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# Back To School 2018

**HOW FAR CAN \$45 GO TO PREPARE A STUDENT FOR SCHOOL?**

Each summer, CCSC helps prepare 6,500 students for the new school year through our Back to School program. A \$45 donation equips one student with a new school uniform/shoes and a grade-appropriate school supply package. By purchasing supplies in bulk, CCSC can stretch your dollar and help students entering PreK – 8th grade successfully start the school year. Here's how to help:

**SPONSOR ONE OR MORE STUDENTS!**

To make a donation, visit our secure website [www.ccschouston.org](http://www.ccschouston.org) or mail a personal check to CCSC with "Back To School" written on the memo line.

## VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME!

(Groups of 8+ please sign up in advance.)

### Sort & Set Up

**Saturday, July 28**

**7:30 am – 11:30 am**

Help organize school supplies and "bonus items" for distribution.

### Distribution

**Fri. & Sat., August 3 & 4**

**7:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Help distribute school supplies, vouchers and "bonus items" to clients.

**Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 4600 Bellaire Blvd.**

(Just inside Loop 610 at Avenue B.)

For event questions contact: **Cathy Brown**, Youth Services Manager at [seasonal@ccschouston.org](mailto:seasonal@ccschouston.org). or 713-961-3993 x 215

# CONNECTIONS

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Second Quarter 2018

## CCSC Volunteers Make the Mission Happen

**C**hristian Community Service Center is POWERED by volunteers. On an average day it takes about 70 ongoing volunteers devoting their energy across CCSC's programs to fulfill the mission: to serve the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy while respecting their religious, ethnic or cultural differences.

From food packaging at Emergency Services and resume coaching at JobNet, to teaching "English for Housekeeping" at Martha's Way and cashiering at the Sunshine Resale Shop, CCSC volunteers provide the time, talents and compassion that make a difference in the lives of over 16,000 of our neighbors in need each year.

When you talk to CCSC volunteers you often find out they've been with CCSC for 5, 10, 15 maybe even 20 years! That astounding fact speaks to what volunteers think about CCSC and its mission, and how they feel about how well CCSC is living it out.

Levy Hernandez has volunteered at Emergency Services-Central for 11 years.

The last six years he's volunteered on both Mondays and Thursdays each week. Levy chose CCSC because "as a charity, it covers all needs," and he stays because CCSC gives him the opportunity to "pass my God-given blessings on to all that I serve." Levy also enjoys the rapport he's built with his coworkers.



*Emergency Services-Central Monday Team food packing volunteers Levy Hernandez and Eloise Byrd.*

One of those coworkers is Eloise Byrd. "It is fun!" says Eloise of volunteering at CCSC. "We are working with positive, upbeat staff and volunteers, but mostly what draws me are the grateful clients." Eloise began volunteering at Emergency Services-Central last June because "I knew they had a good reputation as an agency that gets the goods to the clients, is organized and respected, and has been in existence for more than 30 years."

Keeping in mind that most volunteers serve one day per week,



*ES-Southwest volunteer packing groceries.*

week, this is why we need your help recruiting volunteers.

CCSC is blessed to have each and every one of its volunteers, both temporary and ongoing, but we need more. And, as the need for CCSC's services grows, so does the need for ongoing, weekly or monthly, committed volunteers. Each year CCSC helps more children, families and individuals--and that can only be accomplished if our weekly/ongoing volunteer base grows, too.

If you or someone you know is looking for an ongoing volunteer opportunity, in which you give a few hours of your time each week or month, an opportunity where you can really see and feel the impact you are making, please think about joining the CCSC volunteer team and helping to POWER CCSC. To volunteer, contact Erin Donohue at 713-961-3993 or volunteer@ccschouston.org.



*JobNet Computer Coach Suzy Rogers in the lab.*

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Gifts received January through March 2018

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CCSC Memorial Endowment

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## **Does Your Company Match Charitable Gifts?**

Many companies offer employees, retirees, and sometimes employee spouses, a matching-gift benefit that can double or even triple your donation to a qualifying charitable organization like CCSC. Some will even make a matching contribution for your volunteer hours! Each company has its own method for you to submit a matching-gift request. Check with your Human Resources department to find out how you can maximize your donations to CCSC.

