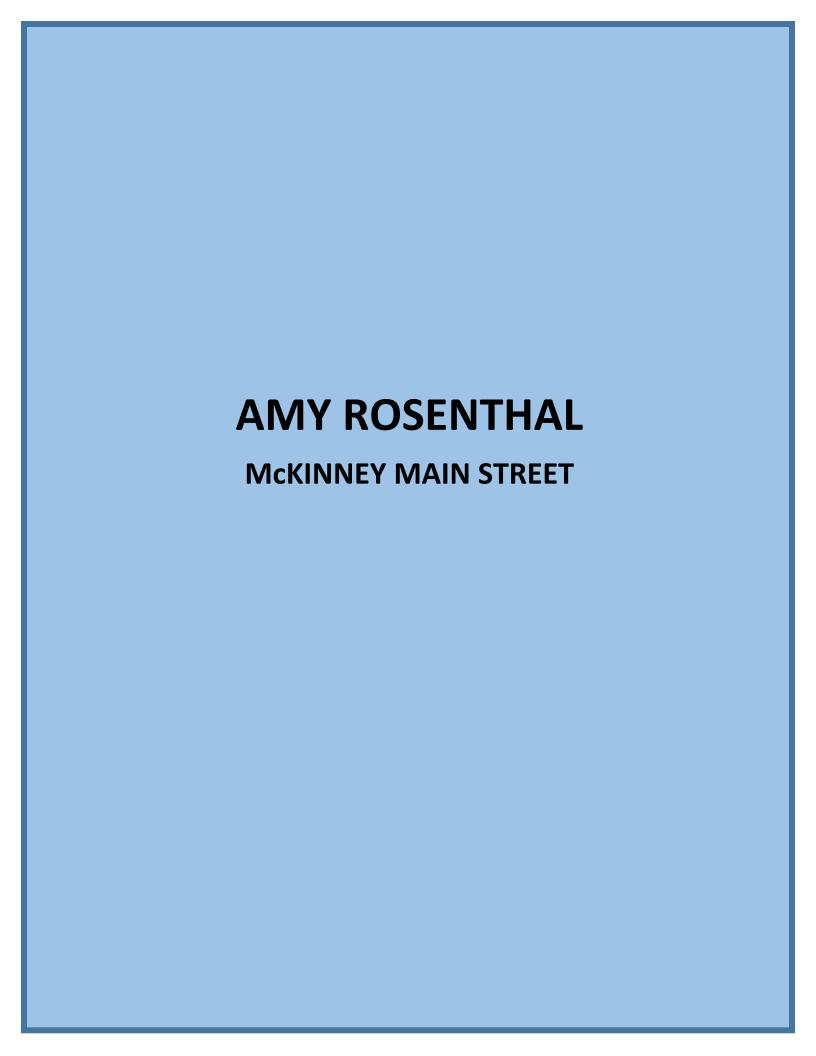
Dr. Jeffrey Lynch	Grown local general dentistry (including oral surgery and dental implants) practice to 5 doctors and 50 team members. For 12 years has organized annual free dentistry days where he and his team deliver free dental service benefitting 200-300 people in need each year. He attracts patients from all over the US and hosts visiting dentists who wish to learn new techniques and procedures. Patients' lives are transformed through his practice patients smile again, eat again and have healthier self-esteem. Dr. Jeff operates a local gym and has cultivated a strong community there. He is a philanthropist whose mission is to serve others and improve lives. One patient (Tina Glass) says Dr. Jeff gave her hope when no other doctor would even try to help.	<b>5 nominations:</b> Trevor Madden, Tosha Searls, Tina Glass, Tim Willmon, Kendra McClain-Taylor
Julie Blankenship	MISD Nursing Department Julie embodies a unique service ethic as she stepped up during COVID to help with planning safety protocols, coordinating with city and federal authorities, procuring and organizing supplies, connecting students and families to medical resources, covering shifts for quarantined nurses, providing direct services to thousands of individuals. Responded at all hours and first in line to help always. Instrumental in vaccination program. Energy poured into keeping staff and students safe. School nurses are first responders. She is steadfast and selfless as she leads her team through this challenging year.	Jennifer Akins
Justin & Amanda Beller and family	Bridge builders in the community. For 8 years, they have mentored, served, worked and played with unconditional love to everyone. Amanda made stylish, protective masks for the masses. During racial tensions, Amanda sat with the community to "color their thoughts" then stitched a tapestry of unity. Justin consistently steps up to help community leaders find common ground for the greater good. Active in local church, Flourish, memorial services, mentoring young boys. This Christmas, they rallied donors and distributed gifts to 180 residents at Newsome Homes.	Roslyn Miller
Kate & Andrew Jones	Create community through Fair and Square that brings tourism and connectedness to McKinney, especially during COVID shutdowns. Kate worked to do local drop-off orders and in-store pickups, plus shipping. Their innovative thinking and willingness to share knowledge helped other McKinney merchants stay afloat and even thrive. Kate pivoted their person-to-person business to continue the community feel with online craft nights.	Cassidy Martin
Keith Lewis	President, TUPPS Brewery. Promotes, develops and creates business growth, tourism, as well as recreational, cultural and community assets/amenities. TUPPS is a favorite McKinney destination. Expanding business with new site. Lewis has created a place in McKinney where everyone wants to be by using social media and creating unique events like ARC Blood Drives, art and exercise classes, local vendor shopping and live music with food trucks. Contributes to community through festivals, events and parades and by supporting local charities. Partnered with Warriors Keep to win first place at the 2019 4th of July parade. TUPPS draws beer aficionados and tourists from all over the US, and has earned its place in the hearts of McKinney, Texas and the US and beyond. Lewis has made an economic and social impact in McKinney.	Heather Rainwater

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Kim Sanchez	CFO of Sanchez & Associates. Supporter of affordable housing in McKinney. Worked with Groundfloor Dev't and McKinney Housing authority to satisfy "affordable housing" lawsuit and obtain 9% tax credits for development of two McKinney apartment communities. Assisted in getting local, state and federal entitlements and local financial and community support for Newsome Homes and Merritt Homes. Servant leader St. Andrew's Episcopal Church as Altar Guild, capital campaigns and youth director. Volunteers at Imagine International Academy including school mom, fundraising and chaperoning school trips. Also volunteers with Girl Scouts, Junior League, Holy Family School Board member, Plano Children's Advocacy Center, Rape Crisis Center, McKinney Chamber Board, Franklin County Chamber Board and Industrial Council. Was instrumental in helping Ruth Thompson start Hugs Cafe. Founded Sanchez Charities in 2017 and started McKinney's Little Free Pantry. Has partnered with AEYL and Love Life Foundation on food and clothing and backpack drives. Sanchez Group partnered with the City on parking garage and Kim contributed 50% of the cost for the McKinney Blooms artwork for the garage and worked with Amy Rosenthal to locate one of the Monarchs near the mural. Worked with Jason Hernandez on the Mexican Cemetery grant. Was instrumental in building of the Community Garden Kitchen. Proposed The Mustard Seed Center for non-profit organizations.	A.J. Micheletto
Lance Olinsky	Founder and CEO of Streetside Showers in McKinney and also serving the homeless communities in greater Collin, Denton, Grayson and Dallas counties. Provide free hot showers and personal hygiene services including haircuts, personal care items, socks and underwear. Recently added a free mobile clothes closet.	Aidan Daily
Lisa Mousselli	Positively impacts the lives of children with autism, as well as their parents/families. Provides free ABA training for families, parents, preschools and school districts to help improve behaviors, executive functioning skills and life skills so those on the autism specturm can truly reach their full potential and gain independence. Lisa works with adults in nursing home settings to provide continuity of care and dedication. She volunteers for Autism Speaks to help bring additional resources and support to families.	Carol Tatom
Magda Dia	During COVID, Magda kept teachers working and on payroll without federal funding. Found creative ways for people to still enjoy doing art and connect with the community. Magda participates in outreach events including Empty Bowls, Mac Christmas with Jason, and delivering Thanksgiving meals to hospice patients. Jump Into Art strives to develop the whole person by nurturing and providing positive feedback from peers.	Thomas Tolan

Peggy Click	Drives holiday programs for Meals on Wheels including Harvest Boxes for fall and Secret Santa project, which allows 1800+ clients to ask for a few items for Christmas. Volunteers purchase, wrap and deliver to seniors. These programs require staffing, logistics, volunteers and many hours, and Peggy starts working on these in August each year. Several thousand packages are delivered, mostly in McKinney. Peggy organizes companies, churches and individuals for these events. The pandemic presented logistical challenges, but Peggy found a large space to warehouse the items and act as a dispatch point. It's a community effort led with Peggy's dedication and determination.	Julia Williams
Scott Elliott	Deeply involved in community activities and Executive Director of Community Lifeline Center which has fed thousands during the pandemic. City Councilmember and former MCDC Board member.	Michael Puhl
Shannon White	Grace to Change helps indigent and poverty-stricken substance abusers who are looking for a way out of addiction. Strives to break the cycle of addiction. GraceToChange has a proven treatment program designed to meet individuals where they are, whether court-mandated or personal circumstances. Offers tailored outpatient treatment with individual and group sessions. Provides confidential drug testing. Helps those who suffer from addiction stay out of jail and continue working. During the pandemic, the number of addicted individuals has skyrocketed and GraceToChange enrollment increased 65%, so Shannon and her team are working longer hours to meet the needs. Only adolescent provider in the area and is 1 of only 3 adult providers that accepts county Behavioral Health/Medicaid funds in the county. This overlooked community would be left without help if not for Shannon's dedication, experience and education. Motto: Change A Life, Change A Community.	Julie Luton
Shirletta Best	Worked many hours over two years to lead and coordinate McKinney's 2020 Census.	Roslyn Miller
Zella Tyson	Meals on Wheels CEO. Will serve 310,000 meals by October 2021, 50% reimbursed through government grants, 15% through non-government grants and 35% through fundraisers and public contributions. Currently serving 1800 hot meals a day, growing to 2500 by October 2021.	Constance Dentry

