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BOARD APPROVES NAMESAKES FOR CFISD EXHIBIT CENTER ARENA



Darlene Jarrar, fourth from right, and Board Trustee Debbie Blackshear, third from right, join agricultural education students and staff from Cypress Falls and Cypress Woods high schools and CTE Director Denise Kubecka, far left, at the Dec. 12 Board of Trustees meeting. The Board unanimously voted to approve the namesake for the Mike & Darlene Jarrar Arena at the CFISD Exhibit Center.

Dec. 12, 2022—The CFISD Board of Trustees approved **Mike** and **Darlene Jarrar** as the namesakes for the arena of the CFISD Exhibit Center during their regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 12.

The Jarrars have generously supported the CFISD Livestock Show & Sale since 2003, donating a total of \$1,440,606 to student projects. They have received the Livestock Show Association Top Volume Buyer award—given to the buyer who made the largest contribution at the show—for 14 of the 16 years it has been given. At the 2022 show, the Jarrars contributed \$76,890, accounting for more than 10% of the total sales.

More than 400 students have benefitted directly from the money spent on projects by the Jarrars, and countless more have benefitted indirectly. Throughout the years, Mr. Jarrar has personally spoken with others before, during and after the show, encouraging them to become or remain buyers. Once the sale floor starts to fill with buyers, it is not uncommon for him to encourage fellow buyers to contribute a little extra for the good of CFISD students.

Mike and Darlene are native Houstonians and supporters of public education. Mrs. Jarrar graduated from Jersey Village High School in 1978, and all four of their children attended CFISD schools.



Family and friends of Mike and Darlene Jarrar celebrate the namesake of the CFISD Exhibit Center arena, Mike & Darlene Jarrar Arena, at the Dec. 12 Board of Trustees meeting.

Mr. Jarrar founded his plumbing company in 1978. He remains the president and CEO of Jarrar & Company, Inc., a Houston-based commercial plumbing company. Mrs. Jarrar has helped grow their business for 40 years. The business that they have collectively built involves new construction, renovation, and remodeling in the Houston area and is based upon the concept of all-around excellence.

The Mike and Darlene Jarrar Arena is located at the CFISD Exhibit Center at 11206 Telge Road. The CFISD Exhibit Center was recently renovated as part of the 2019 Bond to accommodate additional seating in the arena area, an enlarged area for animal pens and student projects, and new restrooms with dressing room stations.

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