



## **Why YOU Should Get Involved**

### **Community**

A community is a social, religious, occupational, or other group sharing common characteristics or interests. Like many other communities, Plano communities consist of many sectors that have an opportunity to help one another and help take care of Plano neighborhoods. Love Where You Live provides an opportunity for neighborhood project areas to reaffirm its community cohesion!

### **Schools**

In Plano, schools are a neighborhood focal point. The Plano school system (both public and private) proves to be one of the most valuable features in all Plano neighborhoods. To improve the relationship between community, neighborhoods, and schools Love Where You Live strives to gain the support, buy-in, and participation of all Love Where You Live project area schools as well as the families living in the project area neighborhood. By participating in Love Where You Live, schools, PTAs and other educational institutions have an opportunity to reinforce the importance of families taking care of and reinvigorating their neighborhoods.

### **Government**

Generally, government is assigned responsibility for social issues and neighborhood concerns. As a public service organization, the City can enforce laws and ordinances to maintain quality of life and protect the health, safety, and welfare of Plano citizens. However, compliance is only one part of what makes a community whole. Love Where You Live aims to motivate government and quasi-government groups to join forces with faith groups, non-profits, schools, and businesses to be a part of a collective problem-solving strategy to the social issues and impediments that face Plano neighborhoods.

### **Faith Groups**

Faith-based institutions are generally the cornerstone of a community. In Plano, many faith groups have joined (and have often led) the Love Where You Live initiative. Faith partners have joined forces with schools, government, businesses, and non-profits to make a difference in the lives of fellow citizens and have a lasting impact in Plano neighborhoods. Love Where You Live provides faith groups an opportunity to build relationships and transform the lives of Plano residents through outreach and community service.

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