

NEWSLETTER

Richardson Chamber

Our mission: we develop and provide leadership for our members and community through advocacy, alliances, economic development and education to advance economic prosperity.

2022 Executive Committee ready to make impact for Richardson community

The executive committee has been announced for the coming year.
Chairman of the Board – Manasseh Durkin, Durkin Enterprises (pictured right)
1st Vice Chair of Economic Services Division – Jan Arrant, Methodist Richardson Medical Center
Vice Chair of Member Services – Darren Durrett, Dallas Capital Bank
Vice Chair of Community Division – Randy Ford, National Write Your Congressman
Vice Chair of Business Services – Scott Flannery, United HealthCare
Vice Chair of Budget/Finance – Monica Scott, Logotology
Immediate Past Chair – Eric Peltier, Prosperity Bank



Our chair, Manasseh Durkin, has been involved in the chamber for several years and has been involved in developing Richardson's future with his work with Lockwood area and the Core in downtown Richardson, Network Community Ministries and the Richardson Symphony. Before the pandemic, Manasseh visited with us on the chamber's podcast, [Rich Talk. Listen to the conversation](#).

In prep for the coming year, the executive committee commissioned online focus groups to better understand what our members need to succeed. Thanks to those who contributed to the groups, conducted by outside consultant David Slatter with ExperiPro. Elements that will be considered for the new year include:

1) diversifying locations and formats for events, 2) incorporating more problem-solving sessions between members, 3) finding ways to support small businesses and non-profits--particularly in hiring issues and creating opportunities for volunteering and 4) inviting young professionals to become more active with the chamber.

We want your input. Always find ways to tell us how we can best serve you!

CBRE operations hub to bring more than 500 new jobs in Richardson

from Community Impact

CBRE will bring 550 new jobs and \$13 million in capital investment to the city of Richardson via its new operations center.

The lease for CBRE's Richardson facility was announced last year, according to a spokesperson with the real estate and investment firm. The company took over an existing building at 2375 N. Glenville.

So far, there are 700 CBRE employees based in Richardson with about 300 more to be added by early next year, the spokesperson said. The company's Dallas headquarters will also add another 460 new jobs and more than \$29 million in capital investment, according to Abbott's release.

[Read more](#)



CBRE's expansion into Richardson provides high-paying job opportunities for our citizens, an enhanced tax base and further involvement of a Fortune 500 company in our community -- **Bill Sproull, president and CEO of the Richardson Chamber**

Diversity task force to collect member input in January

One of the chamber's key strategic initiatives in 2021 is to focus on improving diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) among the chamber and its members.

A task force of more than a dozen members recently presented their progress to the chamber's board.



One key milestone was the selection of Insperty as an outside consultant to help collect data and create a DEI plan for the chamber. Insperty has a long relationship with the chamber and offers a variety of human resources services to chambers and other organizations.

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Volunteers needed for iDream

The iDream program exploded in growth last year, thanks to problem-solving in the face of the pandemic resulting in virtual, online presentations. Clearly a success, it will be virtual again on Jan. 14, with more than 2,000 students from 25 elementary schools expected to participate.

iDream is a one-day career day for sixth-grade students to learn more about opportunities available after high school. Students connect with business professionals to hear about career opportunities in cluster areas such as business, marketing, finance, health science, STEM, hospitality, public service, architecture, construction and education. The career day is a partnership between Richardson Independent School District and the Richardson Chamber.

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[Click here to watch the iDream 2021 video](#) courtesy of RISD.

To volunteer as a panelist, complete this [form](#).



Richardson nonprofits grapple with volunteer shortages ahead of busy holiday season

from Community Impact

Almost two years into the pandemic, nonprofit leaders in Richardson say demand for their services continues to skyrocket. The rapid rate of inflation is driving up the cost of basic necessities, such as gas and food, which is straining families, said Cindy Shafer, CEO and president of Network of Community Ministries. "The number of new families coming to us is incredible," she said. "Historically, we serve the working poor, and we have many people that just can't make ends meet."

Heading into 2022, nonprofit leaders are working to debunk the notion that the need for their services went away when the economy reopened and vaccines were released.

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Richardson Chamber awarded third 5-star accreditation by U.S. Chamber of Commerce

This prestigious 5-star rating puts the chamber among the **top 1 percent** of chambers nationwide.

