



*With Heartfelt Thanks...*

**Dear City of Lancaster:**

As the founder of the Queenish Women's Professional Club and the Women's Empowerment Expo, I, Quinnie Nichols and the 2019 Expo Committee extend our deepest appreciation for the presence and support of the City of Lancaster and its staff during our event.

We, sincerely thank City of Lancaster Mayor Clyde C. Hairston, City Manager Opal Jones; Deputy City Manager Rona Stringfellow, and especially the staff of the Lancaster Recreation Center under the leadership of Mr. Sean Johnson the Managing Director of Quality of Life & Cultural Services. These individuals worked closely with us to prepare the facility and even maintained it during the event.



We are extremely grateful for the generosity of City of Lancaster Councilwoman Nina Morris of District 6, for her generous donation of barbecue meals that fed over 150 of our event participants. This included our speakers, volunteers, fashion designers and their models, the make-up artists and committee members.

Because of your support, the 2019 Expo was the perfect place for attendees and entrepreneurs to network, access educational, personal and professional development resources. It even served as a haven of counseling and support for those affected by

domestic violence, provided an opportunity to raise awareness of the increase in HIV cases among women and offer various onsite health screenings.

Our new addition, *The Let's Talk About Real Issues: Women's Rights Empowerment Movement Panel* discussion was able to bring to the forefront insight on many relevant issues with our well-versed panelists and quickly became one of the highlights of the day. The participants were so deeply engaged that we had to extend the time to continue impactful conversation.

Our guests also learned about the state initiative to end human trafficking from the Texas Attorney General's office, astounded by the wealth of knowledge and resources shared in the workshops and the performers who inspired through music. There were moments during the event that were so powerful that some attendees were literally overcome with tears of relief and joy! And, the fashion show was a remarkable showing of the talents of our community of designers and incorporated clothing and accessories for men, women and children. It was standing room only!



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The goal of the expo is to empower, inform, uplift and educate women of all ages and generations. As the Committee and I walked through the facility during the event, the constant positive feedback from the attendees quickly confirmed that we met and exceed our goal. Many commented on the warmth, love and joyful climate and the feeling of support and sisterhood. It was extremely special to walk through the facility and see women, smiling, networking and gleaning from one another. There were even some men onsite obtaining information for the women in their lives. Since the event, many emails, social media posts and phone calls are still coming to us with great feedback from participants and guests. Many are already asking about the next Women's Empowerment Expo.

You were very essential in helping to us to empower 2000+ women again this year.

Thank you for supporting our vision to celebrate women in our community during National Women's History month. It is certainly our hope that you see the growing impact of the event and its necessity in our community and will partner with us again next year.

We also invite you to stay connected with us as the Queenish Professional Women's Club host various events throughout the year dedicated to empowering women. Learn more about the Queenish Women's Professional Club via our website <http://queenishpwc.com> and feel free to join us at one of our upcoming events.

With Sincere Gratitude,

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