Organization/Project	Activities	Nominated by:
Feeding Friends & Family (AEYL, Community Lifeline Center, Mike Redeker)	Collaboration of three groups/individuals (AEYL - Derrick Robinson, CLC - Scott Elliott, and Mike Redeker - Property owner at 300 Throckmorton) to consistantly provide food to those in need during the pandemic. Leaders partnered with USDA, North Texas Food Bank and Hello Fresh to hold 36 food distribution days and distribute 728,600 pounds of food to 3,452 families in 2020, including 200 turkeys at Thanksgiving and toys at Christmas. Project continues through 2021. Additionally, leaders assisted local churches, apartment complexes and neighboring communities to create similar food distribution.	Angela Richardson- Woods
Cocktail Creamery	Ted and Sharyn Lindblad provide a delicious product while creating a rare and special hometown feeling.  Cocktail Creamery is a place where community is built and fourishes, where everyone feels welcome and at home. Has an online presence that provides inspiration, humor and encouragement.	Rebecca Knapp
21st Century Affordable Housing in McKinney	Will Henderson, Carleton Companies, Terri Anderson, ADC WestRidge, LP, and Martin Sanchez, Sanchez Group.  All three work tirelessly with McKinney Housing Authority to bring dignity and quality of life to poor and working families. They have been essential to affordable housing options in McKinney for 9 years. Working behind the scenes, they assemble teams, secure funding for projects and present possibilities to neighbors, city departments and City Council. Projects include Millennium McKinney, Post Oak, Newsome Homes, Westridge Villas and Merritt McGowan Manor.	Roslyn Miller
McKinney Philharmonic Orchestra/The Greater North Texas Youth Orchestra	An indespensable part of the arts fabric in McKinney, creating and fostering a community oriented mission. Partners with visual arts groups like Arts and Music Guild to provide more opportunities for them to present their works by allowing them to create through music, commissioned works by artists, and promoted works of individual artists. Formed GNTYO which provides scholarships for young musicians, side-by-side and mentorship programs. One success story is one McKinney North graduate from the youth program won \$14,000 scholarship for music education and is now on full scholarship at Bard Conservatory in New York. The Youth Orchestra organized a drive-by food drive donation campaign during the pandemic which was attended by Mayor Fuller, police and fire personnel. The orchestra's music entertains, educates and inspires. Relationships with local ISDs allow the orchestra to tour their schools and music programs, helping in workshops and master classes. Created a summer music festival in McKinney.	Jason Lim

McKinney Chamber of Commerce	Chamber supports McKinney businesses as well as the City, MCDC, MEDC, MISD, Collin College and Collin County rallying support for bond elections, beer and wine elections, events featuring State and National elected officials and informative programming. Provides funding and personnel to lobby for legislation important to McKinney. Leadership McKinney is one of the top in the Nation. MEF got its start from the Chamber. Passage of economic development sales tax was proposed and marketed by Chamber. Chamber website is critical in keeping citizens informed about events and activities and opportunities. McKinney Chamber is a 5-star chamber, top 1% of all chambers in the US. Leader in DFW in membership and dollars. During pandemic, Chamber quickly pivoted its programming to meet the needs of the business community distributed PPE; created website dedicated to safety guidelines, PPP and EIDL loan resources; partnered with others for #McKinneyStrong; organized #McKinneyStrong parade; created McKinney Restaurant Council to share best practices and resources.	Robert S. Clark
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#### Quality of Life Nomination Form

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

Nominee (Individual/Organization)	McKinney Main Street/Amy Rosenthal
Mailing Address	111 N Tennessee
City	McKinney
State	TX
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	Ph 972-547-2660
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	arosenthal@mckinneytexas.org
Website	https://www.mckinneytexas.org/115/Main-StreetHistoric- Downtown
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	Field not completed.
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	Amy's energy for downtown and her positive attitude in dealing with not only the current challenges of the pandemic, but ongoing challenges with parking issues, construction, etc. She takes time to listen and console everyone who approaches her with their thoughts. She perpetuates a culture of inclusion, compassion and positivity that is infectious.
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Name of person submitting nomination:	Jaymie Pedigo
Mailing Address	315 S Chestnut Street, PO Box 583

City	McKinney		
State	TX		
Zip Code	75069		
Phone Number	9725628790		
Fax Number	Field not completed.		
Email Address	jaymie@chestnutsquare.org		
Please note: Additional information may be requested by MCDC.			

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## **BRITTANY STEWART**

#### **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER**

First Responders Mask Drive, Sponsored 200+ Girls for IHOPEE, Funded short-term needs and teacher gift cards during COVID, Angel Tree, Free home buying seminars through LUXE Realty Group

#### **Quality of Life Nomination Form**

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Brittany Stewart (Hicks) /Luxe Realty Group
Mailing Address	6224 Crystal Cove Ct
City	McKinney
State	Texas
Zip Code	75071
Phone Number	(469) 712-4888
Fax Number	-
Email Address	brittanystewarthicks@gmail.com
Website	www.brittanystewart.com
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	5-10years
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	Brittany has helped more than 60+ families find homes just this past year alone amidst a global pandemic in a declining economy; Held a mask drive for First Responders, Sponsored 200+ girls for Ihopee; Donated gift cards to local teachers; Finded fhort-term financial needs around McKinney & Frisco; Adopted Christmas Angels; Provided clean water for children in Sub-Saharian Africa; and helped fund two students in need of education in Ecuador. Each home sale helps her to invest in local and global causes to improve lives and communities. She offers a variety of homebuying seminars, and was recently appointed to the Lady Leader Chapter President for Northern Dallas, Texas. She is a leader in her community and promotes the very best for Collin County. Our community is fortunate to have Brittany (a broker, wife, mother, friend) in our corner as she continues to stimulate the economy and serve the needs of others to positively impact the quality of life in McKinney.

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Kristin Reznicek
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City	McKinney
State	Texas
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Phone Number	2145363503
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Please note:  Additional information may	be requested by MCDC.

### **DAVID BROOKS**

# COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER and PRESIDENT/CEO FOR INDEPENDENT BANK

FQHC, Children's Advocacy Center (land donor), Independent Bank Commuity Grants Programs (\$405,000 in 2020 and over \$1.5 million since 2017), Past member of City Council, MISD Board, MEDC Board and Chamber Board.



#### 2021 Quality of Life Award **Nomination Form**

#### Must be submitted to MCDC no later than Sunday, February 28, 2021

Nominee (Individual/Organization): David R. Brooks						
Mailing Address:	7777 Hennema	n Way				
City: McKinney		Zip:	75070			
Phone:972.562.9000 F	ax:					
Website:						
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Name of person submitting nomina	Roger I	D. Harris				
Mailing Address: PO Box 97	78					
City: McKinney		Zip:	75070			
Phone: 972.877.7578 F			Roger@Metrolinen.com			

#### Please submit form to:

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

Attn: Linda Jones (if submitting via email: <a href="mailto:ljones2@mckinneycdc.org">ljones2@mckinneycdc.org</a>)

Please note: Additional information may be requested by MCDC.

#### 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 10 largest banks headquartered 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 20,000 patients were seen at the temporary facility since inception. The new 25,000 square foot facility permanently located at 1620 W. Virginia Street is now complete 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 Financial 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 Financial that became the perfect site location for the Center. The value of the gift was easily above \$1 million. The new facility enables 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 Financial 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 2017, the Community Grants Program has awarded over \$1.539M to 80 different organizations. In response to COVID-19, Independent Financial awarded over \$405,000 to support the work of 36 nonprofits in 2020 alone.

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.

# **DENNIS & SANDRA WILLIAMS**

#### **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER**

Kiwanis, Salvation Army, McKinney Housing Authority, Coordinated sponsors and toy drive during pandemic

#### Quality of Life Nomination Form

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Dennis & Sandra Williams
Mailing Address	406 Brook Ln.
City	McKinney
State	TX
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	214-680-1374
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	Dennis/Sandra Williams
Website	Field not completed.
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?	Dennis and Sandra Williams have served McKinney for more than 15years. Dennis is a former board member for McKinney Housing Authority. They both serve with Kiwanis Club and the Salvation Army. Every year Mr. Dennis has made sure that the bell rings to collect donations for those less fortunate in McKinney. This past year, we were not able to get our toy donation for our 368 properties. Mr. & Ms. Williams stepped up, rallied sponsors and donors and personally delivered toys to every location, just like Santa. We are so grateful for their years of service to this community. We know the community is better because they are here. We have pictures to share too!
	(Section Break)

Name of person submitting nomination:	Roslyn Miller
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City	McKinney
State	Texas
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Please note: Additional information may be requested by MCDC.	

# **FORREST "BUD" WARD**

Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels,
AARP Foundation Safe Driver Program, AARP
Foundation Tax-Aide, Trinity Disaster Team,
Seniors Helping Seniors



#### 2021 Quality of Life Award

#### **Nomination Form**

#### Must be submitted to MCDC no later than Sunday, February 28, 2021

Nominee (Individual/Organization): Forrest "Bud" Ward /AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

Mailing Address: 410 Wood Duck

City: McKinney ST: Texas Zip: 75072

Phone: 972-529-9340 Fax: Email: wardfo@me.com

Website: Free Tax Preparation from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

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

Forrest "Bud" Ward is Mr. Quality of Life in McKinney.

He has had a long and rich history of contributing to the Quality of Life for the residents of McKinney.

Bud is very worthy of this honor not only for his endless dedication to volunteering in many areas, but also because he is a joy to work with, is always willing to pitch in, he has unwavering patience, and he never gives up when most people would. He is a dedicated leader and all-around asset to our community.

Bud is a past Board Member of Habitat for Humanity and participated in several build projects.

Bud is a past Board Member of Meals on wheels and currently is a driver delivering meals to shut-in residents of McKinney.

Bud is a current teacher for AARP Foundation Safe Driver Program.

Bud is a current volunteer for McKinney Seniors Helping Seniors, a non-profit of volunteers that provide complementary home repairs for McKinney Seniors and disabled residents.

Bud participates in Trinity Disaster Recover Team, the TDRT takes on a minimum of two one week local or remote projects to assist families in need, either from natural disasters or who have been

deemed in need with home repairs. They have traveled to Oklahoma, Houston, New Orleans, and North Texas locations.

Bud is currently leading AARP Foundation Tax-Aide for McKinney

Filing federal taxes are more complicated and stressful now than ever with significant changes related to Covid relief. Very few taxpayers are aware of these changes.

In addition, social distancing challenges associated with Covid-19 Pandemic makes is more difficult for individuals to safely get their taxes prepared.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide led by Bud Ward has partnered with the City of McKinney Library System for 10 years to offer free tax preparation services by IRS certified counsellors. In a normal year, this group of volunteers led by Bud Ward can service 1200 citizens of McKinney and surrounding communities.

This offering significantly improves the quality of life for our citizens by providing a very valuable service at no cost which would cost hundreds of dollars if the same services were purchased from paid providers. The citizens are also relieved to know their taxes are accurate because they are prepared by IRS certified counsellors and individually reviewed for accuracy before being electronically filed at no cost for the taxpayer.

Bud began planning with his leadership team this summer to offer socially distanced tax preparation services. The process had to be designed in detail with the site plan approved by the parent AARP Foundation Organization. Planning included many detailed steps:

PPE had to be identified and acquired.

A scheduling system had to be designed to replace the previous walk-in first come first served process.

A 2-way phone contact system using Google Voice had to be put in place.

Scripts had to be written to assist phone volunteers to handle taxpayer questions.

Information packages for taxpayers had to be designed, printed, stuffed, and distributed to libraries for distribution.

Volunteers had to remotely trained vs. traditional in-person including creation and delivery of training materials.

