



2019 COMMUNITY REPORT  
MetroWest: Achieving  
Community Milestones





# 2019: Celebrating a year of community achievements

Over the past year, MetroWest Master Association made significant progress in our ongoing commitment to creating strong community connections and enhancing our sense of civic pride.

*We welcomed numerous new businesses, including retail and restaurant establishments, strengthening our commercial sector.*



We enjoyed an array of successful special events that showcased our vibrant community.

We continued to expand MetroWest’s innovative public safety initiative, with the ongoing goal of enriching our quality of life now and in the future.



We celebrated the diverse and growing community that is MetroWest, while working toward even greater achievements in 2020. We will continue to increase, support and grow the community connections between everyone who lives, works and plays in MetroWest.



# Local schools enhance our community

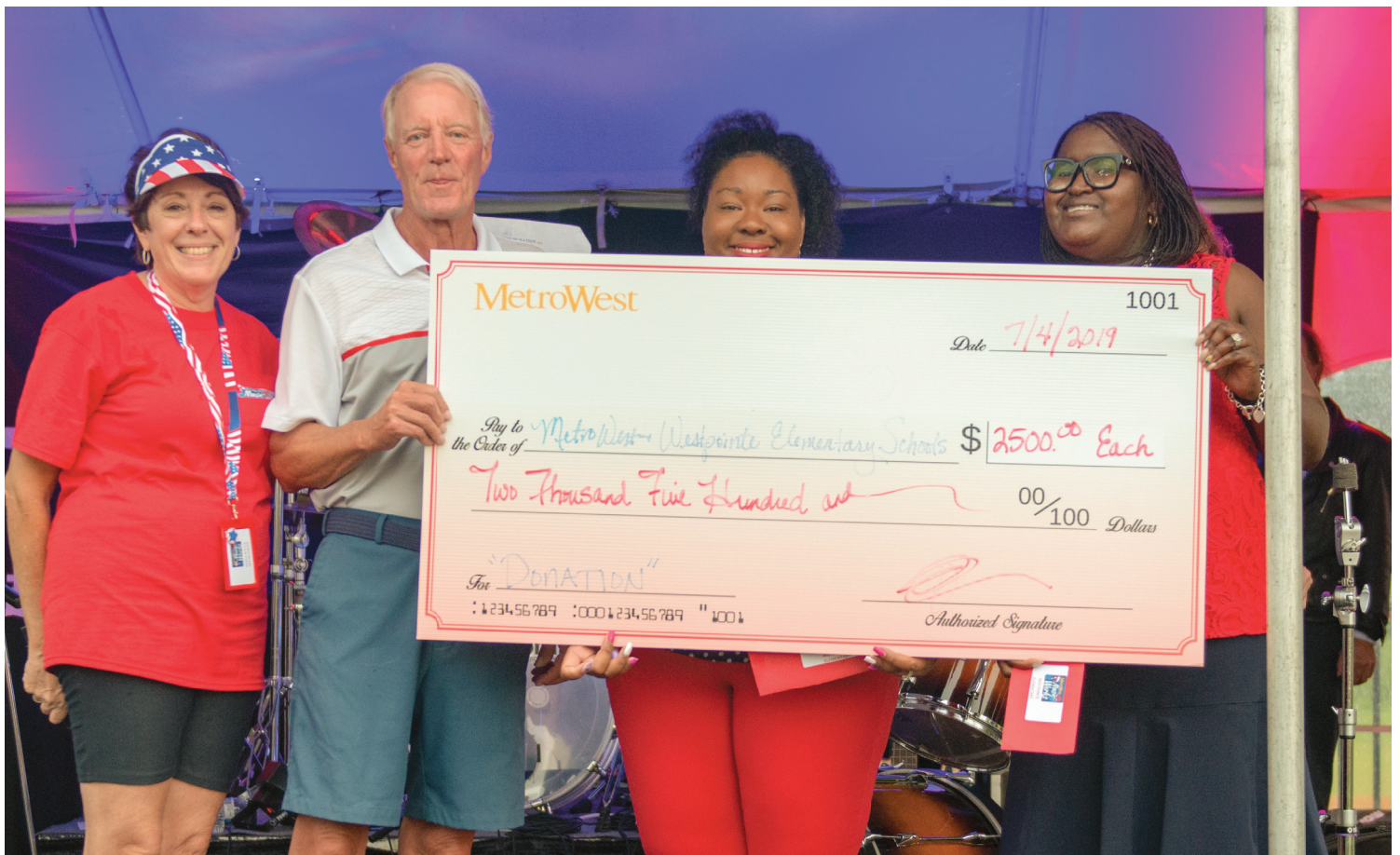
MetroWest is proud of our high-performing neighborhood schools and their upward momentum for academic success continued in 2019.

## ***Our top-rated neighborhood schools are:***

- *MetroWest Elementary School*
- *Westpointe Elementary School*
- *Chain of Lakes Middle School*
- *Gotha Middle School*
- *Olympia High School*



The MetroWest Master Association supported MetroWest Elementary School and Westpointe Elementary School with a total donation of \$10,000 in 2019.







## An exciting year for new businesses and new development



MetroWest's diverse and robust business community marked another exceptional year in 2019.