# MEMORIAL AND HONOR GIFTS

Gifts received January through March 2018

## **IN MEMORY OF:**

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## A Boy and A Blanket

In January, CCSC held its first Council of Church Representatives meeting of 2018, and Volunteer Coordinator, Erin Donohue, provided information on some creative projects a group of volunteers could do to benefit our clients. One of those projects is making “no-sew” blankets, and she shared this story to illustrate the impact of these simple pieces of fabric.

Erin was in the clothing room at Emergency Services-Central and noticed a middle school-aged boy watching his baby sister while his mother selected clothing for the family. She was taking pictures and struck up a conversation with him. The boy asked her if we had a blanket he could have, explaining that he and his younger brothers all shared one bed and one blanket, and he made sure to tuck his brothers in, leaving himself without covers.

Moved by his story and self-sacrificing, Erin went into the back room, found



*Examples of no-sew blankets made for CCSC clients*

a fleece no-sew blanket on the shelf, and brought it out with an apology because the blanket was smaller than the quickly-growing boy. She felt bad that we didn’t have a blanket large enough. But he lit up as if he had won the lottery and said “No ma’am, I’m happy to have this blanket!”

Here in Houston, we don’t have many cold nights, but I’ll bet most of us climb into bed and pull covers around us as we descend into sleep. Now, a mature, responsible boy - who



helps care for his younger siblings - does also.

If you or a group would like to make no-sew blankets of all sizes for CCSC clients, instructions are readily available online. Or contact Erin at [volunteer@ccschouston.org](mailto:volunteer@ccschouston.org).

*Note: This story originally appeared on Executive Director, Michelle Shonbeck’s blog. To hear more client stories, follow her blog at [blog.ccschouston.org](http://blog.ccschouston.org)*

## Volunteers POWERING CCSC



*Garden volunteer Bobbie Wisecup with fresh carrots for the food pantries*



*Interview Coach, Tom Tatham (left at back), and Resume Coach, Kate Hawk (right), work with JobNet clients one-on-one*



*Martha’s Way volunteer, John Reynolds, with two graduates of the “English for Housekeeping” course*



*(above) 30 volunteers helped feed 160+ households at the March 10th Food Fair held at Emergency Services-Southwest*

## THANKS TO IN-KIND DONORS

A donation of goods or services is an excellent way to help our organization achieve its mission. Here is a list of CCSC's recent in-kind contributors. (If we missed your group, please let us know so we can recognize you in the next newsletter.)

Baker Botts, L.L.P.	Panera Bread #4114
Boy Scout Troop #13, #55, #211	St. Luke's United Methodist Church,
Brookfield Office Properties	Children's Ministries
Dr. Tom Pace	St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Haltmar Family	St. Philip Presbyterian Church: Kids
Kolache Shoppe	Against Hunger

*A special "Thank You" also goes to all churches and organizations that provide CCSC with gifts from organized food, clothing, hygiene, and/or shoe drives on a regular basis.*

## CCSC WISH LIST

CCSC's Wish List reflects unbudgeted items that would be very handy "extras" to help carry out the organization's mission. Thank you for your help!

### EMERGENCY SERVICES – CENTRAL

Utility Cart for Food Pantry – 1 needed	\$140
Heavy duty doormat – 2 needed	\$85/each
Gallon Sized Ziploc Bags (continuous need)	\$5/box
Can Openers for Food Pantry Clients (continuous need)	\$1/ea.

### EMERGENCY SERVICES – SOUTHWEST

Gallon Sized Ziploc Bags (continuous need)	\$5/box
Can Openers for Food Pantry Clients (continuous need)	\$1/ea.

