See How the CCSC Garden Grows at "Meet & Greet"

You are invited to the Christian Community Service Center Garden "Meet & Greet" on Saturday, May 5. Come and get a sneak peek at the spring harvest while mingling with volunteers and learning what it takes to keep this garden thriving.

Stroll through the garden between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon in a "come and go" format. The Garden is located at the CCSC-Southwest location on the campus of St. Luke’s Gethsemane Church at 6856 Bellaire, 77074. It is just across the street from the fire station at the corner of Bellaire and Bintliff. We look forward to seeing you there.
Back To School Volunteers Needed May 7-10

Christian Community Service Center is looking for volunteers to help sign up 1,000+ families for the Back To School program. On May 7-10 (8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) volunteers will help clients with check in and completing their applications. Spanish-speaking volunteers are helpful. Each child registered in May will receive a grade-appropriate supply package and a voucher to purchase new uniforms/shoes at the Back To School event in August.

Interested in helping? Contact Youth Services Manager Cathy Brown at 713-961-3993 x215 or seasonal@ccschouston.org. Registration is at Bellaire United Methodist Church, 4417 Bellaire Blvd, 77401.

Thank You for Making a Difference

Christian Community Service Center extends its sincere thanks to our member churches and community supporters who contributed time and treasure to our ministry in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Here is a client story reflecting how you made a difference!

In the months following Hurricane Harvey, Christian Community Service Center offered assistance in different ways. One of the most notable ways was simply listening to those riddled with worry. "Jesse" is a 32-year-old single mother who gave birth days after Hurricane Harvey hit Houston. The storm caused a major leak in her apartment and her landlord did not effectively repair the damage, resulting in mold infestation.

Jesse was forced to move into another unit. Being on maternity leave from her job at a local college, her resources were already stretched thin and she was concerned. Luckily, a neighbor connected Jesse with CCSC. In addition to listening and providing basic needs such as groceries, clothing and hygiene items, Emergency Services-Central was able to pay a portion of Jesse's rent, so she and her young daughter could avoid eviction. We hope that removing that financial uncertainty allowed Jesse more opportunity to enjoy her newborn and recover from the storm before returning to work.

For more information on how Christian Community Service Center assists our neighbors in crisis, please visit www.ccschouston.org

Students Get on Fast Track to Earning with Martha's Way
This year, Martha’s Way Residential Housekeeping Training plans to double the number of Fast Track sessions held during the summer months. The traditional curriculum schedule is 12 weeks in length, but Fast Track allows students to complete the training in less than three weeks.

This condensed version meets student needs for a quick program completion and rapid earning potential. Fast Track sessions will be held at one of our newest partner sites, St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, and at a member church, West University Baptist, CrossPoint campus. The Martha’s Way program aligns perfectly with CrossPoint’s goal of expanding its services for members and helping them attain financial stability.

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