

June 21, 2024

RE: The Durdin Family
Parkway Chevrolet
25500 Tomball Parkway
P.O. Box 1569
Tomball, TX 77377-1569

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as my personal recommendation of Ms. Jean Durdin, Dealer/ Owner of Parkway Chevrolet in Tomball, Texas. As President and CEO of the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce, I have had the good fortune to work alongside the entire Durdin family for many, many years, and it pleases me greatly to make this commendation of their collective character, business sense, and community spirit.

Since taking ownership of Parkway Chevrolet in 1979, Jean Durdin and her family have sought to establish themselves as caring members of what was already a close-knit community. They became members of the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce and quickly involved, promoting the healthy growth and development of the area through their support of various Chamber events and this support continues to present day. The Durdins have expanded their participation, giving to a business community which has always been proud to have them. They have done this through their Annual 2-Step Gala where they have honored local non-profits. Additionally, Parkway Chevrolet has a long-standing relationship with the Rotary Club of Tomball, an organization they have supported through fundraisers and event sponsorships.

Parkway Chevrolet has been family owned and operated for more than forty-five years, being run as an establishment where people can keep "Doing business on a Handshake," trusting in their fellow community members to treat them like family. With two generations of the Durdin family serving in many roles both in management and sales at the Parkway Chevrolet Dealership, Sharilyn and Forbes Durdin have carried on the values instilled in them from their parents, Ray (deceased) and Jean.

Through their years in Tomball, the Parkway Chevrolet team has maintained a reputation of community support and of giving back, as well as a customer base of loyal local shoppers who know that when they go to Parkway, they'll be treated exceptionally well. This is proof positive that the competitive spirit of the auto-sales industry *can* work in partnership with a friendly, neighborly atmosphere.

Bruce E. Hillegeist, President and CEO

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Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce