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This issue provides financial insights, member stories, local partnerships and upcoming events happening in your region.

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A Letter From Your Region

Hello, Thrivent Member Network – Texas Region!

My name is Liz Mikel, and I recently joined the Texas Region as our new Manager of Community Engagement. I was previously a Community Engagement Leader in the Great Plains Region in Central Illinois, and I am so excited to be joining the Thrivent team in Texas!

We find ourselves in a unique time as a nation. We continue to manage safety for ourselves and our families, confront the current landscape of racial equity for all people in our communities, and work to remain flexible with our jobs, our children’s summertime activities, and overall day-to-day life. Our hope at Thrivent is that you are adapting to a “new normal,” staying well, and remaining healthy.

During this time of social distancing, we are excited to continue providing you with opportunities to engage alongside us virtually. We have pivoted many events to the virtual environment, and we have loved seeing people interact across Texas over the past few months! Families cooked budget-mindful meals together in virtual cooking classes with Sticky Fingers, couples learned financial tips in our Money and Marriage webinar, and we gleaned best practices from Tom Hegna on preparing for retirement. The virtual landscape is allowing us as a nation, as a region, as a state to come together across geographical lines and grow as one community.

We know this is a hard time for many. We know it’s not easy for anyone, and yet, we are committed to continue helping you to not only survive, but thrive. Watch our Facebook page for upcoming webinars and fun virtual activities we’ll be providing throughout the summer. We look forward to being here with you, showing up together as one community, one Thrivent.

Update Your Email

To update or add an email on record with Thrivent, simply log in to Thrivent.com with your username and password. (If you’ve never done this before, you will need to click on register for account access on the Login page.)

Once logged in, you will be on MyThrivent:

1. Select Manage My Profile.

2. Select Update Personal Information.
3. Select Edit Email.
4. Update your email address.
5. Select the Save button.

Or, as an alternative, call 800-847-4836 and say, “Update Email” or reach out to your financial professional to update your information.

Regarding Our New Brand



Watch for our rebranded newsletter – coming soon!

Over the last few weeks, you may have noticed some changes to our brand, namely on our website. These changes are a result of deeper work we've done at our core. We've strengthened our purpose, transforming from the outside-in, and redefined our promise to you: we're here to help you achieve financial clarity, to enable a life full of meaning and gratitude. Of course, we're staying true to what has made us special for more than 100 years—continuing to serve you as you make financial decisions guided by your faith.

We welcome you to learn more about the thinking behind the new Thrivent brand in the June issue of [Thrivent Magazine](#).

For more in-depth information about our new brand expression, check out the latest posts on [our blog](#).

Giving Shoes. Giving Hope.

With a company goal of putting 20,000 pairs of shoes on 20,000 children's feet by August 2020, Thrivent teamed up with Samaritan's Feet to provide individuals the opportunity to come together in community, to help the community.

Samaritan's Feet serves and inspires hope in children both domestically and internationally by providing shoes as the foundation to a spiritual and healthy life, resulting in the advancement of education and economic opportunities.

The Thrivent Member Network – Texas Region rallied over 150 volunteers to support four Elementary Schools at shoe distribution events in the Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston, Texas areas. Together, we shared hope and encouragement while providing brand new shoes and socks to over 2,000 children in need within our local community!

You can still help! [Donate](#) \$20 today and give a message of hope by buying a child a new pair of shoes.



Facts and Figures from 2019*



94,184

TOTAL MEMBERS IN YOUR THRIVENT MEMBER NETWORK



4,777

TOTAL REGIONAL EVENTS WITH MEMBER PARTICIPATION



4,625

TOTAL THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS HELD



9

COMPLETED HOMES, REPAIRS AND WORLDWIDE TRIPS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



6,716

NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE MEMBERS WHO DIRECTED THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®



\$1,422,042

DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THRIVENT CHOICE®



1,075

NEW LIVES PROTECTED WITH AN INSURANCE PRODUCT

*Figures are based on regional boundary lines during the 2019 year.

Cast Your Ballot

This fall you'll have the opportunity to vote for members to serve on your Thrivent Member Network Regional Board. In October, you'll receive an election packet via U.S. mail or email, depending on the preference you've selected. The packet will include information about the regional candidates and a ballot. Please watch your mail or email for your chance to vote.



Your Regional Board of Directors



Michael Cuda, Executive Chair
Hometown: Arlington, Texas
Employed: K&L Gates LLP
Congregation: Holy Cross Lutheran



Lockie Ealy
Hometown: Leander, Texas
Employed: Realty Austin, LLC
Congregation: Hill Country



Jill Louis
Hometown: Dallas, Texas
Employed: Perkins Coie LLP
Congregation: Concord Baptist Church,
St. Monica Catholic Church



Tim Niekerk
Hometown: Tomball, Texas
Employed: Salem Lutheran
Congregation: Salem Lutheran



Justin Wynter
Hometown: Austin, Texas
Employed: Spurs Sports and Entertainment
(Austin Spurs)
Congregation: Central Presbyterian Church

Thrivent Choice Partner Spotlight: Briarwood Leadership Center

When our clients are ready to make an impact on the causes and nonprofits they care most about, we're here to help. Through our Thrivent Choice® program, clients can make a personal donation or direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® to more than 40,000 churches and nonprofits.

