

Spirit of Lewisville Award – 2019

Next Steps Center

Together Lewisville Coalition (TLC) was launched in 2017 as an initiative of the “Thriving Neighborhoods” Big Move in the Lewisville 2025 vision plan. TLC unites government entities, social service agencies, faith-based institutions, and businesses with an interest in making Lewisville a better place by increasing efficiency, boosting community good will, unifying the community in resolving social issues, and enhancing community resilience.

One very active partner in Together Lewisville Coalition is Next Steps Center, a community ministry of Valley Creek Church.

Coalition discussions kept pointing toward a pressing need to increase awareness of existing community resources and to bring those resources directly to residents who need them. City staff began organizing an event to address that need. Next Steps Center, through its representative Dawn Shapley, eagerly offered to serve as a location for this one-stop resource event.

Next Steps Center representatives were integral parts in the planning process for the inaugural Community Resource Expo that was held on November 3, 2018. This Expo would not have been possible without their guidance, assistance with promotion, and generosity to participating nonprofits, volunteers, and residents.

Next Steps Center went above and beyond its role as the event location. By providing enthusiastic support for the Community Resource Expo, and freely offering the time and talents of its members, Next Steps Center ensured that the event reached its target audience and made vital connections between community resources and people who need those services. Through this valued partnership, Next Steps Center helped improve the quality of life for countless residents and demonstrated Lewisville’s giving spirit.