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Meet Irving Cares Board Member Gus Garcia!

Gus Garcia is a 30-year resident of Irving who is passionate about using his talents to give back to the community. Gus joined the Irving Cares Board in 2017 because he saw the organization as one of the best non-profits in the city and thought he could make a greater impact in the community on the board. Gus also chairs the City of Irving's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Gus' favorite memory of Irving Cares is how the community worked together to help victims of Hurricane Harvey, which devastated Southeastern Texas in August 2017. People and businesses from all over Irving donated supplies and money to help the hurricane evacuees. Gus personally helped collect and deliver supplies, such as hygiene products, diapers and food to dislocated families staying in FEMA temporary housing.



Gus is a Senior System Engineer at Brown & Brown Insurance where he leads a team supporting the multibillion-dollar company's enterprise systems. Gus loves being able to use his technical skills to help Irving Cares better function and during his tenure at Irving Cares, he has been able to bring the organization's technological systems up to speed. His accomplishments include implementing a disaster management plan, increasing internet security, and helping Irving Cares select a contractor to oversee IT needs. In March 2021, Irving Cares announced a substantial gift from Pioneer Natural Resources, a portion of which will be invested into IT upgrades, allowing the organization to implement secure cloud-based software and storage solutions.

Gus stresses the importance of this investment saying, "the funds [from Pioneer Natural Resources] allow Irving Cares to stay current and prevent technology deficit, which would be a real threat to the organization."

Gus has been married to Stephanie for 22 years and they have a 17-year-old daughter who attends MacArthur High School in Irving ISD. The Garcia family also includes seven backyard chickens named Meg, Ginger, Lupita, Mari, Dixie, Charli and Lexi.

There are many ways to become involved at Irving Cares. If you are interested in learning more about the volunteer opportunities and how they suit your time and talents, please visit our ***Volunteer Information*** *page and get involved today.*