

The Hand Up

Spring
2017



Irving Cares

JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL
FUNDRAISING PARTY!

It's a Birthday Party!



Celebrate at our 60th Birthday Party!
SEPTEMBER 22, 2017
Irving Convention Center

Sponsorships and reservations at
irvingcares.org/the-great-harvest

Remember as a kid, looking forward with great excitement and anticipation to the very best birthday party ever? That's how we feel at Irving Cares as we make plans for this year's The Great Harvest, which will be our 60th Birthday Party. Fun games to play with our friends, presents to open with fantastic treasures inside, the best-tasting meal you've had in a long time, and CAKE!



The things that make The Great Harvest special will still be there, just with a new theme as we continue the celebration of 60 years of service to the Irving community. Irving Convention Center will prepare a sumptuous meal, we will have bountiful live and silent auctions with travel packages, jewelry, exciting adventures and items for your home, and there will be special opportunities to commemorate our 60th birthday.



This year's Chairperson, Mike McCall, Director of Employee Relations at NCH Corporation, has already pledged his support for The Great Harvest and encourages you to do the same. You can help us now by signing up as a sponsor, joining Presenting Sponsor Nissan Motor Acceptance, Citi, Plastronics Socket Company, TXU Energy and NCH Corporation.



Contact Development Director Heather Newell at hnewell@irvingcares.org or 972-721-9181 x202 for sponsorship information, or look for a letter arriving soon.

Because of you, we are able to help Irving families in financial need. The Great Harvest is a fun way to raise needed support for the programs offered by Irving Cares. ❤️

LIVE AUCTION ITEM AT THE GREAT HARVEST!

NAPA VALLEY EPICUREAN ADVENTURE

Napa Valley hands-on cooking class and farmers market tour with "Cooking with Julie" Cooking School, including a 3-Course Lunch with Wine Pairings for Two

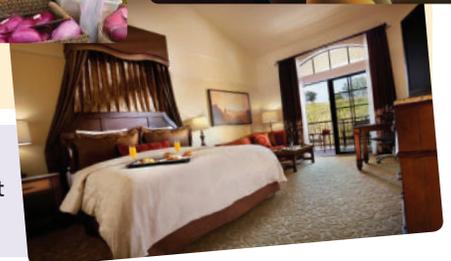
- 3-Hour Gourmet Dinner for Two on the Napa Valley Wine Train
- Private Tour & Tasting for Two at Talcott Olive Oil Estate in Napa
- 3 nights at Meritage Resort & Spa in Napa Valley
- Airfare included; ground transportation to resort extra



LIVE
AUCTION
ITEM!



**14 karat white gold 3-stone diamond
bridal ring** with 32 round brilliant cut accent diamonds. Retail replacement value \$5,100.



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Celebrating 60 years of service

In April 1957, a vicious tornado swept through west Dallas causing \$4 million in damage — \$35 million in today's dollars. Ten lives were lost. People didn't know where to turn to give help or to get help. A group of concerned Irving citizens coordinated donations to those affected by the tornado. That volunteer effort to provide emergency assistance to households in need ultimately led to what is now Irving Cares. The founding volunteers wanted to create a central information center, and they wanted to eliminate hunger.

60 years later in 2017, we are meeting those goals. One family at a time, Irving Cares provides focused assistance for Irving residents to address a financial crisis.

Irving Cares hosted a Thank You reception and open house on May 2 to kick off our 60th year of service. Donors, volunteers, and community partners were invited to stop by for light refreshments and a tour of the facility. Teddie Story, Irving Cares' CEO, addressed the crowd of over 200 attendees with sincere thanks for their support and commitment in helping the agency reach this milestone, "Thank you for trusting us and investing in Irving Cares. The love we show for our neighbors will not be forgotten. Thank you for helping others." Many thanks to the following Irving businesses for their support of the Thank You reception: Brown-Forman, Chick-fil-A Las Colinas, Daisy Cakes, Kroger, i Fratelli Pizza, and Sourced Craft Cocktails!

To kick off the next 60 years of service, a challenge to raise \$60,000 by May 9 was announced at the reception! Nearly half of the funds had already been raised through Irving neighborhood cocktail parties and over \$6,000 was collected at the May 2nd reception. With matching funds and the enthusiastic support of the community, Irving Cares has been blessed with over \$120,470 for on-going support of our mission to help Irving residents in need!

Thank you to all who have given their time, talent, and treasure to help Irving households in crisis return to self-sufficiency. Irving Cares remains committed to the excellent stewardship of your investments and to offering the highest quality services to our clients. ♡

Here's to the next 60 years!



Volunteers MAKE IT POSSIBLE!