Volunteers had to be certified thru IRS and Tax-Aide certification process which includes working assigned problems and successfully completing certification testing.

Bud had to work with the library to design a physical layout to support the workflow that is socially distanced to protect the volunteers and taxpayers.

A tax document inventory system had to be designed to inventory every document the taxpayer was leaving for tax preparation. The system also is used when taxpayers return for their completed return to ensure all documents are returned to the taxpayer.

A chain of control system had to be designed to document everyone that handles the return.

After caring for the citizens of McKinney and his fellow volunteers, Bud also finds time for family and friends.

How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community? 10 Years

Name of person submitting nomination: David N. Counts

Mailing Address: 8700 Grand Haven Ln.

City: McKinney ST: Texas Zip: 75071

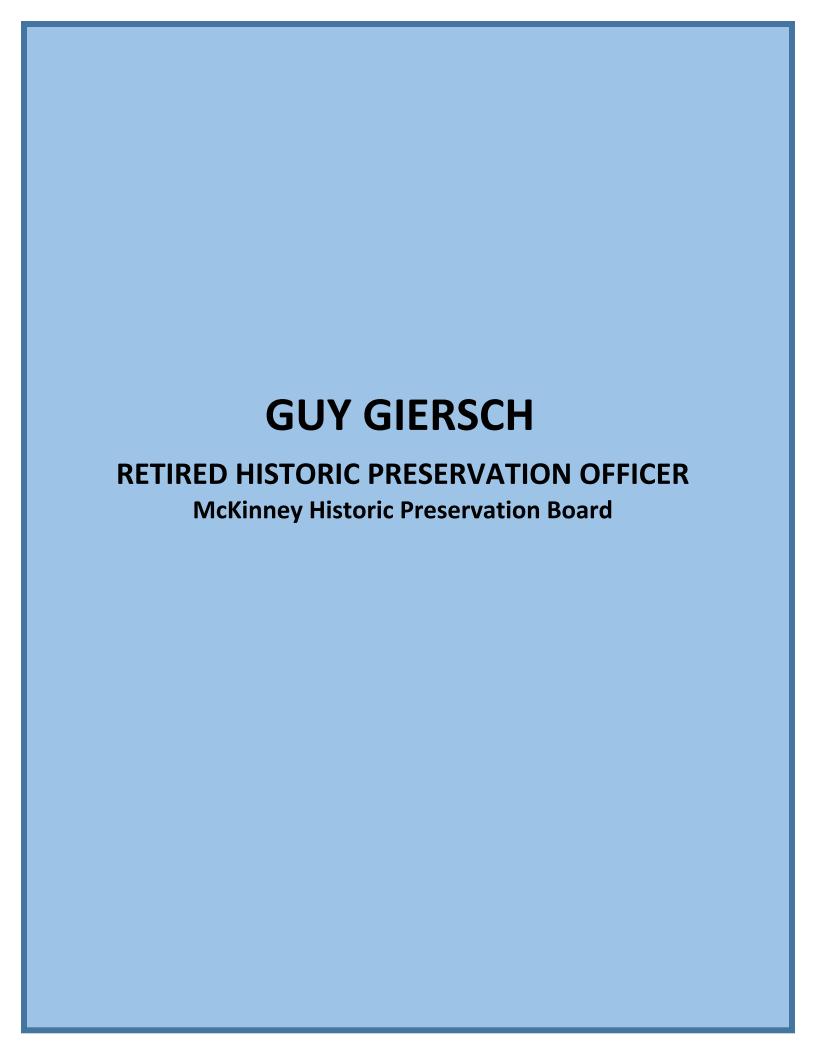
Phone: 972-529-6633 Fax: Email: dcounts2@flash.net

Please submit form to: McKinney Community Development Corporation

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

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Over 20 years	
Guy Giersch has implemented many programs for the downtown McKinney area that served to preserve and promote the heritage of our town. I served with him on the City of McKinney's Historic Preservation Board for many years and his tireless attention to detail (to upload the National Standards) is admirable. He is retiring from the City and will be a non-City employee at the time of this award. I recommend he be considered a candidate. Thanks much. Karen Zupanic	
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Karen Zupanic	

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# **JASON BURRESS**

#### **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER**

3-time MEDC Chair and Chair of Chamber Government and Legislature Issues Committee

#### Quality of Life Nomination Form

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Jason Burress	
Mailing Address	6617 Virginia Parkway	
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State	Texas	
Zip Code	75071	
Phone Number	2147260016	
Fax Number	2148657336	
Email Address	Jason@mytexasfirm.com	
Website	Mytexasfirm.com	
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	18 years	
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	Jason has represented hundreds of clients through Collin County and through out Texas and has served as 3-time Charmain of the McKinney Economic Corporation and chaired the Government & Legislative Issues Committee of McKinney Chamber of Commerce.	
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Name of person submitting nomination:	David Clausi	
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City	McKinney	

State	Texas
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Phone Number	7143481293
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Email Address	Dwclausi@gmail.com
Please note: Additional information may be requested by MCDC.	

## DR. JEFFREY LYNCH

(Received 5 separate nominations)

# DENTIST/ORAL SURGEON and COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

Attracts patients to McKinney from all over the US and hosts visiting dentists from all over for new technique and procedure training. Hosts annual free dentistry days. Operates local gym and cultivates community.

#### Quality of Life Nomination Form

Quality of Life Award Nomination Form All entries for the current year must be submitted no later than close of business January 4, 2019.

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Dr Jeff Lynch
Mailing Address	1760 W VIRGINIA ST STE 100
City	MCKINNEY
State	Texas
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	972-547-6453
Fax Number	972-542-0121
Email Address	trevormaddendds@gmail.com
Website	mckinneydentist.com
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?	Dr. Jeff Lynch improves people's lives, it is what he does for a living and has been doing here in McKinney for fifteen years as a General Dentist at McKinneydentist.com. Jeff as he prefers to be called, has helped grow and develop a three-doctor practice with 30 team members to a practice that now supports 5 doctors and over 50 team members. Jeff has organized and participated in annual free dentistry days where he has, along with his team have delivered free dental services to those less fortunate in our community for over twelve years.  Jeff is a unique in that he has a diverse skill set that allows him to offer an array of services to his patients. He is most noted for his abilities in preforming oral surgeries and implant dentistry. He has attracted patients from all over the United States who

travel to McKinney to have implant dentistry, additionally he regularly hosts visiting dentists who wish to learn new techniques and procedures.

Most importantly is how Jeff dramatically impacts and improves the lives of McKinney residents through his dental practice. Tears well up and fall each week as patients have their new smiles revealed in Jeff's office. Patients who have suffered with poor or failing dentition who can't eat and never pose in family photographs are overnight able to smile again, eat again, have new found self-confidence and healthier self-esteem through Jeff's work.

Jeff further improves the quality of life through his passion for health and fitness. Jeff also operates a local gym and has cultivated a stong community amongst athletes and fitness enthusiasts. Jeff is a loving husband, father and grandfather, he is an amazing McKinney leader, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and doctor who has made it his mission to serve others and improve people's lives.

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Trevor Madden
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City	MCKINNEY
State	Texas
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	4026172707
Fax Number	972-542-0121
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Please note:  Additional information may be requested by MCDC.	

Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Jeffrey Lynch/McKinneydentist.com
Mailing Address	1760 West Virginia Street #100
City	McKinney
State	Texas
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	972-547-6453
Fax Number	972-542-0121
Email Address	mckinneydentist@gmail.com
Website	McKinneydentist.com
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?	Dr. Lynch has not only impacted the Quality of Life for his patients but for the team he leads. I've worked for Dr. Lynch for the last 15 years and he has invested in my future by teaching and growing me into who I am today. We've had the opportunity to support our community by having a Dental Free Day once a year. This amazing outreach program touches about 200-300 people in our community each year. It's a true blessing to us as well helping those in need.  Dr. Lynch is a very skilled surgeon and is most noted for his abilities in performing oral surgeries and implant dentistry. He has attracted patients from all over the United States to travel to McKinney to have implant dentistry, additionally, he regularly hosts visiting dentists who wish to learn new techniques and procedures. He is always helping other Doctors learn and grow
	while helping care for his patients, always giving them 110%.  The surgeries he performs give people the ability to be healthy

again, smile, eat with ease, and most importantly give them their confidence back.

Please check out our website to see true testimonies from our patients.

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Tosha Searls
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City	Van Alstyne
State	Texas
Zip Code	75495
Phone Number	214-802-5847
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Please note:  Additional information may be requested by MCDC.	

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Dr. Jeff Lynch
Mailing Address	1760 W Virginia ST
City	McKinney
State	TX
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	972-547-6453
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	Field not completed.
Website	www.mckinneydentists.com
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	Field not completed.
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	Dr. Lynch improves quality of life by improving smiles, improving the patient's ability to eat, and improving self esteem in his patients. When I came to Dr. Lynch, no other doctor cared to try to help me. I am a difficult case and I knew that going in.  Dr. Lynch was the only doctor who gave me hope. I am a cancer survivor. The cancer treatment left me with a lot of damage and I felt hopeless. Dr. Lynch gave me hope when no one else gave me hope. He gave me my smile back. I can eat again because I have eating surfaces again. And the best part is the self-esteem. I'm no longer embarrassed to smile or greet someone confidently. Dr. Lynch is caring and kind and is unmatched by any other dentists I have ever been to.

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Tina Glass
Mailing Address	2004 Trinity LN
City	Wylie
State	TX
Zip Code	75098
Phone Number	9182606490
Fax Number	n/a
Email Address	tina.glass.h4cu@statefarm.com
Please note: Additional information may be requested by MCDC.	

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Nominee

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Jeff Lynch DDS

(Individual/Organization)	Jen Lynch DD3
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City	McKinney
State	Texas
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	972-547-6453
Fax Number	972-542-0121
Email Address	jsldds@gmail.com
Website	Field not completed.
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	Field not completed.
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	Dr Lynch is currently my dentist whom I saw for the first time in July of 2020. I was having problems/complications with my teeth and in return were causing other issues with my health. He and his team took me in like I was family and treated me as If I were one of their own. He and his team performed examinations and concluded that my teeth were in such poor shape from my own neglect and were causing among other things certain health issues. His conclusion was to perform and implant procedure which I was a little reluctant to say the least. But was advised by himself and staff that it would be for the best. Well I can say that 4 1/2 months since this has been done that I feel so much better and that the two thing that I wanted is that I have my smile back and I am in better health thanks to the knowledge and expertise of Dr Lynch.

