



GOOD NEIGHBORS

Our Community Story in Richardson, Texas

BY EMILY ADAMS

To Matt, Cordie, and Rambo: who patiently counted the hours while I dreamed this up and laid this out. And to all our good neighbors - you make every day in this neighborhood feel like a special gift just by being you.

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Two decades of smiles and a "How do you do?"

A neighborhood hug that is waiting for you!

In Richardson, Texas, the feeling is grand,

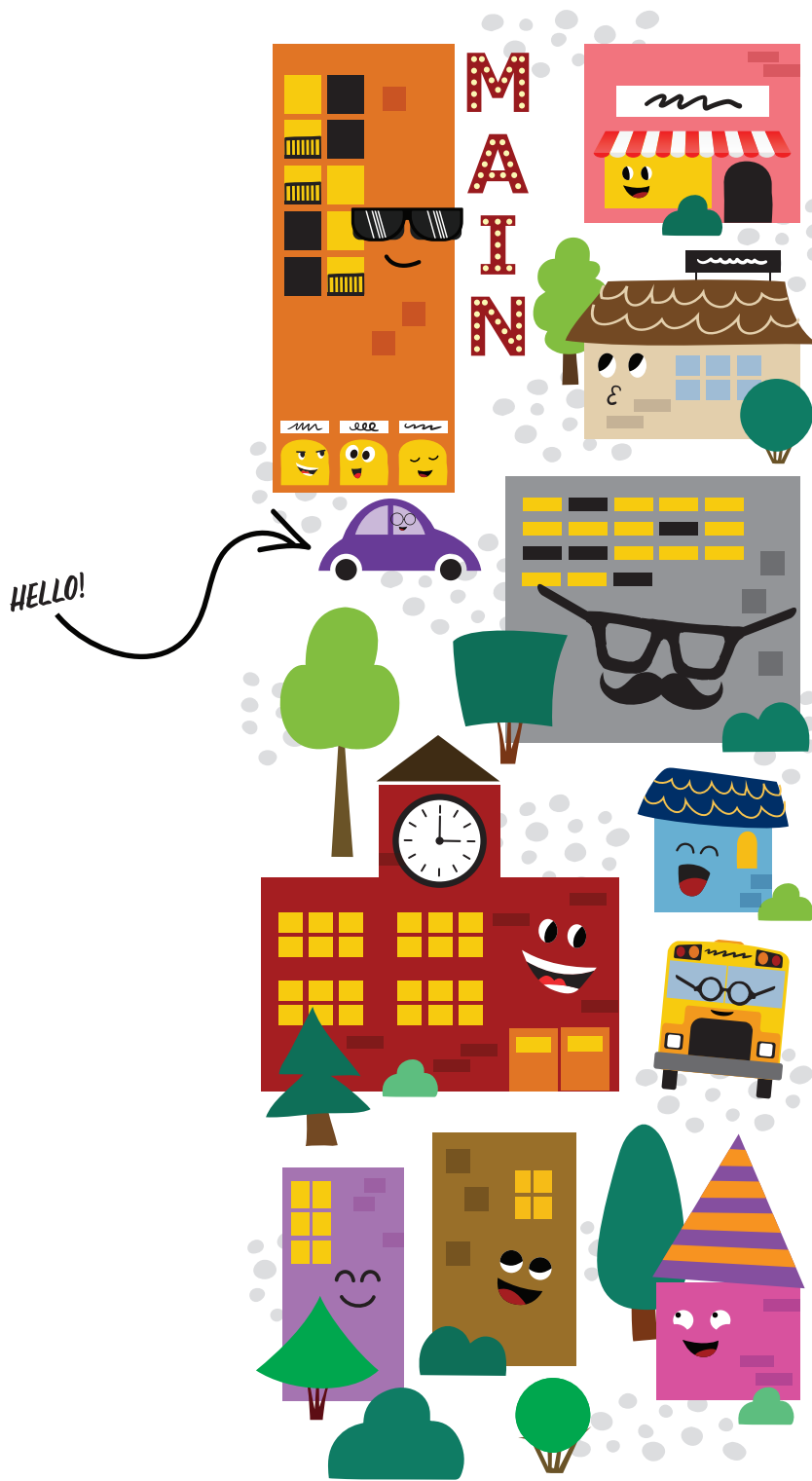
With the best kind of neighbors in all of the land.