"Receiving this five-star accreditation shows how well planned, executed and effective the programs, governance and finances of the Richardson Chamber are when judged by the best in our industry," said Eric Peltier, chair of the board and SVP at Prosperity Bank. "This recognition by the U.S. Chamber shows the commitment and vision of our Board of Directors, committees, membership, staff and community."

EDGE awards recognize 10 Richardson companies, individuals

The Richardson Economic Development Partnership (REDP), a program of the Richardson Chamber of



Commerce and the city of Richardson, has honored 10 Richardson businesses, projects and individuals with a 2021 Economic Development, Growth and Expansion (EDGE) Award.

This national program recognizes chambers for their effective organizational procedures and community involvement and allows the chamber to renew, improve and promote sound business practices, policies and procedures.

A special thank you to the strategic planning task force, led by Dr. Kay Eggleston from Dallas College; and to the members of the executive committee and board who helped develop the application--Manasseh Durkin, Stan Bradshaw, Randy Ford, Monica Scott, Darren Durrett, Jolene Hersch and Jan Arrant.

The EDGE Awards honored the following businesses, projects and individuals in nine different categories:

TNT Dental -- Commercial Real Estate Project Award
TI Foundation -- Community Involvement Award
The Drawing Board -- Entrepreneurship Award
Solartime USA -- Environmental Award
Asa Abloy -- International Business Award
Motorola Solutions -- Newcomer Business Award
Gary Thomas -- Community Service Award
Hexa -- Redevelopment Award
CommScope -- Richardson Loyalty Award

[Read more](#) and watch videos about the awardees.

Leadership Richardson learns about city government

The 42 members of Class 37, destined to be the best class ever, participated in a new activity this year. City Government and Regionalism Day expanded the traditional focus of all things city of Richardson to include impactful things outside of the city limits. The day was fantastic and the class learned such things as where and how the city gets its water and regional transportation concerns. Next up is Arts and Cultural Diversity, which marks the halfway mark. At the close of the year, the class will have enhanced their personal and organizational leadership skills, learned what makes a successful community and figured out how they can make a difference.



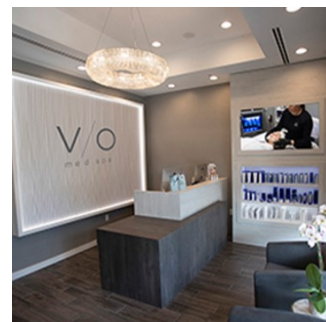
Member news

V/O Med Spa

V/O Med Spa is a boutique medical spa that customizes its services based on the client's individual needs. Nationally certified and highly knowledgeable professionals provide affordable and convenient options for achieving age-defying and self beautification goals.

V/O Med Spa offers memberships and results-oriented services in an exceptional spa-like atmosphere. The Richardson location is the first to open in Texas with several other DFW locations on the way.

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Dallas Business Journal

[RealPage makes new acquisition focused on the managed communities industry](#)

Community Impact

[Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson to retire in February](#)

[Network of Community Ministries launches second mobile food pantry](#)

[Greenville Avenue Pizza Co. now open in Richardson's Lockwood District](#)

[Element by Westin hotel now open in Richardson](#)

[Family-run Repertory Company Theatre brings 35 years of performances to Richardson](#)

[Mixed-use development CityLine marks 5th anniversary in Richardson](#)

[KDC announces plans to add three new office towers to Richardson's CityLine development](#)

UT Dallas

[UT Dallas to add a bit of IQ to new Richardson Innovation Quarter \(IQ\)](#)

MOMENTUM



Without a plan to rebuild resilience in education, we risk a severe teacher shortage

by RISD Superintendent Jeannie Stone, from the Dallas Morning News



When I made the transition from classroom teacher to administrator, I received a most paramount piece of advice. That was 25 years ago, and I remember it like it was just yesterday.

A starry-eyed 20-something teacher, I recall rushing down the high school hallway to find my mentor and department chair, Mrs. Shiftlet, to tell her that I had been promoted to assistant principal. I anticipated a huge hug and congratulations, and while I was met with a huge hug, the words she spoke carried much more weight.

She said, "Kiddo, you better take your teacher eyes with you. Wherever you go in the ranks of administration, you better always have your teacher eyes close by."

I did not know at the time exactly what she meant, but her advice was never lost on me; in fact, throughout the years, it has become my philosophical grounding in every position I have held.

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When you shop at small businesses, **48% of your dollars stay local**. The money you spend in Richardson contributes to secondary spending in our community. Also, when you visit your neighborhood restaurant or store, you're more likely to develop a relationship with them, making your service even better.