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Tim Willmon
Mailing Address	1600 Heritaged Dr #823
City	McKinney
State	Texas
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	972-836-2531
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	timwillmon12@gmail.com
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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Dr. Jeff Lynch, Esteem Dental Implants
Mailing Address	1760 Virginia St Ste. 200
City	McKinney
State	TX
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	972-842-1012
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	kindykay@yahoo.com
Website	Field not completed.
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	16 years
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	Dr. Lynch gave me back my confidence when he gave me a beautiful smile. I had suffered with dental issue for years and Dr. Lynch changed all that in 1 day. I chose to have full bridge upper and lower implants and it was the best decision I ever made. Dr. Lynch is the most caring person, he takes you under his wing and is with you and celebrates with you each step of the way. He will be my forever hero.
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Name of person submitting nomination:	Kendra McClain-Taylor
Mailing Address	8240 W FM 515

City	Yantis
State	TX
Zip Code	75497
Phone Number	9729656355
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	kindykay@yahoo.com
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# **JULIE BLANKENSHIP**

### MISD NURSING DEPARTMENT

Instrumental in vaccination program. During COVID, established safety protocols, coordinated with city and federal authorities, procured and organized supplies, connected families to medical resources, covered shifts for quarantined nurses.

Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Julie Blankenship and the McKinney ISD Nursing Department
Mailing Address	#1 Duvall Street
City	McKinney
State	Texas
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	469-302-4151
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	jblankenship@mckinneyisd.net
Website	https://www.mckinneyisd.net/health-services-wellness/
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	more than 20 years
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	No one could have predicted what the 2020 pandemic would bring to all aspects of our lives. In the education field, we've flexed in countless ways but there has been one constant through all of itour love and concern for our students, families, and community. Within the district, in my mind, no one embodies that service ethic more than Julie Blankenship and her unique team of dedicated school nurses. Julie has been working tirelessly for nearly a year to help all of us with everything from planning safety protocols, working with our city and federal authorities, procuring and organizing supplies, connecting students and families to medical resources, covering shifts for quarantined nurses, and providing direct services to thousands of individuals. She has responded at all hours and been the first in line to help whenever and wherever. She has been instrumental in our vaccination program and poured all her energy into keeping us as safe as possible under

the eye of a public under unimaginable stress. School nurses are sometimes overlooked for recognition as first responders in health care. Yet, we know how essential their services are to the health and wellbeing of our entire community including our most vulnerable citizens. In a year where so many have gone above and beyond and invested every ounce of energy into keeping McKinney safe and well, Julie still stands out to me as a hero in her own right, steadfast and selfless, leading her team of superheroes through a year we will never forget. Thank you for the opportunity to shine a light on their critical work to support the quality of life we all enjoy in the best place to live in the world.

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Jennifer Akins
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Please note:	

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# JUSTIN & AMANDA BELLAR and FAMILY

# **COMMUNITY LEADERS/VOLUNTEERS**

Made masks for the masses, led peaceful activity during racial tensions, rallied donors and distributed Christmas gifts to Newsome Home residents during pandemic. Active in local church, Flourish and mentoring young boys.

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Justin & Amanda Beller & family
Mailing Address	711 W. White
City	McKinney
State	Texas
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	817-564-6783
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	Justin Beller
Website	Field not completed.
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	10+ years
Please describe how the	Justin and Amanda Beller along with their lovely daughters are

nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?

Justin and Amanda Beller along with their lovely daughters are the family you want to live next door! Justin and Amanda are bridge builders and they are raising their daughters to be the same way. Over the past 8 years I have seen them mentor, serve work and play with an unconditional love to everyone. This year when COVID hit, Amanda got out the sewing machine and made mask for the masses. Her artist flair gave us a stylish covering with protection that only a mothers love can give. In the summer, during the height of racial tension, she sat us all down to color our thoughts, and then she began stitching a tapestry of love to blanket us in unity. Meanwhile Justin steps up to help the leaders in the community try to find common ground for the greater good. They all are active in various community organizations. You can find them at the

local church event, on a zoom call with Flourish, at the memorial service of a lone resident, mentoring young boys. This Christmas they rallied donors and distributed gifts and food to 180 residents at the Newsome Homes apartments. Just because that's what neighbors do. I'm proud to nominate this family. They represent the heart of the good Samaritan and more.

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Roslyn Miller
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City	McKinney
State	Texas
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	972-542-5641
Fax Number	972-542-0908
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# **KATE and ANDREW JONES**

# **SMALL BUSINESS LEADERS/VOLUNTEERS**

During COVID, coordinated local drop offs and store pickups, and helped other merchants stay afloat by sharing knowledge, pivoted to keep connectedness through online events. Create connectedness and bring tourism through Fair and Square.

Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Kate and Andrew Jones of Fair and Square
Mailing Address	219 E Louisiana St.
City	McKinney
State	TX
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	4693434421
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	Field not completed.
Website	fairandsquareimports.com
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	12 years
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	Kate and Andrew create a community through their shop that helps bring tourism and connectedness to McKinney especially through COVID-19 shutdowns. Kate worked hard to do local drop off orders and in store pick-ups on top of their shipping. Kate and Andrew's innovative thinking and willingness to share their business knowledge has helped other McKinney merchants to stay afloat and thrive throughout these years. Kate has quickly pivoted their person-to-person driven business to continue their community feel by moving craft nights online. Their store always feels welcoming! They are what McKinney merchants should hope to attain in their businesses!

Name of person submitting nomination:	Cassidy Martin		
Mailing Address	1732 Bonner St.		
City	McKinney		
State	TX		
Zip Code	75069		
Phone Number	8179885523		
Fax Number	Field not completed.		
Email Address	cassidycay@gmail.com		
Please note: Additional information may be requested by MCDC.			

# **KEITH LEWIS**

# **TUPPS BREWERY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTER**

TUPPS promotes and creates business growth, tourism and recreational and community amenities. Supports community through festivals, events and parades and by supporting local charities like Warriors Keep. Attracts tourists from all over the US to McKinney.

Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Keith Lewis, Tupps Brewery
Mailing Address	721 Anderson St.
City	McKinney
State	TX
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	2147045039
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	klewis@tuppsbrewery.com
Website	www.tuppsbrewery.com
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?	If you want to award the "Quality of Life Award" to an individual who promotes, develops or creates business growth or tourism, and recreational, cultural or community assets or amenities, you need look no further than Keith Lewis, Founder and President of Tupps Brewery.  In addition to creating a brewery that makes really good beer, Keith Lewis has endeavored to and succeeded in making his local business a favorite McKinney destination. Outgrowing his current iconic location at the Cotton Mill after only 5 years, he is soon to be bringing his brand of cool to the historic Mill District in Downtown McKinney. By utilizing social media and creating events as diverse as ARC Blood Drives, art and exercise classes, local vendor shopping and live music with food trucks, Lewis has created a place in McKinney where everyone wants to be.  Lewis' brewery and the Tupps Team have been active in the

McKinney community from the start. From being a fun presence at festivals, events and parades, and being a family-friendly destination to supporting local charities, Lewis' takes his community responsibility seriously, but with a whole lot of fun! In 2019, partnering with local veteran's group The Warriors Keep they won first place at the 2019 4th of July Parade! Being an integral part of and giving back to the community is in their DNA.

Drawing beer aficionados and tourists alike from places as far away and NYC and Portland OR, to right around the corner in their own neighborhood, TUPPS has earned its place in the heart of McKinney, Texas, the USA and beyond. A true local success story, beginning with brewing beer in his garage, to opening and operating a thriving business, employing 19 team members, including all four of his children, and producing multiple award-winning beers – Keith Lewis has definitely made an economic and social impact on the community of McKinney, TX.

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Heather Rainwater		
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City	Richardson		
State	TX		
Zip Code	75080		
Phone Number	2142056564		
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# KIM SANCHEZ

### **SANCHEZ & ASSOCIATES and SANCHEZ CHARITIES**

Assists and supports affordable housing efforts in McKinney.
Volunteers with local church and school, Girl Scouts, Junior
League, Holy Family School board, Children's Advocacy
Center, Rape Crisis Center, Chamber Board. Founded Little
Free Pantry and helped start Hugs Cafe and build Community
Garden Kitchen. Partners with AEYL and Love Life Foundation
on food and clothing drives. Proposed Mustard Seed Center for
nonprofits. Supported downtown parking garage and art.
Helped with grant for Mexican Cemetery.



Must be submitted to MCDC no later than Sunday, February 28, 2021

Nominee (Individual/Organization): Kim D. Sanchez / The Sanchez Crous
Mailing Address: 2000 N. McDonald
City: Mckinney ST: T7 Zip: 7507/
Phone: 469-424-5900 Fax: Email: Kim. Souchez @ the Sanchez gray
Website: www. The sanchez group. Siz
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney? (Attach additional pages if needed)
Please see Attached
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?
Name of person submitting nomination: A. J. Micheletto
Mailing Address: ///3 Hyde Park Dr.  City: WKinney ST: Tx Zip: 75069
City: WKinney ST: 7x Zip: 75019
Phone: 214-578-6655 Fax: Email: As Micheletto. guail. com
Please submit form to:  McKinney Community Development Corporation 5900 S. Lake Forest Drive, Ste. 110

McKinney, TX 75070

Attn: Linda Jones (if submitting via email: <a href="mailto:ljones2@mckinneycdc.org">ljones2@mckinneycdc.org</a>)

Please note: Additional information may be requested by MCDC.

McKinney Community Development Corporation 2021 Community Awards Nominating Committee

#### RE: Nomination of Kim D. Sanchez, P.E.: Quality of Life Award

To Whom It May Concern:

Kim has been active in the McKinney area since she purchased a house in the historic district in the mid 1990's. She is a Registered Professional Civil Engineer (licensed in multiple states), and together with her husband Martin, they opened their business in McKinney in 2005 – Sanchez and Associates, LLC, an urban planning and engineering consulting company. Since then, Sanchez and Associates, LLC has evolved into a full land development, real estate and investment company: TSAG, LLC (TSAG) Kim is the CFO of the firm which manages nearly 100,000 sq feet of commercial real estate property, over \$3 million in residential real estate and has been responsible for over \$1 billion in new developments throughout the State. TSAG works with investors and clients from across the U.S. as well as international investors from Taiwan, India, Belgium, and the Middle East.

As CFO of TSAG, Kim has been an ardent supporter of housing choices that are affordable for McKinney residents. Under Kim's leadership, TSAG worked with Groundfloor Development, L.P. (GFD) and the McKinney Housing Authority to satisfy the "affordable housing" lawsuit with ICP (Inclusive Community Partners) regarding affordable housing in McKinney. In conjunction with GFD, TSAG obtained local and state entitlements, garnered local support and was ultimately key to obtaining 9% Tax Credits for the development of Millennium and Post Oak Apartment Communities (both located on McKinney Ranch Parkway at opposite ends). Next, TSAG teamed up with Carleton Group (CG) and the McKinney Housing Authority to provide local, state, and federal entitlements, local financial and community support and project expediting for the redevelopment of Newsome Homes (under the RAD program) and Merritt Homes (under the 9% Tax Credit Program). These four (4) developments have added over 600 apartment units that are reserved for McKinney residents in need of affordable housing options. TSAG has provided technical and expertise support for affordable housing options throughout Texas with clients from Indiana, Florida and Georgia – projects located in McKinney, Bonham, Sherman, Dallas, Austin, and the Rio Grande Valley.