In Chinatown, flavors go zip, zap, and zing!

While sirens of helpers make clanging bells ring.

The community pool at the local Rec Center,

Is a splash of pure joy for each neighbor to enter!



In Downtown, the sidewalks are bustling and bright,
With places to eat from the morn' through the night.
It's the heart of our town where the businesses stay,
Greeting each neighbor who passes their way.

In the Telecom Corridor, the tech-minds are fast,
And schools full of learners are having a blast!
Then-vroom!-goes a car of a deep purple hue,
That's just me zipping by to come visit you!



There's Jennifer, Micah, and Glenys and Matt,
With Simon and Cynthia and maybe some cats!
With Lulu, Emilio, and Margie nearby,
We wave to Cordelia as we go passing by.

The DART train goes clack as it rolls on the track,
Over Lockwood, the water tower looms in the back.
The Eisemann sparkles, the Alamo glows,
With movies and music and wonderful shows!



Look! Matt's in his truck, going zoom-zoom-a-zee,
Past rows of the houses as neat as can be.
To the Library! Quick! To the home of the books,
With thousands of pages and crannies and nooks.



The parks are all leafy and happy and green,
The prettiest places that you've ever seen.
With picnics and play and a duck in the pond,
Of our beautiful spaces, we're ever so fond!



At Cottonwood, artists display all their wares,
While neighbors all gather in groups and in pairs.
At Wildflower, food trucks and concerts are fun,
With music for friends under Richardson's sun!



Look up at the clouds! Do you see what I see?

A happy big sky for you and for me.

With fluffy white clouds and a rainbow so bright,

It paints a big smile that is purely delight!



It's a place full of people and memories sweet,
With a brand-new best friend on each corner we meet.
We love our dear town and the joy that it brings,
For Good Neighbors are truly the best kind of things!

ARTIST STATEMENT: GOOD NEIGHBORS

This piece is a visual celebration of Richardson, Texas, and the vibrant community we have called home for over twenty years. My inspiration stems from the guiding principle that a city is more than just its landmarks - it is defined by the warmth and connection of the people who reside here.

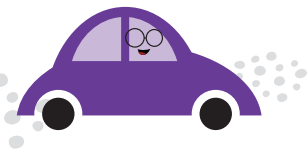
The artwork highlights the iconic silhouettes of our local landscape and the natural beauty of our shared green spaces. By capturing the spirit of the CORE Districts, the energy of local festivals, and the diverse cultural heartbeat of our city - this design reflects a community where innovation meets tradition.

Ultimately, this submission is a tribute to the spirit of our neighborhoods. It is an invitation to every passerby to remember that in Richardson, we aren't just residents—we are good neighbors building a story together, one friendly greeting at a time.



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HERE'S THE ORIGINAL ENTRY!*

THE ARTIST: EMILY ADAMS



Ever optimistic, Emily Adams lives in Richardson, Texas, with her husband, Matt (married since 1999), and their ancient & adorable dog, Rambo. They are proudly known as "Aunt Emily and Uncle Matt" to a sprawling "village" of over 60 children - including 14 immediate nieces and nephews, their spouses, their children, and the children & grandchildren of cousins and close friends. They are honored to play an active, joyful role in the lives of their extended and chosen family.

Emily is deeply passionate about community art and the power of creativity to connect people. She currently serves as the Coordinator of Communications and Media for Grace Presbytery, where she manages digital strategy and storytelling through writing and art.

With over three decades of creative experience, her background includes: Supporting congregations, nonprofits, and artists with communications, branding, and web design. Education, marketing, and product design in the paper crafts industry. Media - filming segments for the DIY Network and advocating for the importance of creativity through writing about teaching craft techniques in the U.S. and abroad.

In her spare time she is an avid reader and loves puzzles & legos. Emily remains open to creative community projects as well as freelance and consulting opportunities that spark her interest.

To view more of her work or to get in touch regarding a project, visit EmilyAdamsOnFire.com.

