

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: Ellen Cooper **DATE:** January 27, 2020

SUBJECT: 2019 United Way Campaign Presentation

PRESENTER: Ellen Cooper, Antonio Evangelista, Meagan Fendley

SUMMARY:

The City of North Richland Hills' annual United Way Employee Workplace Campaign was successful, raising over \$50,000 for the United Way of Tarrant County. Campaign Chair, Ellen Cooper will share a summary of this year's campaign activities and a check will be presented to Kintisha Williams, Senior Corporate Relations Manager of United Way Tarrant County and Ken Anderson, Senior Vice President of Development of United Way Tarrant County.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The City of North Richland Hills is proud to support the United Way of Tarrant County's annual fundraising campaign. Each year, a United Way Employee Committee raises funds and awareness for the non-profit organization. The 2019 campaign ran from October 4 through November 8. This year, to further promote awareness, we took the committee on a tour of a United Way partner agency, brought partner agencies on-site to meet with employees and completed a volunteer service project for the Community Enrichment Center. We also held several events to raise funds for the campaign. Those included:

- A kick off lunch that included a United Way Agency Fair
- A silent auction resulting in 42 baskets/items sold
- Pumpkin grams and raffle ticket sales
- A judged cook-off event that included chili, salsa and desserts

The United We Dine program was also a success with participating restaurants donating a portion of their proceeds on designated days to our United Way Campaign. Participating restaurants included:

- Sumo Sushi 8427 Boulevard 26
- Patriotic Pig 3900 Rufe Snow Dr.
- Wicho's House 7630 NE Loop 820

The money raised through this year's campaign will support over 40 local charities and programs that benefit every person in Tarrant County. We would like to thank the



members of the 2019 United Way Campaign Committee for all of their hard work and commitment to helping people of this community and in Tarrant County. These committee members are:

- Ellen Cooper, Chair Human Resources
- Antonio Evangelista, Co-Chair Parks & Recreation
- Meagan Fendley, Former Chair Neighborhood Services
- Billy Owens City Management
- Rachel Smith Court
- Pam Meek Economic Development
- Dustin Orazi Facilities
- Donna Carman and Cheryl Booth Finance
- Kathy Corley Fire
- Jeff Arnold Fleet
- Katherine Ratcliff IT
- Kandra Gibbs Library
- Candice Simmons Neighborhood Services
- Garrett Peek, Krista Henry, Chris Duxbury Parks & Recreation
- Amanda Sandhu, Andrea Odean, Christy Hardy Police
- Felisiano Yanes and Ricky Bryant Public Works

Campaign Chair Ellen Cooper, Co-Chair Antonio Evangelista, Former Chair Meagan Fendley and members of the 2019 Campaign Committee will be presenting a check on behalf of the city to the United Way of Tarrant County.