Since moving to McKinney, Kim has been a servant leader without the desire for accolades or recognition. Kim and her family split their time and they are active members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in McKinney and St. Phillip's Episcopal Church in Sulphur Springs. In McKinney, she has served on the Altar Guild, capital campaigns, and as a youth director. At St. Phillip's in Sulphur Springs, Kim serves on the Altar Guild, coordinates Sunday programs for children and promotes the St Phillip's website and Facebook pages.

Kim focuses a great deal of her time with her two beautiful daughters; always teaching them the importance of being servant leaders and giving back to their community. Kim has volunteered hundreds of hours at Imagine International Academy of North Texas (IIANT) where her daughters attend school. Kim has been an active volunteer at IIANT as a "school mom", fundraising efforts and chaperoned countless school trips in Houston, Austin and locally. She has also been an active volunteer for various Girl Scout troops.

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 10 years. While with the Junior League of Plano, Kim volunteered with the Plano Children's Advocacy Center and the Rape Crisis Center. She has just completed a tenure on the McKinney Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (term expired December 2020). In 2020, Kim was appointed to the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Industrial Council of Franklin County.

In 2015, Kim was sitting in church, when she started talking to Ruth Thompson (long-time friend), President & Founder of Hugs Café. At the time, Hugs consisted only of Ruth's vision to create a non-profit cafe that would be operated primarily by adults with special needs. Kim and Martin have a niece with special needs; the connection was immediate and personal. Instantly Kim and Ruth had a plan: Ruth needed a building with a commercial kitchen to open the cafe; Kim had a building with a commercial kitchen that was recently renovated that

she could provide to Hugs Café (at virtually no cost except the operational costs of the building); helping to transform the vision into a real "bricks and mortar" haven for adults with special needs. Kim continues to be an active supporter of Hugs Café by raising money and awareness - touching the lives of so many great people and families. Kim's daughters (9 and 13) have been donating to Hugs Cafe since the inception: Christmas Money from Grandma; Birthday Money from friends and family; lemonade stands; and selling many of their gently used toys. Periodically, Zoie and Eva show up to Hugs with their bags of change for "Ms. Ruth" and "Ms. Maria".

Kim founded Sanchez Charities, LLC in 2017 to focus her company's and her family's personal charitable giving through a strategic, systematic approach. Through the Sanchez Charities, LLC, Kim launched "McKinney Little Free Pantry" (MLFP) to help provide emergency food sources to the 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 worthy cause. With her group of volunteers, MLFP services twelve (12) locations throughout McKinney. Kim has cultivated a "servant based" philosophy for TSAG and Sanchez Charities, LLC. Below are supporters of Sanchez Charities, LLC's McKinney Little Free Pantry:

#### **Companies that Support Sanchez Charities**

BancorpSouth	Valliance Bank
Johnny Rutledge Insurance	Cookies In Bloom
Secured Title of Texas	Title Midwest (Kansas City)
Chase Partners (New Jersey)	Drees Homes
Stapleton Enterprises	LHOIST, NA (Belgium)
Carleton Development	Landfill 380 CRW
Roundtree Development	The Chateau
Chiropractic Wellness Center	The Goodard School – US 380
Trinity Health Solutions	Bimbo Bakeries (McKinney)
Del Webb – Trinity Falls	Hidden Springs Independent Living
McKinney YMCA	McKinney Dentist
Academics Plus	WinCo
CostCo	Lowes
James Jenkins Agency	Statefarm Insurance Agency – Rafael Parker
Statefarm Insurance Agency -Trent Wilkins	Statefarm Insurance Agency -Dennis Baker
Statefarm Insurance Agency – Matt Scaling	Statefarm Insurance Agency -Travis Trainor
Statefarm Insurance Agency -Pete Knight	Statefarm Insurance Agency – Johnny Rutledge
Statefarm Insurance Agency -Brady Paxman	Statefarm Insurance Agency -Michael Hinegardner
Statefarm Insurance Agency -John Kraft	Statefarm Insurance Agency – Michael Johnson
Statefarm Insurance Agency -Jason Reed	Statefarm Insurance Agency – Christie Schoonover
Blake Boring Design	Trader Joe's
Market Street – McKinney	Bancorp South
Personalized Touch	Minshew Elementary School
Tomato House Media	Wade Construction

#### **Religious Organizations that Support Sanchez Charities**

Holy Family Church	St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church	Trinity Presbyterian Church
St. Peter's Episcopal Church	St. Phillip's Episcopal Church (Sulphur Springs)
Dawoodi Bohras of Collin County	The McKinney First Baptist Church
First United Methodist Church	Christ Fellowship Church
First United Church	Hope Fellowship
New Life Community Church	McKinney Christian Academy

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church	St. Andrew's Hands and Feet Ministry	
First Presbyterian Church	Hands and Hammers	
One Community Church	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	

#### **Service Organizations that Support Sanchez Charities**

Kiwanis Club of McKinney	Lions Club of McKinney
McKinney Sunrise Rotary Club	Boy Scout Troop 496
Cub Scout Pack 303	Boy Scout Troop 909
Brownie Troop 4845	Minnie's Food Pantry
Young Men's Service League	McKinney Hunger Free Coalition
Volunteer McKinney	The Samaritan Inn
One Heart McKinney	Community Lifeline Center
The Salvation Army	Baby Booties Diaper Bank
Junior League of Collin County	Trinity Disaster Recovery Team
McKinney Sunset Rotary Club	The Sunshine Girls
Daughters of the American Revolution - John Abston	McKinney Roots
chapter	
Cub Scout Pack 496	Girl Scout Troop 5235
Wicahpi Chapter Order of the Arrow	Community Garden Kitchen
Cub Scout Pack 910	Humanity First

#### Non-Religious Organizations that Support Sanchez Charities

Life Community Enrichment	One Heart McKinney	
Love Life Foundation	McKinney Roots	
Minshew Elementary	Volunteer McKinney	
David and Emily Youngblood Foundation	Collin County – CARES Grants	
Imagine International Academy of N. Texas	Community Lifeline	
Minnie's Food Pantry of Plano	Life Community Enrichment	

#### **Organizations that Sanchez Charities Supports**

Baby Bootie Diaper Bank	AEYL
Hugs Café	Samaritan Inn
Shiloh Place	Holy Family School
Jason Hernandez – Picazzo Project	City of McKinney Art Wall
Merritt Homes / Hands & Feet – Food Truck	Mainstreet – Monarchs of McKinney
Streetside Showers	Emmanuel Labor

#### Organizations that Sanchez Charities Participates with - Leadership

Hunger Free Coalition Board of Directors	Continuum of Care Board of Directors	
Community Food Pantry	Baby Booties Diaper Bank	
AEYL	Community Lifeline Center	

#### **Individuals who Support Sanchez Charities**

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Joan Stuckman	Tamara Jenkins	
Dave and Maryjane Gingras	Tanya East	
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The Terrasi Family	The Kordoban Family	
The Nicketta Family	Laurie Shackelford	

The list of individual donors and other participants is too great to list. Suffice it to say that Kim's persistence and focus has brought together a community focus on hunger. Strategic partners have made the goal of eliminating hunger a real and tangible possibility. In fact, the Junior League of Plano has now recognized <u>The</u> **McKinney Little Free Pantry** as an eligible organization for service hours for its members.

100% of all proceeds collected are used to address hunger. The MLFP also distributes clothing, blankets, gloves, toiletries, and feminine products. The McKinney Little Free Pantry's administrative costs are shouldered by individual philanthropists and entities such as Secured Title of Texas, Love Life Foundation, TSAG, Sanchez Charities, LLC, Chase Partners, and many others. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, MLFP has been distributing nearly 20,000 lbs. of food per month – all items of food, coats, gloves, socks, hygiene essentials, etc., have been donated, coordinated, and distributed by Kim and her army of volunteers. MLFP is funded 100% by donations and grants. Every year, Sanchez Charities through the MLFP adopts multiple families throughout the holidays for gifts, necessities, food and, more importantly fellowship and hope.

In 2017, Sanchez Charities formed a strategic alliance with AEYL, Derick and Ceretha Robinson. Together, they have sponsored community drives to support families in need of school supplies, backpacks, water bottles, lunch pails, tutoring, mentoring, etc. IIANT contributes water bottles, lunch pails and backpacks while Valliance Bank and BancorpSouth have contributed direct funds for school supplies.

In 2018, TSAG, 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 with the City Arts Program to implement the 5-story mosaic/mural on the parking garage that faces Virginia – "<u>McKinney Blooms</u>". Kim contributed 50% of the cost for that artwork which was commissioned from Reginald Adams from Houston, TX. Later, Kim worked with Amy Rosenthal and MainStreet to co-locate one of the "Monarchs of McKinney" butterflies adjacent to McKinney Blooms. Kim believes community artwork is yet another way for McKinney to celebrate its history and its future.

In 2020, Kim partnered with Jason Hernandez to apply for a grant from the McKinney Community Development Corporation to clean up the Mexican Cemetery located at Pecan Grove on SH 5 and Industrial Drive. MCDC awarded the grant to commission a statue to commemorate the history and heritage of the Mexican-American community that were critical in McKinney's evolution. Kim also worked with Angela Poen to make the Community Garden Kitchen become a reality. For years, the idea of the Community Garden Kitchen has been an elusive but noteworthy concept. Kim was able to help Angela navigate through the City's development process and Angela and her team are now under construction immediately east of Holy Family School. Also, in 2020, Kim began work on "The Mustard Seed" – a center for non-profit management to be located on White Street just east of Redbud Blvd. Kim's goal for The Mustard Seed is to have an office campus where the various not-for-profit organizations in and around McKinney can co-locate for synergy and improved impact. The Mustard Seed will also have a "one-stop" intake center to help residents access and navigate the myriad of services and service providers. The property purchase contract is scheduled to close in February 2021 and architectural and engineering plans are underway.

Kim embodies the spirit and meaning of <u>Quality of Life Award</u>. Through the years, Kim has given hope to the hopeless; shared with those in need; comforted those in distress – all without seeking or wanting recognition. It is with great pleasure, that we, the undersign, nominate Kim. D. Sanchez, P.E., CFO and Founder of The Sanchez Charities, LLC for the <u>MCDC Quality of Life Award</u>. As Maylee Thomas-Fuller put it best: "As an avid observer of a servant's heart in our community, I would be remiss if I didn't bring attention to one of our own, Kim Sanchez. Her fervent desire to see that no one goes hungry has brought great impact to McKinney and our surrounding county."

