



The Champions For Charity mission:

KW Southwest Agents embracing the Keller Williams philosophy by serving their clients and charitable organizations "giving where we live." KWSW is home to more than 400 agents who embrace this philosophy of giving back. UpClose magazine and the KWSW Facebook page will be featuring a different charity each month presented by one of KW Southwest's Champions for Charity!

A Keller Williams Experience *Juanita and Andrew Neilson's Story*

by Amy Sharp

When Juanita Neilson wanted to lease her home in 2014, friends recommended she call KW (Keller Williams) Southwest agent Emily Shepard. "Andrew and I were planning to get married," says Juanita. "And I was moving into his home. We worked with Emily to lease mine, and that was a pleasant experience. Then in 2017 when Andrew and I wanted to build a home together, we didn't think we had enough equity in our two houses. We were going to wait a year, but had Emily come out and give suggestions. She really went the extra mile. Emily did the numbers. The value of both homes was going up. We could build sooner than we thought!"

"Through all of our transactions—leasing my home, selling my home, selling Andrew's home, and building in Harvest Green—Emily was absolutely wonderful. My home was scheduled to close two or

three weeks after Hurricane Harvey. Our buyers were moving from Meyerland. They lost everything in the flood. Emily and I both knew we needed to get them into my house early. Emily made that happen, and when they arrived Emily and I showed up together with food, linens and towels."

"Emily was also essential to the building of our new home. She pushed it along and asked the tough questions. When it got delayed by a month, she negotiated a lease back with the buyers of Andrew's home...so we didn't have to move twice. She's very transparent, and she's still following up with us. She just reminded me that we still need to file our homeowners' exemption! We absolutely recommend Emily!"



KW Agent
Emily Shepard

A Champion for Charity

Saving Our Companion Animals—Fort Bend County (SOCA-FBC) is a local



nonprofit dedicated to saving and improving the lives of companion animals and promoting responsible pet ownership in Fort Bend County. This volunteer organization helps sick/injured animals, urgent or needy shelter pets, and community animals needing to be rehomed.

"SOCA-FBC does great work with our local animal shelters," says KW Southwest agent Emily Shepard. "These are animals from Fort Bend County; they're helping the pet population right here in our community. I've supported this organization for several years, and I'm proud to promote SOCA-FBC as a Champion for Charity."

Saving Our Companion Animals - Fort Bend County

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