A variety of new businesses opened in the MetroWest community in 2019 including: Á Brasileira Restaurant, Aero Juice, Alcorn McBride Inc., AT&T, Bravo, BIZCENTER USA, Easy Work Space, Gemini Hookah Lounge, The Juicy Crab, LV2 Furniture, MetroWest Tennis, Negril Jamaican Restaurant, The Palace banquet hall, Preferred Real Estate Brokers, Spectrum, Superior Cleaners, T-Mobile and Tonya Beauty.

*Also in 2019, two new MetroWest developments were announced. Multi-family developer RISE: A Real Estate Company will develop nearly 20 acres at the northwest corner of Raleigh Street and South Kirkman Road. Called West Vue Apartments, the multi-family development will feature 442 apartments in five four-story buildings.*

The Dinerstein Companies submitted plans to build Millennium MetroWest, a LEED-certified multi-family development in Veranda Park. The community's 320 units – in one-, two- and three-bedroom floorplans with top quality finishes – will be housed in 10 three-story buildings with tuck-under garages.



Sales and occupancy statistics for both residential and commercial properties indicate very little available inventory in our community, a testament to the desirability of living and working in MetroWest.





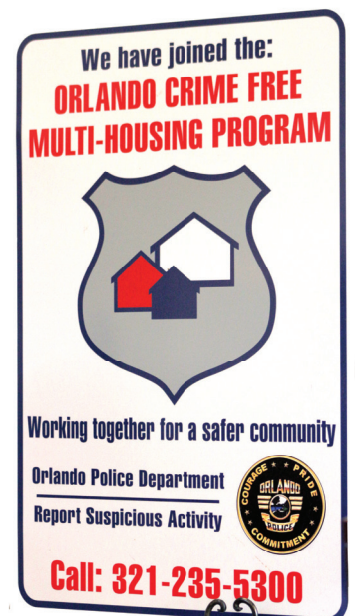
## MetroWest benefits from public safety partnership

In 2019, MetroWest marked the sixth year of our community partnership with Critical Intervention Services (CIS), a Florida based company that specializes in enhancing public safety. MetroWest Public Safety Officers (PSO) serve as community liaisons, building relationships with community members, businesses, the Orlando Police Department (OPD), and other law enforcement officials and entities.

*Over the past year, MetroWest PSOs were involved in more than 22,000 community/business contacts within MetroWest, a clear indication that the program is unifying owners, businesses, managers and residents to promote the highest standards of public safety.*

Also in 2019, MWMA and CIS continued to facilitate the process by which MetroWest communities can implement the principles of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) in order to achieve Crime Free Certification from OPD. This year, three more MetroWest communities were recognized and congratulated for having received Crime Free Certification.

We envision continued success in 2020 and appreciate the support of all our neighbors who strive to ensure the safety of MetroWest residents, businesses and visitors.









# Special events strengthen community bonds, enhance MetroWest's image

Fun community events have become a tradition in MetroWest and in 2019 our special events grew in appeal and attracted thousands of attendees.

An estimated crowd of around 10,000 attendees enjoyed an evening of music, food and fireworks at the inaugural MetroWest MusicWORKS event on July 4 at MetroWest Golf Club. The free, public event featured a dozen food trucks, live performances by Will Donato and Absolute Queen, a fun and popular Kids Zone, and was highlighted by an amazing and lengthy fireworks show staged by Pyro Shows.



In December, approximately 5,000 attendees joined us at the 8th Annual WinterFest. The free, family event was highlighted by the movie "Toy Story 4" shown on



a big screen on the MetroWest Golf green, an ice skating rink and snow slide, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and performances by local artists. Santa and

Buzz Lightyear arrived by parachute this year, much to the delight of hundreds of children in attendance. WinterFest benefits Edgewood Children's Ranch, a nonprofit, residential program that helps boys and girls

ages 6-17 address and overcome behavioral issues in a positive, safe environment. MetroWest communities and businesses competed in the MetroWest WinterFest



Charity Challenge by collecting dry goods, sporting equipment, gift cards and more for the Ranch. The winner of the 2019 Charity Challenge was Fairwinds Credit Union. In addition, MetroWest Golf Club hosted a Santa Scramble that benefited Edgewood Children's Ranch with a percentage of the proceeds.



Other successful MetroWest events in 2019 included



National Night Out, which drew more than 1,500 attendees. National Night Out promotes the work that police, fire, residents and businesses do to make our neighborhood a safer and better place to live.



## Connect with us!

In 2019, the Master Association launched MetroWest Lifestyle, a quarterly glossy magazine produced in conjunction with Central Florida Lifestyle Magazine. MetroWest Lifestyle replaces the MetroWest Connect publication with an upgraded appearance and wider distribution.

With so many special events and activities taking place throughout the year in

MetroWest, ensure that you don't miss out on any of the fun by liking us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/MetroWestMasterAssociation/](https://www.facebook.com/MetroWestMasterAssociation/)). Also, our website, [www.metrowestcommunity.com](http://www.metrowestcommunity.com), provides a wide range of timely news and updates about MetroWest, including events, business, community stories and more.





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