Our core team of dedicated volunteers makes the work we do at Irving Cares possible, whether working at the Intake Window, Data Entry, Case Management, Employment Services, Food Pickup or the Food Pantry. To honor this group, we held our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 27 at Big State Fountain and Grill. Volunteers and guests enjoyed

hamburgers, hotdogs and a few shakes and malts were consumed. We are not Irving Cares if not for our Volunteers! Thanks for all your hard work and enthusiasm for helping others. We were thrilled to report that in 2016–17 we had a very strong year of volunteerism, with roughly 1,490 volunteers donating more than 21,842 hours of service.

To learn more about volunteering at Irving Cares, either as an individual or with a corporate team, contact Kyle Taylor, Community Engagement Director, at ktaylor@irvingcares.org. ❤️



Top 5 Reasons to Dine Out in May

IRVING CARES RESTAURANT WEEK **MAY 22–JUNE 4**



5 You can never have too much pie! Whatever ails you, pie is the answer. For every piece of pie sold on weekdays during Restaurant Week, the good people at Joe's Coffee Shop will donate \$1 to Irving Cares! Pie for breakfast, anyone?

4 Get out of that restaurant rut! When was the last time you tried a new restaurant? If your answer is in the 1900's, Restaurant Week is here to liven up your culinary options! Let philanthropy be the reason for getting out of your restaurant rut and trying something new. With participating restaurants located from the Heritage District to Cypress Waters, there's a great philanthropic dining experience near you.

3 Introduce your friends to Irving Cares! Rake in the cool points when you gather friends to eat out to benefit your favorite local charity, Irving Cares! Lunch on the run to fancy night out, Restaurant Week is a fun way to share your passion and our mission with others.

2 Picky eaters of Irving, celebrate! Cheeseburgers to center-cut sirloin, Margherita pizzas to Tex-Mex, Oyster Nachos to rotisserie chicken, locally roasted coffee to top-shelf margaritas—there's something for everyone during Irving Cares Restaurant Week!

1 Eat local, help local! When life crashes down around you, Irving Cares is here to offer a hand up with services like job training seminars, rent or mortgage assistance, utility assistance, and the largest food pantry in Irving. Each time you eat out at a participating restaurant, you are helping your neighbors in need. Thank you! ❤️

These participating restaurants will donate a percentage of their food sales

Glory House Bistro

i Fratelli Ristorante & Wine Bar

Joe's Coffee Shop

\$1 per slice of pie sold on weekdays

Outback Steakhouse

Fish City Grill

Persona Woodfired Pizza

Big State Fountain and Grill

Cowboy Chicken

Chili's on Airport Freeway

requires flyer

Chick-fil-A Las Colinas

across from Northlake

To be added to Irving Cares' email list, please send a request to Karlene Swaynie at kswaynie@irvingcares.org. We appreciate the generosity of all our restaurant partners!



SUMMER SQUEEZE Winners to be announced soon!

The 3rd annual competitive food drive known as Summer Squeeze is over and the results are being tabulated! Each year from March 1 to April 30, Irving Cares tracks donations of cash and cans in a friendly competition to restock the food pantry for the summer.

With children out of school and eating at home, summer is the busiest season in the Irving Cares Food Pantry for low-income parents who are barely making ends meet. Summer Squeeze helps Irving Cares prepare for the spike in food pantry orders in June, July, and August.

Summer Squeeze winners will be announced by the end of May. Many thanks to all who donated! ❤️



Heritage Auctions hosted a Dr. Seuss-themed food drive

Scouting for Food



Saturday, February 11. The Boy Scouts of Circle 10 got up early to collect donated canned goods that many residents had set out on their front porches.

The Annual **Scouting for Food Food Drive** was a big success for Irving Cares. The Boy Scouts collected and donated over two tons — 2,623 pounds to be exact — of canned items to help refill the shelves of the Irving Cares food pantry.

Thank you Pack 771, Troop 281, Troop 508, Troop 769, Pack 101, Pack 160, Pack 175 and Troop 267! Irving Cares also thanks the great volunteers from Ambucks who gave up their Saturday morning to help collect, weigh, sort and put up the canned goods. The dedication that this group has shown to this event is remarkable. Tom Moore would be so proud!

Thanks Michael Garcia and the Circle 10 Boy Scouts for doing so much to help Irving and the people who live here. ❤️

Our Mission: To provide focused assistance for Irving residents in a financial crisis

We need helpers in the food pantry or warehouse: drivers for food donation and retail food pick ups, and volunteers for case management and intake. On-the-job training.

Contact Kyle Taylor at ktaylor@irvingcares.org or 972-721-9181 x209.



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