### CCSC GARDEN

Garden Sprayer – 2 needed	\$35/ea.
Trimmer/Edger	\$90

### YOUTH SERVICES

Portable P.A. System with Wireless Microphone	\$115
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### JOB NET

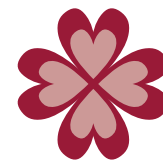
Canon PowerShot ELPH 190 Digital Camera	\$175
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### SUNSHINE RESALE SHOP

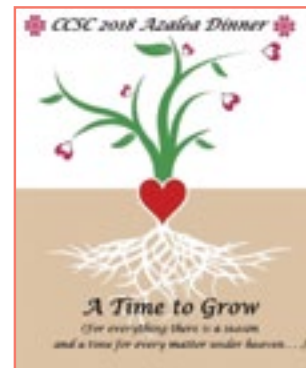
Acrylic Mirrors – 4 needed	\$30/each
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### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Retractable Banner Floor Stand for CCSC Events	\$340
Copy Paper 8.5 x 11	\$50/case



**Thanks to all for making the CCSC "A Time to Grow" 2018 Azalea Dinner a Wonderful Success!**



**A Special Thanks to the Azalea Dinner Committee:**  
 Lori Carper Baker, Chair  
 Becky Browder, Frieda de la Morena, Loretta Elledge,  
 Alicia Hartsfield, Mimi McGehee

## How to Name CCSC as a Beneficiary

If you're considering changing the beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy to designate Christian Community Service Center but are worried that the process may be inconvenient and complicated, you're about to be pleasantly surprised. Changing your beneficiary designation(s) is surprisingly straightforward and relatively hassle-free. Just follow these four steps:

1. Contact your retirement plan administrator or insurance company for a change-of-beneficiary form.
2. Decide what percentage you would like Christian Community Service Center to receive.
3. Name CCSC, along with the percentage you chose, (and any other beneficiaries) on the form.
4. Return the form to your plan administrator or insurance company.

To learn more about the option of using retirement plan assets and life insurance to support CCSC, please contact CCSC's Finance Director, Judie Kochenower, at (713) 961-3993 x 203 or [jkochenower@ccschouston.org](mailto:jkochenower@ccschouston.org).

# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Michelle Shonbeck

Dear CCSC Friend,

She was rattled when she came to us. Having retired as a public school teacher for over 30 years, she had a decent nest egg, but a few years ago her husband had a stroke. He had to retire sooner than they had planned, and their medical bills crept up; yet they were still stable financially. They just had very little discretionary dollars.

When Hurricane Harvey hit, their home flooded, and while they managed to muck everything out and move back in, it drained their finances, leaving a thin margin between expenses and income. When Houston had those bitter cold days earlier this year, their heating bill shot up, leaving them unable to pay it.

A crisis line directed her to CCSC, and we naturally helped pay the utility bill. She shared that she was shaken

by how fast they went from stability to insecurity, so she had decided to find a part-time job. She enrolled at JobNet and activated her search. As I write this column, she has not yet found a position, but she will because she's determined.

I share this story as a reminder that when you give to CCSC, you're investing in households like hers. She thanked us the day we paid her bill and has expressed gratitude many times over for CCSC's help. Thank you for helping her and the many others we've helped this year.

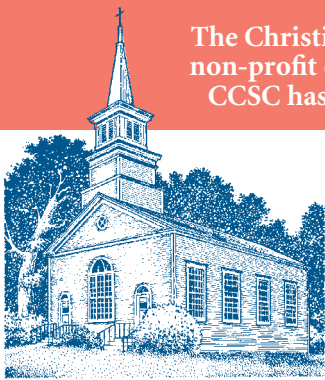
In Christ,



Michelle Shonbeck, Executive Director



**CCSC's Executive Director, Michelle Shonbeck, is now blogging!  
Connect at [www.ccschouston.org](http://www.ccschouston.org) or [blog.ccschouston.org](http://blog.ccschouston.org)**



The Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) is an award-winning, community-based non-profit organization serving the southwest Houston community. Incorporated in 1980, CCSC has grown to encompass a coalition of 42 churches united in service to the needy.