#### Summarily endorsed by:

- Maylee Fuller-Thomas, Love Life Foundation
- Rachel Weinmann President BancorpSouth Celina
- AJ Michelleto, Founder AGI Marketing
- Denise McGough
- Rt. Rev. Barbara Kelton
- Jenny Funderburk, Watters Creek Wealth Mgmt
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- Amy Rosenthal, Main Street Director, McKinney

- Sara Thomas, BancorpSouth
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- Johnny Rutledge, State Farm Insurance
- Rt. Rev. Andrew Van Kirk
- Rick Chaffin, City Manager Celina
- Ruth Thompson, Founder Hugs Café
- Lauren Smith, Dev. Director Hugs Café

# **LANCE OLINSKY**

# **STREETSIDE SHOWERS**

Provides free hot showers and personal hygiene services (haircuts, care items, socks, underwear) and clothes closet.

Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Lance Olinski/Streetside Showers	
Mailing Address	PO BOX 2623	
City	McKinney	
State	TX	
Zip Code	75070	
Phone Number	(214) 842-3132	
Fax Number	Field not completed.	
Email Address	lance@streetsideshowers.org	
Website	streetsideshowers.org	
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	13 years	
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	Lance Olinski is the Founder and CEO of Streetside Showers which is a free mobile hot shower and personal hygiene care non-profit. While they currently operate one stop in McKinney, they also serve the homeless community with their services in the greater Collin, Denton, Grayson, and Dallas county areas. Most recently, the have opened a mobile clothes closet which provides free clothing to shower guests at each shower stop. The hot shower and hygiene kit services they provide (free haircuts, personal care item kits, socks, and underwear) literally serve to help restore guests hope and dignity. Because of this, I believe Lance Olinski and Streetside Showers would be an excellent candidate for a Quality of Life Award due to the community amenity they provide to our citizens in need.	

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Aidan Daily
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City	McKinney
State	TX
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Please note: Additional information may be requested by MCDC.	

# **LISA MOUSSELLI**

### **AUTISM RESPONSE TEAM**

Provides free ABA training for families and schools to help improve the lives of children with autism. Works with adults in nursing homes to provide same for their residents.

Volunteers with Austism Speaks.



#### Must be submitted to MCDC no later than Sunday, February 28, 2021

Nominee (Individual/Organization): Lis	sa Mousselli / Autism F	Response T	eam
Mailing Address: 5801 Virginia Parkway	y, # 105		
City: McKinney	ST:TX	Zip: _	75071
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Website:www.arttx.org			
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disabilities, in addition to positively impac	cting the lives of the pa	rents and f	amilies who are impacted by
autism. Lisa volunteers tirelessly by pro	oviding free ABA trainir	ng to our fa	milies, parents, local preschools,
and local school districts, to help improve	ve behaviors, executive	e functionin	ig skills, and life skills so that
individuals on the autism spectrum can	truly reach their full po	tentional a	nd gain independence as they
get older. Lisa also works with older a	dults in nursing home	settings to	provide that same continuity of care
and dedication. Lisa also volunteers for	Autism Speaks to help	p bring add	litional resources & support to families
in McKinney.  How long has the nominee been involved	ed in the McKinney co	mmunity?	8 years
Name of person submitting nomination	Carol Tatom		
Mailing Address: 2825 Dunbar Drive			
City: McKinney	ST: _ <u>TX</u>	Zip:	75072
Phone: <u>469-596-2216</u> Fax: _			ctatom77@outlook.com
Please submit form to:	ont Corporation		

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

McKinney, TX 75070

Attn: Linda Jones (if submitting via email: <a href="mailto:ljones2@mckinneycdc.org">ljones2@mckinneycdc.org</a>)

Please note: Additional information may be requested by MCDC.

# **MAGDA DIA**

### **JUMP INTO ART**

Volunteers with Empty Bowls, Mac Christmas with Jason and delivering Thanksgiving meals to hospice patients. During COVID, kept teachers working without federal funding and found ways for people to enjoy art and connect with community.

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jumpintoartstudios@gmail.com	
www.jumpintoart.com	
10 years	
I am nominating Magda Dia and Jump Into Art Studios based on bullet point three under the Award Criteria:	
Promoted, developed or enriched quality of life in McKinney through support for:	
expanded recreational, cultural or community activities or amenities; business	
growth and/or tourism; affordable housing initiatives.	
Magda Dia and JIA Studios had a huge impact for families and individuals for the majority of 2020, we all know that 2020 was a very difficult year for a number of reasons. From an economic standpoint she was able to (keep teachers working and getting paid), without receiving any outside federal funding!!! From a	

social and connecting standpoint she was able to follow all the rules and requirements regarding COVID-19 and allow people to still enjoy doing art and connecting with the community. Over the years she has participated in numerous outreach events/programs, i.e. Empty Bowls, Mac Christmas with Jason and delivering meals on thanksgiving to hospice patients just to name a few.

Below are some of her quotes, beliefs, philosophy and a little history to what makes Magda.....Magda

Everyone is an artist, according to Magda Dia, who owns and operates Jump Into Art Studios located at 404 N. Church St. in Historic Downtown McKinney.

"It's my job to develop [the students'] creativity through nurturing and loving kindness during my classes," Dia said. "I believe I can help them find their own artistic voice."

Jump Into Art began in 2011 at a room in the McKinney Art House and has expanded ever since.

"Jump Into Art is a safe environment where we play with a variety of different mediums and work with visiting artists, and we just let everyone create," Dia said. "We are here to develop the whole person through nurturing, and when they get positive feedback from their peers, they feel better about themselves."

Although Dia is quick to tell her students she is not a classically trained artist, she said her background as a concierge provided her with the skills to be a "solver of all problems."

"For art, I do tons of research to break it down, so I know how to show my students to achieve what they desire," she said. "They learn mosaics, 3-D, watercolor, clay, batik—you name it."

Dia said the path to her own art studio was a perfect storm.

After taking classes at McKinney Art House, owner Sona Knox needed someone to run the studio's birthday party program.

"And she asked me if I wanted my own room," Dia said. "I prayed about it and took on the room, and instantly my classes

tripled in size and I outgrew my space there."

The most popular classes at Jump Into Art are the after-school and home-school multimedia classes.

"We do everything under the sun," she said. "This isn't a paintby-number studio. It's about letting me guide them through their creativity with loving kindness."

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Thomas Tolan	
Mailing Address	710 North Church Street	
City	McKinney	
State	Texas	
Zip Code	75069	
Phone Number	3105978621	
Fax Number	Field not completed.	
Email Address	tttolan@msn.com	

#### **PEGGY CLICK**

#### **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER**

Coordinates Fall and Christmas programs for Meals on Wheels including volunteer coordination and logistics. During COVID, pivoted to make sure the programs continued as usual.

#### **Quality of Life Award Nomination Form**

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

Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Peggy Click with Meals on Wheels of Collin County	
Mailing Address	7604 Harbor Town	
City	McKinney	
State	TX	
Zip Code	75072	
Phone Number	214-683-3452	
Fax Number	Field not completed.	
Email Address	peggy@mmgtexas.com	
Website	Field not completed.	
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	More than 15 years	
Please describe how the nominee has positively	Peggy drives the holiday programs for Meals on Wheels of Collin	

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

County. This includes Harvest Boxes (full of shelf stable food, paper goods, etc.) that are delivered in the Fall before Thanksgiving and the Secret Santa project. Secret Santa allows the 1800+ Meals on Wheels clients to ask for a few items they would like to receive at Christmas. Volunteers purchase those items, wrap them and they are delivered to the seniors. These are huge undertakings requiring staffing, logistics, volunteers, and a tremendous amount of manpower. With both of these projects back to back Peggy starts working in August to get things rolling. Several thousand packages are delivered in this time frame and a vast majority of these are in McKinney. For many of their clients, it is the only gift they receive during the holiday period. Peggy lines up companies, churches and individuals who all help to make this happen. This year, as with everything, COVID-19 made this a much larger logistical challenge. Peggy couldn't utilize the MOW facility where the daily meals are prepared so she had to find someone to donate a large space to warehouse items and act as a dispatch point.

She worked with The Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church in McKinney who allowed use of their space to insure these programs were able to go on this year. This truly becomes a community effort, but none of it is possible without Peggy's dedication, leadership and determination. Here are some comments from folks who received boxes and gifts this year. As someone who has helped deliver these items, I can tell you it means the world to them.

"Thank you so much for the box of useful items that you delivered...It was so generous of

you to think of us! P.s. The wrapping paper was so artistic and beautiful that I cut out a

10" x 12" piece and hung it on the wall. Thank you!! - Katy P.

"Dear Friends at MOW, This is to tell you THANK YOU for the wonderful meals you have delivered to us and the thoughtful gifts you gave us. As with everyone else, this has been the hardest year of our life. But just having someone to help us the way you have has made

life so much easier and better. May God bless each of you richly!!" - Jim and Marge

"I appreciated the gifts! I thank you from my heart." - from Irma M. with love and prayers

"Dear Secret Santa, Thank you for your kindness, I really loved the gifts I received."Lakesha J.

"To the ones who gave me the nice gift at Christmas. Everything was beautiful and so useful. Thanks." - Ruth T.

"Thank you for all you do for me and all of us. The gifts are all wonderful. Thank you!" - Patsy G.

"George and Sybil H. would like to thank you all for our lovely Christmas gifts."

Please recognize Peggy Click's many years of hard work and devotion to improving the lives of McKinney Seniors.

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Julie Williams
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State	TX
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Phone Number	9728380262
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	julie@texaspropertysisters.com
Please note:  Additional information may be requested by MCDC.	

#### **SCOTT ELLIOTT**

#### **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER**

Coordinated program during COVID to feed thousands. Executive Director of Community Lifeline Center, City Councilman and past MCDC Board member.



#### 2021 Quality of Life Award Nomination Form

Must be submitted to MCDC no later than Sunday, February 28, 2021

Nominee (Individual/Organization): SCOTT ELLIOTT COMMUNITY LIFELINE
Mailing Address: 5601 GROVE COUR DR
City: McKINPEY ST: TX Zip: 75071
Phone: 469.636,3965 Fax: Email: M. Scott. elliott agnoil can
Website:
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney? (Attach additional pages if needed)
SCOTT IS DREPLY INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. HE IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY LIFELINE
OF CENTER IN MCKINNEY. THAT OPGANIZATION HAS FED
COUNCILMAN & FORMER MEMBER OF THE MCDC.
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?
Name of person submitting nomination:
Mailing Address: 205 W. LOWISTANA ST, SUITE 201
City: MCKIPALEY ST: TX Zip: 75069
Phone: 972 569 3166 Fax: Email: Michael emy Conflybuyer
Please submit form to:

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

McKinney, TX 75070

Attn: Linda Jones (if submitting via email: <a href="mailto:ljones2@mckinneycdc.org">ljones2@mckinneycdc.org</a>)

Please note: Additional information may be requested by MCDC.