New and renewing members

Please welcome our new and returning members from August through November.

New members

Welcome! We're so glad to have you!

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Motorola Solutions
Texas Capital Bank

Absolute Construction
Ace's Sports Hangar
Advance Communication, LLC
Altrusa International, Inc.
Altus Consulting Group
Angela Powell
Austin Berrios
Blaze Pizza
Camp CW, Inc
CBD Pros USA
Crossbar
Dallas Art Therapy
Dan Gooding - RE/MAX DFW Associates
Dorian Bahr / Dorian Development
Element Dallas Richardson
Frederic Dorwart, Lawyers PLLC
Healing Hands Healthcare
Healthedly Insurance Services
Holly Liu-Senior Health Benefit
I Fratelli Pizza - RS Pizza-Richardson
King of Kings Dallas
Lifecare Centers of America

30+ years

Network
Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc.
Texans Credit Union
Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager & Smith
Richardson Ready Electric, Inc.
Hammack Service Co.
Carr Riggs & Ingram, LLC
Haynie & Company

20+ year

Marilyn Frederick
Apex Supply Company
Beltway Commercial Real Estate
Inroads Realty Property Mngmt
George McKearin, Attorney
Pioneer Bank
McNeff Commercial Real Estate

10+ year

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Alliance Architects, Inc.
Reliable Chevrolet
Atmos Energy
Champion Partners

Patterson & Associates Insurance
Richardson ISD Council of PTAs

Golden Chick - Arapaho Road
Speedpro Richardson
BTH Bank
Plano Super Bowl
Hyatt House-Dallas/Richardson
Truist Bank
Edward Jones - Mark Hendrick, Financial Advisor
Lockwood Real Estate Partners LLC
Financial Benefit Services, LLC
Marilyn Jones

1+ year

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BAL (Berry Appleman & Leiden)

Skiles Group Inc.
Galatyn Park
Coldwell Banker Realty - JO Homes
Erin Williams, CPA & LPL Financial Advisor
Guitars & Growlers
Go Gourmet Catering
Dallas Nephrology Associates
REMAX Select Homes
Wafd Bank Texas
Celebration Marketing Group
City Line Property Management
Mohr Partners, Inc.

Loveable Smiles Dental
Mint/Spirit Cleaners
NRL Mortgage
Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP
Pillar Roofing
Quiroz Chiropractic
REMO LLC
Repertory Company Theatre
Smoothie Factory Juice Bar
Squires & Company
Stephanie South State Farm
Steven Ragsdale
Summit Electric Supply
Veritex Community Bank
[\(Read a little bit about our marketplace new arrivals\)](#)

40+ years

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Bank of Texas - Richardson
Lennox International Inc.

Education Service Center Region 10
Richardson Independent School District
Richardson Family YMCA

Stu Schlackman
Baylor Scott & White Family Health
JAH Realty LP
Lifesavers Foundation
Hudson Peters Commercial
Texas Restaurant
National Retirement Plan Services
Plaza at Richardson
Grand Brook
Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Richardson
Texas Bank and Trust
Ebby Halliday Realtors-190 & Jupiter
Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP
James L. Falgout, P.C.
Eisemann Investments
Metropak Inc
Pampillonia Jewelers
Autoflex Leasing
SpringHill Suites by Marriott
Bell Nunnally, LLP
Susan Kassen

5+ year

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State Farm
GEICO**

US Freedom Capital
Citadel Partners, LLC
Logotology
Kirin Court
PS Business Parks

Fresenius Kidney Care of Renner Rd
Staples
Herbert Law Group LLP
WaterWalk Dallas Richardson
Phase Dynamics, Inc.
Insperity, Inc.
Criss Law Group, PLLC
Five Star Ford Dallas
INSURICA
Dispatch Health- Urgent Care in Your Home
ER Near Me - Richardson
Circle Ten Council-Boy Scouts of America
Shady's Burgers & Brewhaha
Ibex Digital Consulting
The Event Lounge
The Fifth
Peter Wright
Edward Jones - Alix Foster
Guiding Wealth
TSP, Inc.
ZenBusiness
APlus Workforce Management Solutions
CMIT Solutions of Richardson
Tech Zillion, LLC dba Hexa Global Ventures, Tech Genies & Insala
Action Lock Doc
DFW Technology, Inc.
Bike Mart
Athletico Physical Therapy
Lee Bratcher

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