Briarwood Leadership Center, a Thrivent Choice organization, found their partnership with Thrivent's local office and national support to be a huge win in 2019. This is what Briarwood Leadership Center had to say about the partnership:

"Briarwood's local Thrivent office, Ridgemont Associates, has been a longtime supporter of the Briarwood Golf Outing. Briarwood's long-established relationship with Ridgemont Associates linked Briarwood to other expressions of the Thrivent organization, regionally and nationally.

"Thrivent operates at hyper-local levels to support community engagement. By maximizing those relationships, organizations are able to benefit from the organization as a whole. Thrivent is unique in being a non-profit financial services organization. This means that their profits are reinvested in communities throughout the United States and the world. AND you get a good return on investments.

"Last year, Briarwood partnered with the regional and national offices of Thrivent on the Cooking for Christ event, which was linked to Briarwood Night at the home opener for the Texas Legends. That planning then led to an amazing Giving Tuesday event we hope to replicate every year."



Briarwood Leadership Center was able to speak to a live and televised audience about their organization's mission, vision and services at the opening basketball game for the Texas Legends as well as be recognized during the halftime show. As a Giving Tuesday partner, Thrivent matched \$1 for every \$2 raised by Briarwood Leadership Center for a total of \$45,850.50 donated to the organization on this generous day of giving.

To further support Briarwood Leadership Center and other Thrivent Choice organizations, click [here](#) for more details.



How to Help: Virtual Volunteering

Thrivent wants to make volunteering accessible to you even while you are spending time at home. Virtual volunteering makes it easy to help others from your couch or computer.

Find out how you can help meet the needs of your community by visiting [LiveGenerously.com](https://www.LiveGenerously.com).

Habitat Trifecta: Habitat and Thrivent Faith Builds

Since 2005, Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent have partnered to build homes, strengthen neighborhoods and change lives. Our partnership provides opportunities for Thrivent clients, churches, community members and volunteers to be part of the solution to substandard housing resulting in improved communities and changed lives.

Sunday, September 1, 2019, was an eventful day as many gathered for a Habitat “Trifecta” located in Pasadena Habitat for Humanity’s Freedom Place Subdivision in Pasadena, Texas. Pasadena Habitat for Humanity held the dedication of a new home, the blessing of the construction of a Habitat and Thrivent Faith Build home, and the burning of a mortgage for a Habitat family celebrating paying off their mortgage.

Habitat and Thrivent Faith Builds bring together local Christian churches to raise walls, funds and prayers to build homes alongside the future homeowner. Over four homes in the Pasadena Freedom Place 19-lot subdivision have been built through the Habitat and Thrivent Faith Build partnership.

Click [here](#) to find out how you can help families open the door to a new life through both construction and non-construction volunteer activities.



2019 Giving Tuesday Results

Giving Tuesday 2019 was a Texas-sized success! We’re still blown away by the generosity of so many that contributed on Giving Tuesday – one of the biggest, boldest days for fundraising. We realized how great an impact we can make for organizations and causes we care about as a Region!

Thrivent members and friends came together to participate online and at select event locations in Texas. We partnered with two non-profit organizations that are a part of our Thrivent Member Network – Texas Region: Briarwood Leadership Center and Camp Lone Star. In total, \$43,408 was raised online and in person, and Thrivent matched \$1 for every \$2 raised. A grand total of \$65,113 in total impact was made on one single day.

We’re looking forward to an even greater impact this year; stay tuned for Giving Tuesday 2020 details.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

35
PARTNERING
ORGANIZATIONS



1,474
DONORS ACROSS
THE COUNTRY

21
PARTICIPATING
THRIVENT MEMBER
NETWORKS

MORE THAN
\$1.5
MILLION
RAISED

35
THRIVENT
#GIVINGTUESDAY
EVENTS

2020

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For additional events, details or to RSVP, visit our website thriventfinancial.com/member-network/texas or email TexasTMN@thrivent.com.

JULY

21 Pivot, Don't Panic with New York Times Bestselling author, Jon Acuff

Join critically acclaimed author, Jon Acuff, as he explores the four changing moments each of us experiences during a crisis. Acuff will share practical steps and inspiring insights to help you navigate this brave new world.

Online Virtual Event, 8 p.m. CST

Click [here](#) to register today!

AUGUST

25 Your Retirement: How to Take Control Today with Tom Hegna

Join Tom Hegna, author of Don't Worry, Retire Happy!, a straightforward guide to retirement income planning during uncertain times. He'll offer insights to help you prepare for a secure and fulfilling retirement.

Online Virtual Event, 6:30 p.m. CST

Click [here](#) to register today!

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