#### **SHANNON WHITE**

#### **GRACE TO CHANGE**

Helps indigent and poverty-stricken substance abuser break out of addiction. During COVID, number of clients rose 65% so team put in many extra hours. GTC is only adolescent provider and one of only three adult providers that accepts county Medicaid funds.

#### Quality of Life Nomination Form

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

Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Shannon White, GraceToChange		
Mailing Address	1216 North Central Expressway, Suite 104		
City	McKinney		
State	Texas		
Zip Code	75070		
Phone Number	(972) 542-2900		
Fax Number	Field not completed.		
Email Address	shannon@gracetochange.com		
Website	www.gracetochange.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?	Shannon White and her nonprofit, GraceToChange, help an underserved population in our community: indigent and poverty-stricken substance abusers who are looking for a way out of addiction. Her organization has as its mission to break the cycle of addiction for adolescents and adults by providing the tools, support, and hope for a lifetime of recovery. GraceToChange's proven treatment program is designed to meet individuals where they are in their journeys, whether by court-mandated drug treatment or through personal circumstances. It offers tailored outpatient treatment with individual and group sessions. It also provides confidential drug testing. Outpatient treatment helps those who suffer from addiction stay out of jail, continue working, and ensures they remain contributing members of our community. During the pandemic, the number of addicted individuals has skyrocketed and GraceToChange's enrollment increased 65%, meaning that Shannon and her team work ever-longer hours to meet the		

growing needs of the community. Although there are for-profit treatment centers here in Collin County, GraceToChange is the ONLY adolescent provider and is 1 of only 3 adult providers that accepts county Behavioral Health/Medicaid funds within this county of one million residents. Without Shannon's dedication, her life experience and education that understand addiction behavior, and the sheer number of hours put in to make a difference, this underserved and overlooked community would be left without help at a time when addiction rates are climbing. I nominate Shannon White for this award because she works every day to achieve her motto: "Change A Life. Change A Community."

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Julie Luton
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City	McKinney
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Phone Number	2142445208
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	JULIELUTON67@GMAIL.COM
Please note: Additional information may	be requested by MCDC.

# **SHIRLETTA BEST 2020 CENSUS** Leadership and coordination.

#### Quality of Life Nomination Form

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

Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Shirletta Best
Mailing Address	406 N. Tennessee St.
City	McKinney
State	Texas
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	972-547-7577
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	Shirletta Best
Website	Field not completed.
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	Field not completed.
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	On behalf of MHA and the many individuals that contact our office needing affordable housing, I want to nominate Shirletta Best. Shirletta worked tirelessly over the past two years to get everyone to complete the 2020 Census. She knows how this will impact our community for years to come. While many may not even know who she is. She is working for the good of this city and I certainly hope we celebrate her efforts. Shirletta you are appreciated!
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Name of person submitting nomination:	Roslyn Miller

Mailing Address	603 N. Tennessee St.
City	McKinney
State	TX
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	972-542-5641
Fax Number	972-542-0908
Email Address	rmiller@mckinneyha.org
Please note: Additional information	n may be requested by MCDC.

#### **ZELLA TYSON**

**MEALS ON WHEELS, CEO** 

Serves 1800 hot meals a day, growing to 2500 by October 2021. Will serve 310,000 meals by October 2021.

#### Quality of Life Nomination Form

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

Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Zella Tyson - Meals on Wheels Collin County
Mailing Address	600 N Tennessee St
City	McKinney
State	TX
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	(972) 562-6996
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	tysonz@mealsonwheelscc.org
Website	https://mealsonwheelscc.org
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	Field not completed.
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	Zella and the MOW organization has a the multitude of moving parts/systems to provide for our senior community! Her connection and outreach are a strong force.
	In summary: MOW will serve 310k meals by October of 2021. 50% of meals will be reimbursed through governmental grants. 15% percent through non-governmental grants, and the remaining 35% of the meals will need to be covered by fundraisers and public contributions.
	If chosen as a partner, MOW will use Charity Classic funding to support daily hot and emergency meals to seniors at risk of hunger and isolation. Currently, MOW is currently serving 1,800 meals a day, growing to 2,500 in Oct 2021! Each meal

#### costs \$5.63.

Zella has mastered the implementation of volunteering to support local seniors.

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Constance Dentry	
Mailing Address	3509 White Water Lane	
City	McKinney	
State	TX	
Zip Code	75070	
Phone Number	7076284914	
Fax Number	Field not completed.	
Email Address	cdentry@icloud.com	
Please note: Additional information may	be requested by MCDC.	

## FEEDING FRIENDS & FAMILY INITIATIVE

## AEYL, COMMUNITY LIFELINE CENTER and MIKE REDEKER

Collaboration to consistently provide food during the pandemic. Partnered with USDA, North Texas Food Bank and Hello Fresh to hold 36 food distribution days and distribute 728,600 pounds of food to 3452 families in 2020. Project continues through 2021.



#### **2021 Quality of Life Award Nomination Form**

#### Must be submitted to MCDC no later than Sunday, February 28, 2021

for their Food Distribution HUB at 300 Throck				
Mailing Address: CLC - 1601 N. Waddill St. Ste 102 / A.E.Y.L P. O. Box 262				
City: McKinney  AEYL 214-390-5665	ST:	Texas	Zip: _	75071/75069
AEYL 214-390-5665  Phone: CLC 972-542-0020 Fax:			Email:	
Website:AEYL - www.aeyleadership.org /ww	w.commun	itylifeline.org	g	
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How long has the nominee been involved	in the Mc	Kinney cor	nmunity?	
Name of person submitting nomination:	Angela l	M. Richardso	n Woods	
Mailing Address: 2301 Spruce Meadow Lane				
City: McKinney	ST:	Texas	Zip: _	75071
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#### **Please submit form to:**

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

McKinney, TX 75070

Attn: Linda Jones (if submitting via email: <a href="mailto:ljones2@mckinneycdc.org">ljones2@mckinneycdc.org</a>)

Please note: Additional information may be requested by MCDC.

#### Nomination for TRO of: Alliance of Elite Youth Leadership, Community Lifeline Center, and Mike Redeker

I would like to nominate a TRIO of Alliance of Elite Youth Leadership, Community Lifeline Center, and Mike Redeker for the collaboration for the food distribution HUB during the 2020-2021 COVID-PANDEMIC.

When our nation endured one of the most horrific and life changing pandemics since the 1918 Influenza Pandemic that ravaged our nation. The 2020 Coronavirus Virus (COVID -19) has equally ravaged our nation and world. This has been a epidemic unlike anything in my generation has ever seen. To date COVID-19 has claimed over 509, 000 lives in the US with 712 of those in Collin County.

This pandemic not only has caused loss of lives it has also impacted families with the loss of jobs, income, food, and housing. Many families were one paycheck away or one paycheck behind on providing basic necessities for their families like food. With the impact of the shutdowns and closing of businesses many families did not know where to turn.

But in McKinney we were blessed to have two non-profit organizations and a generous servant leader to work together rather than working separately to collaborate and find a solution to provide food to families in McKinney and surrounding areas. Through the amazing leadership of Scott Elliott (Executive Director – CLC), Derrick Robinson (Founder - AEYL), and Mike Redeker (300 Throckmorton – property owner). These amazing servant leaders and their team partnered with USDA and other Food Partners like North Texas Food Bank and Hello Fresh to create a food distribution center. This distribution HUB serves as the central HUB in East McKinney that has provided so many families in need with some relief.

In March 2020 they immediately went into action to find ways to help struggles families with basic necessities.

#### In March 2020 Dec 2020:

- They held 36 Food Distribution Days
- Distributed 728,600 LBS of Food
- Served Approximately 3,452 families

#### Jan 2021 to date

- To date they have held 3 Food Distribution Days
- Distributed 30,800 LBS of Food
- Served Approximately 429 Families

Not only did this Team of Servant Leaders coordinate the volunteers, deliveries, and distributions they assisted other organizations such as local churches, apartment complexes, and neighboring communities in Plano and Princeton to create similar models at their locations.

During Thanksgiving, they distributed 200 turkeys to families and at Christmas they distributed toys to families who did not know how they were going to buy toys for their children.

I have personally witnessed the selfless efforts of their team and the volunteers that show up every time to help make this partnership/collaboration successful. They have distributed in the rain, sleet, and snow to ensure families had their basic necessities.

This partnership/collaboration embodies two of the three nomination criteria for the Quality of Life Award

- Has made a significant economic, social or environmental impact on the community
- Is a public use project, facility or initiative that impacts the community at large.

They have made a significant economic and social impact in our community and surrounding cities by giving families hope and support during these unprecedented times/circumstances. I have personally seen how families are so grateful for the items they receive. For some families it has made a difference in rather or not our seniors and children go to bed with empty bellies at night or have a nutrition meal to sustain them through the week.

Equally I have seen how this trio-partnership have pulled together so many volunteers to come help register families, direct traffic, load items in cars, and delivery items to families who are house bound. The list could go on with all of the selfless servant leaders I have seen show up every other Saturday morning to serve our community.

They have created a project/initiative that has impacted and transformed our community to a whole another level. We have become the "MODEL" for other communities to emulate the TRIO have assisted other cities set up similar distribution HUBS to make the same impact in their community.

It is with great honor for me to nominate the Trio of Community Lifeline Center, AEYL, and Mike Redeker for the 2021 Quality of Life Award.

#### **COCKTAIL CREAMERY**

#### **LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS**

Delicious product served at a place where community is built and flourishes. Online presence provides inspiration, humor and encouragement.

#### **Quality of Life Award Nomination Form**

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

Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Cocktail Creamery	
Mailing Address	214 E Louisiana Street	
City	Mckinney	
State	TX	
Zip Code	75069	
Phone Number	508-446-7103	
Fax Number	Field not completed.	
Email Address	Field not completed.	
Website	https://cocktailcreamery.com	
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	Unsure, 5-10 years?	
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	Ted and Sharyn Lindblad, owners and founders of Cocktail Creamery in downtown Mckinney, are more than simple business owners in our community. Not only do they provide the most delicious product in town, their friendly hospitality and openness while engaging with each and every customer they serve creates a special hometown feeling that is rare in our growing suburb. Any day of the week, one can stop in for friendly conversation with both owners and their employees, Ted is constantly creating new products at the request and creativity of his customers, and their shop (now within The Pantry) hosts a comfortable environment to meet with friends, family, business partners, or colleagues. The Lindblads have made Cocktail Creamery a place where community is built and flourishes, where everyone feels welcome and at home, and a positive online presence that provides inspiration, humor and encouragement as we all go about our lives in Mckinney. We	

cherish the positive impact this little ice cream shop has on our community, and we are grateful for the opportunity to nominate them as an ideal representation of the quality of life found in Mckinney. TX. We highly recommend judges choose Cocktail Creamery for this honor.

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Rebecca Knapp
Mailing Address	1313 Hodge Street
City	McKinney
State	TX
Zip Code	75071
Phone Number	9496076282
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	rebecca_knapp@ymail.com
Please note: Additional information may be requested by MCDC.	

## 21st CENTURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS

### WILL HENDERSON, TERRI ANDERSON and MARTIN SANCHEZ

Have worked behind the scenes with McKinney Housing Authority for 9 years -- assmble teams, secure funding and present possibilities to neighbors, city staff and City Council.

#### Quality of Life Nomination Form

Quality of Life Award Nomination Form All entries for the current year must be submitted no later than close of business January 4, 2019.

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

Nominee (Individual/Organization)	Will Henderson - Carleton Companies, Terri Anderson - ADC WestRidge, LP, Martin Sanchez - Sanchez Group
Mailing Address	Carleton Companies - 4201 Spring Valley Road Suite 800 Dallas, TX 75244, ADC WestRidge, LP - 347 Walnut Grove Ln. Coppell, TX 75019, The Sanchez Group - 2000 N. McDonald St. Suite 100 75071
City	McKinne
State	TX
Zip Code	75001
Phone Number	469-424-5900
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	Field not completed.
Website	Field not completed.
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	At least 9 years for all three
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in	All three have worked tirelessly to bring dignity and quality of life to poor and working families.
McKinney?	One of our older properties had power all week. However, at the end of the week when the pipes start to burst, we were hit hard. The residents were without water for four days. Last evening as water was being restored a eight year old ask me, "when can we take a shower again?" She also asked, "can you fix our park and make it look nice?" All any of us want is dignity and quality of life.

The new properties are not perfect, like anything they have some challenges, but the challenges are nothing compared to those of older properties. And how do they negatively impact children and older adults. MHA is thankful for the better options.

- 1. Millennium McKinney
- 2. Post Oak
- 3. Newsome Homes
- 4. Westridge Villas
- 5. Merritt McGowan Manor

Please join me today in recognizing three people who have been essential to affordable housing options in McKinney over the past 9 years. These folks work behind the scenes to assemble teams, find funding for the project and then make the case to the neighborhoods, city planning departments and city council. They have worked on these projects and got them on the ground. In any other build project, this may be no small feat. But for affordable housing, it is a heavy lift. And often times done without the recognition of the people you are fighting for.

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Roslyn Miller
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City	McKinney
State	TX
Zip Code	75069
Phone Number	972-542-5641
Fax Number	972-542-0908
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Please note:  Additional information may be requested by MCDC.	

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## McKINNEY PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA/THE GREATER NORTH TEXAS YOUTH ORCHESTRA

#### **MUSICAL and PERFORMING ARTS**

Creates and fosters a community oriented mission through music. Partners with visual arts groups to promote local artists. Provides scholarships, mentorship programs, education and entertainment. During COVID, youth orchestra organized a food drive.

#### **Quality of Life Award Nomination Form**

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

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Nominee (Individual/Organization)	McKinney Philharmonic Orchestra/The Greater North Texas Youth Orchestra
Mailing Address	1011 Thomas St
City	Denton
State	TX
Zip Code	76201
Phone Number	9405948790
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	odysseuschamberorchestra@gmail.com
Website	www.mckinneyphilharmonic.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?	The McKinney Philharmonic Orchestra has been become an indispensable part of the Arts fabric in McKinney. Since 2014, when the orchestra moved from Denton, it has created and fostered a community oriented mission. The philosophy of the orchestra is to not only provide the City with a vibrant and visible outlook of what McKinney can offer to its citizens but to reach out to individuals and groups in a more deeper and meaningful ways.
	The McKinney Philharmonic Orchestra, its members and artistic leaders consistently seeks out various organization to partner. The McKinney Philharmonic has worked with visual arts organizations, partnering with groups like the Arts and Music Guild. The McKinney Philharmonic has provided visual artists, more opportunities to present their works by allowing them to create through music. The McKinney Philharmonic has

commissioned works by artists and have helped with the sales of their art work. The McKinney Philharmonic has promoted works of individual artists as well.

In 2017, the McKinney Philharmonic created the Greater North Texas Youth Orchestra. This youth division has grown in leaps and bounds since then. With the help of local foundations, the McKinney Philharmonic Orchestra provides budding young music students with financial aid scholarships to participate. The Youth program extends beyond the classical music education but branches into Celtic Music. The youth orchestra enjoys further opportunities created by the McKinney Philharmonic Orchestra such as side-by-side and mentorship programs where music students get the opportunity to perform alongside the professional orchestra. This has impact for students who graduate high school and out program and to move on into musical careers. In 2017, a student from McKinney North High School who graduated from our youth program won the friends of WRR prize. The only recipient, Shanuessy Renker won \$14,000 to go towards her music education. Shaunessy is now a full scholarship student at Bard Conservatory in New York. We have recently added to our professional roster, past youth orchestra students who are excelling in college by becoming accomplished musicians themselves and winning a spot with the McKinney Philharmonic though a very competitive audition process. Late last year, the Youth Orchestra organized a drive by food drive donation campaign. The Mayor, the Police department and the fire department attended this event.

The music the McKinney Philharmonic Orchestra brings not inly entertains the citizenry but also educates and and inspires. The orchestra programs music that speaks to every day folks. In 2018, the orchestra started a Christmas Concert tradition, putting on one of the most unique Christmas concerts in the region. Maylee Thomas has been a regular guest and concert goers have said that they have never been to a concert quite like it. This tradition has attracted music lovers from all over the metroplex area. Even with the pandemic last Christmas, the concert was sold out. In no time this concert will be known by many as McKinney's very own Christmas Concert gem.

The McKinney Philharmonic Orchestra has forged relationships with local ISD music teachers. Touring their schools and music

programs, helping in workshops and masterclasses. The orchestra even created a summer music festival in McKinney for young students to spend a week to study with the members of the orchestra. MPO has provided local musician with work and gigs.

The orchestra has made a conscious effort to go beyond the norms of a music/ arts organization. The orchestra has quickly become of the favorite orchestra that many professional musicians want to play for,

As I have provided so many factors of the orchestra, it is evident that the McKinney Philharmonic Orchestra has contributed in so many ways to enrichen the lives of the people of McKinney. The McKinney Philharmonic Orchestra takes pride in sharing the mission of the McKinney Arts Commission, in pursuing the mission of making McKinney an Arts Destination. In has done that and want to continue doing so.

I sincerely hope you will consider the candidacy of this wonderful organization that has give so much to the community in McKinney.

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Name of person submitting nomination:	Jason Lim
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City	Denton
State	TX
Zip Code	76201
Phone Number	940-594-8790
Fax Number	Field not completed.
Email Address	jasonlim.conductor@gmail.com
Please note:  Additional information may be requested by MCDC.	

## McKINNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### **5-STAR CHAMBER**

Supports businesses as well as the City, MCDC, MEDC, MISD, Collin College and Collin County rallying support for bond elections, other elections, events, fundraising for lobbying efforts. Druing COVID, distributed PPE; created website dedicated to safety guidline, PPP and EIDL resources; partnered with other for #McKinneyStrong; organized #McKinneyStrong parade; created Restaurant Council.

#### Quality of Life Nomination Form

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

Nominee (Individual/Organization)	McKinney Chamber of Commerce	
Mailing Address	1700 Redbud Blvd., Suite 180	
City	McKinney	
State	Texas	
Zip Code	75069	
Phone Number	Field not completed.	
Fax Number	Field not completed.	
Email Address	Field not completed.	
Website	Field not completed.	
How long has the nominee been involved in the McKinney community?	Since 1904	
Please describe how the nominee has positively impacted Quality of Life in McKinney?	Letter previously sent to Cindy Schieibel via email.	
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Name of person submitting nomination:	Robert. S Clark, McKinney President, Prosperty Bank	
Mailing Address	1800 Redbud Blvd,	
City	McKinney	
State	Texas	
Zip Code	7506	

Phone Number	214-533-8913
Fax Number	972-562-2517
Email Address	robert.clark@prosperitybankusa.com
Please note: Additional information may be requested by MCDC.	



February 4, 2021
Mrs. Cindy Schneibel
President
The McKinney Community Development Corporation
McKinney, Texas 75072

Dear President, Schneibel:

First let me congratulate you and the CDC for presenting a Quality of Life Award. This award is very special to those who receive it. I know because LegacyTexas Bank, now a part of Prosperity Bank won the award in 2018. Passing this award to our Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer was a great moment to us in McKinney. It is so nice to be recognized for improving the quality of life in your community.

I would like to nominate the McKinney Chamber of Commerce for this Year's award. Founded in 1914, the Chamber may be the longest running non-profit in McKinney, and if not it certainly is one of them. Our Chamber supports not only the businesses in McKinney, but also the City, EDC, CDC, McKinney ISD, the Community College and Collin County rallying support for bond elections, Beer and Wine elections, events for the community featuring both State and National elected officials as well as programing that informs the community. The Chamber supports the City with both money and personnel to lobby for legislation that is important to all McKinney Citizens at both the state and national level.

The Leadership McKinney program is one of the tops in the Nation. Many of today's leaders such as mayors, council members, School board members, City Commissioners and individuals who care about improving and maintaining our unique quality of life in this city are graduates of this great organization.

Several organizations got their start at the Chamber. One that comes to mind is the McKinney Education Foundation. The passage of the McKinney Economic Development Sales Tax was proposed and marketed by Chamber Members. The result was establishing a ½ cent sales tax that has allowed our city to recruit many new businesses many with better paying jobs and multi-millions of dollars' worth of taxable business personal and real property. Prior to the sales tax, Economic Development was mostly a Chamber function. Everyone should know what that means to creating a great quality of life at taxes that we can afford. Until print media became less important, the Chamber produced a Magazine called McKinney Living informing not only it's membership, but the public also. Now the Chamber's website keeps us informed of upcoming events and activities in McKinney.

Our Chamber is a 5-Star Chamber of Commerce, which puts our chamber in the top 1% of Chambers in our nation. It is a leader in the Dallas Ft. Worth Area in both membership and dollar contributions. The Chamber is part of many regional partnerships including the Regional Chamber Coalition, compromised of nine of the largest chambers with the focus of advocating for business issues during the Texas Legislative Session.



This year the Chamber quickly pivoted its programming to meet the needs of the business community during a global pandemic. From distributing PPE to local businesses to creating a website dedicated to providing up to date information on safety guidelines, PPP and EIDL Loan resources, to partnering with other key city partners with the #McKinneyStrong Program. The Chamber organized a #McKinneyStrong parade driving to businesses all over the city showing support and spreading a positive message. They also created new forums like the McKinney Restaurant Council to help share best practices and connect them to resources.

The Chamber is known Nationally for its Leadership Program as well as it's progressive action to make the McKinney Business Community stronger and our community a better place to live for all who want to live and work in this unique part of north Texas.

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