

NEWS & NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

Families Choose Toys, Books at Jingle Bell Express



Volunteer Kim McAuliffe helps a family during CCSC's Jingle Bell Express event.

Christmas, complete with a sprinkling of snow, came early to more than 2,600 children recently when the Christian Community Service Center's 38th annual Jingle Bell Express program distributed toys, books and food to area children in need.

"Despite Harvey disrupting our client registration process in September, Jingle Bell Express exceeded program goals. More than 2,600 children from 888 families were assisted," said Jingle Bell Express Program Manager Cathy Brown. "And this year we were able to give every family a plush blanket made

available through hurricane relief funding. That was especially welcome in the cold weather."

CCSC's Jingle Bell Express program is supported by its member churches, local individuals and big-hearted organizations who come together with generous donations and volunteer support to meet the holiday needs of struggling families. The CCSC program is unique in three ways: it offers multiple layers of service (food, books and toys) to meet important childhood needs—play, literacy and eliminating hunger; it allows parents to select items for their own children, providing dignified choices and personal involvement to each family; and its over 800 committed volunteers are heavily involved in planning and executing the event.

"So many people come together to make this event happen," Brown said. "We'd like to especially thank our Jingle Bell Express volunteer committee and the churches, schools, businesses and community groups that held donation drives and volunteered, as well as Fiesta Mart Supermarkets for its generous food donations. We also couldn't do this without the help of Bellaire United Methodist Church, which provided hospitality and space."

For more information or to support CCSC's mission visit www.ccschouston.org To volunteer at CCSC email Erin Donohue at volunteer@ccschouston.org



Spread a Little SUNSHINE, Volunteer at CCSC'S Shop

Do you want to help others and have FUN doing it? Then we have the spot for you!

We are looking for talented people for the following volunteer positions at CCSC's Sunshine Resale Shop, located in the Bellaire Triangle at 5413 Bellaire:

Back Door Ambassador—greet, assist and accept donations

Sales Floor Ambassador—greet and assist customers

Marketing Assistant—help develop and distribute materials to publicize the shop

Book Broker—take donated books to 1/2 price book stores to help keep donations efficiently flowing toward the sales floor

Merchandise Display Assistant—design sales floor and window areas to most effectively display items

If you would like to join the Sunshine team or volunteer for another position at CCSC, please contact Erin Donohue at 713-961-3993 or volunteer@ccschouston.org



Martha's Way Changes a Family's Story

Regina enrolled in Martha's Way and encouraged her husband to register the following month. The couple successfully graduated and received their first homeowner lead from Christian Community Service Center. The homeowner was pleased with Regina's high-quality work and referred the couple to

several friends.



With the increasing number of cleaning requests, Regina and her husband needed more help. They recruited their two daughters to attend the training so they could join the family business. Thanks to Martha's Way, this hardworking family is thriving!

For more information on hiring a Martha's Way graduate, please call Ana Tappan at 281-906-8421.



Job Seekers Use JobNet to Land Interviews, Jobs

Logan started work two weeks after a JobNet computer tutor helped him complete an online application. Janice's resume started getting responses after a JobNet coach revised it with more detail about her accomplishments. Isabel's new LinkedIn profile caught the attention of recruiters and she started scheduling interviews.



Job seekers find help with resumes, interviewing, and basic computer skills through JobNet's workshops and individual coaching sessions. Currently, JobNet is looking for a volunteer to teach QuickBooks once a month. If you are familiar with QuickBooks and would like to volunteer to teach this 2-day class (3 hours each day), please contact Erin Donohue at volunteer@ccschouston.org.



It's time to start thinking about Souper Bowl of Caring 2018, which runs from January 15 to February 4. Souper Bowl of Caring uses the excitement of the Super Bowl to encourage benevolence among our community's youth. Each participating group collects cash and/or food donations and contributes 100% to the organization of their choice.

If your church or school already collects for this endeavor, please consider choosing CCSC's Emergency Services programs as your food

pantries of choice this year. Donations may be dropped off at either location—3434 Branard or 6856 Bellaire.

If your church or organization has not previously participated, consider starting a new tradition with Souper Bowl of Caring—one that will help put food on the table of our neighbors in need. To join Souper Bowl of Caring, go online to register at www.souperbowl.org

To arrange a drop off at ES-Central, please contact Courtney Hagen at 713-961-3993.



CCSC Employment Opportunities

Major Gifts Officer (Full-Time)

We are currently searching for a professional to join our staff and work closely with the Executive Director to raise funds for a capital campaign as well as the operating budget.

Candidates must have a demonstrated track record in identifying, cultivating, and soliciting major gifts from individuals. Additional requirements include a college degree, exceptional interpersonal skills, a commitment to service, and solid organizational skills.

To apply for the Major Gifts Officer position, please send a cover letter and resume to Michelle Shonbeck, Executive Director, jobs@ccschouston.org

Accounts Payable Clerk (Part-Time)

We are currently searching for a part-time accounts payable clerk. If you or someone you know is looking for a part-time opportunity, please email Judie Kochenower at jkochenower@ccschouston.org for more details.

Sunshine Resale Shop Assistant Manager (Part-Time)

The shop assistant manager helps oversee daily store operations, sales strategy and management of the volunteer workforce. This part-time position (28 hours weekly) is responsible for shop marketing and includes a strong focus on social media and strengthening community relationships.



To apply send resume and cover letter to jobs@ccschouston.org

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