

Historic McKinney Farmers Market
Fall Events
Ghostly Haunting Tours
Educational Programming
Legends of McKinney Ghost Walk
48th Annual Holiday Tour of Homes &
Christmas in the Village



It's no secret that we, like many organizations, are struggling. Our calendar reflects not only historically successful events, but also some that we found to be surprisingly popular even amongst the restrictions. It is our goal to capitalize on those outcomes, while at the same time continuing with our signature events in hopes that they will recover and once again be vibrant.



#### Refocus for 2021

- We hired a professional marketing firm for social media, advertising and promotion of Chestnut Square; the results are improved branding, advertising continuity and streamlined social media campaigns.
- A new staff member dedicated to the museum components of the organization began in January. Regular Village tour traffic has increased under her management.



- Capitalize on past successes amidst the restrictions –
   Children's camps and activities, Ghostly Haunting Tours and the Farmers Market were strong performers.
- We are hopeful that the addition of the Christmas in the Village (Lighting event) to the Holiday Tour of Homes will re-energize and restore this beloved favorite.



## Request

\$15,000

represents 90% of ad budget for these events









Funds support advertising:

**McKinney Community Impact,** Star Local Media, **Stonebridge Ranch** Magazine, Edible Dallas, Creekside & **Eldorado Living (N2** Publishing), event videos and social media ads, print materials for events





Community Impact Monthly Ad	\$2875
Upsize/Additional space	\$1000
Stonebridge Ranch News Monthly Ad	\$870
Creekside Living/N2 Monthly print + Facebook Ad	\$2700
Collin County Guide	\$600
Edible Dallas	\$1900
Videos	\$1500
Signage/posters/discretionary	<u>\$3555</u>
Discretionary funds allow us the flexibility to target specific areas \$15	
for digital advertising, take advantage of specials and increase ad sizes when	
opportunity/need arises. We took advantage of remnant pricing on the Commi	unity
Impact sticker program for the 2020 Home Tour, and hit 10,000 households f	or \$1000!



## **Event Budgets**

	Income	Expense	<b>Contract Svcs</b>	Net
Farmers Market	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
<b>Education Programs</b>				
Field Trips	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 3,500.00
Prairie Camp	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,800.00		\$ 10,200.00
<b>Ghostly Hauntings</b>	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -		\$ 4,000.00
Murder Mystery	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,100.00		\$ 3,900.00
Ghost Walk	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Home Tour	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 30,000.00



#### Improved Social Media Results

• Boosted posts Reach 4355, 377 engagements

• Videos Views 7,600, 13,201 reach

• Chestnut Square 22,700 reach this month

• McKinney Farmers Market 29,339 reach this month

(17k followers, increase of 35% over spring 2020)



#### **Print Medium Results**

We are strategizing ways to begin tracking the effectiveness of print advertising. We have done post event questionnaires, surveys, social media polls and "coupon" or "special" offers in certain publications.

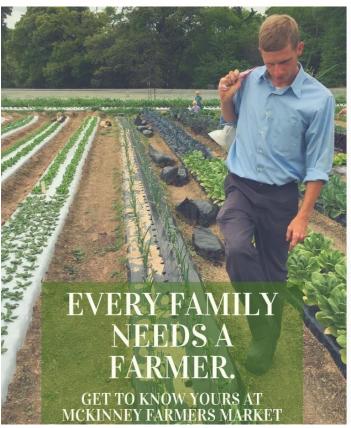
To date, we have been unsuccessful at defining the value of one publication over another, or print vs digital reach. The marketing committee of our board is taking on this challenge in the coming year (because we all know last year didn't count!)







McKinney Farmers
Market at
Chestnut Square
2021
Weekly April 3November 20
Twice Monthly
December - March
2022







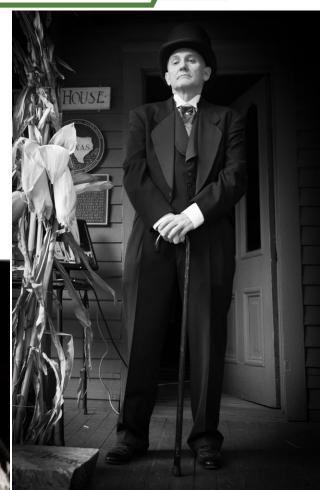




### Legends of McKinney Ghost Walk

Ghost Walk 2020 made \$5700 income vs. \$4000 (amended) budget.







\$7500 is projected income for 2021



We are hoping for typical revenues in the \$35,000 range













#### Chestnut Square's 2020 Event Calendar

#### NOVEMBER

McKinney Farmers Market Nov. 7, 14, & 21 QuaranTEA Nov. 5 & 18 Ghostly Haunting Nov. 21

#### DECEMBER

47th Annual Holiday Tour of Homes Dec. 5 & 6 McKinney Farmers Market Dec. 5 & 19











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#### Collin County Guide



#### Edible Dallas





# N2 Neighborhood Magazines







Chase & Charlie thank you for your consideration.

They have been re-homed to a rescue farm.