Bellaire United Methodist Church  
Bering Drive Church of Christ  
Bethany Christian Church  
Christ the King Lutheran Church  
ChristChurch Presbyterian  
Covenant Church  
Faith Lutheran Church  
First Christian Church

First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
First Seventh Day Baptist Church  
Grace United Church of Christ  
Holy Ghost Catholic Church  
Houston International Seventh Day Adventist Church  
Kindred Church  
Pathways Church  
Pilgrim Lutheran Church  
Rice Temple Baptist Church  
River Oaks Baptist Church  
Sharpstown Baptist Church  
Southwest Presbyterian Church  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
St. Anne Catholic Community  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
St. John the Divine Episcopal Church  
St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
St. Michael Catholic Church  
Saint Paul Presbyterian Church  
St. Peter Claver Catholic Church  
St. Philip Presbyterian Church  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
St. Theresa Catholic Church  
St. Thomas' Episcopal Church  
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
WatersEdge Community Church  
West End Church  
West University Baptist Church  
West University United Methodist Church  
Westminster United Methodist Church



## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) is to serve the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy while respecting their religious, ethnic or cultural differences. CCSC was created out of faith and founded in the belief that we are called to help all God's children heart to heart and hand in hand.



## Spotlight: Newlyweds Jason and Casey Gibson



Jason and Casey Gibson gave their family and friends an alternative way to honor their recent wedding: they put Christian Community Service Center on their wedding registry.

“[CCSC’s] very simple goal of providing the most basic necessities for Houston’s most needy really inspired us,” Casey said. “We had wanted to support the organization in some capacity since learning about it and thought this would be an opportunity to share information about CCSC’s work and to raise support.”

The couple learned of CCSC’s mission through their church, St. Luke’s United Methodist. “Throughout the last year, St. Luke’s has highlighted the great work CCSC does in Houston,” Casey explained. “Over the 2017 Christmas holiday season, representatives of the organization spoke in detail about the programs and its capital campaign to build a new facility in order to continue serving the poor, hungry, disabled and needy.”

Jason and Casey were so inspired, they put just one item on their gift registry – a link to CCSC’s website and giving page. “We had very positive responses from family and friends and we were so happy to see how many people chose to give,” Casey said. “We are happy we were able to incorporate CCSC in our celebration.”

## ★ WANTED ★

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER IS ON THE  
LOOKOUT FOR THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS:

### Sunshine Resale Shop

- Back Door Wrangler** - greet donors, assist and accept donations
- Marketing Maverick** - help develop and distribute materials to publicize the shop
- Sales Floor Sheriff** - greet and assist customers

### Emergency Services-Southwest

- Welcome Wagoneer** – Greet, sign in and assist clients on Mondays
- Ranch Hand** – tend to CCSC’s organic community garden
- Roving Reporter** – Interview clients on Fridays to provide comprehensive services

### Emergency Services-Central

- Chuck Wagon Champion** – join the Monday team of food packing volunteers
- Roving Reporter** – Interview clients on Thursdays to provide comprehensive services
- Welcome Wagoneer** – Greet, sign in and assist clients one Saturday per month

## \$\$\$ REWARD \$\$\$

Call Erin Donohue at 713-961-3993 x211 to claim your reward:

*The opportunity to serve the poor, hungry, disabled  
and otherwise needy!*

## “GREAT BUYS for a GREAT CAUSE!”



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Purchase

*(Coupon not to be combined with other sales/  
coupons. Excludes consignment and furniture)  
One coupon per purchase.*

\*Connections\*  
Expires: 7/1/2018



## EMERGENCY SERVICES—CENTRAL

On any given weekend, Emergency Services-Central benefits from the hard work of volunteer groups who accomplish projects that are too big to complete during the week. Recent group undertakings have included:

- Sorting hundreds of bags of donated food brought in through Souper Bowl of Caring and Scouting for Food drives
- Organizing the diaper storage area for greater efficiency and accessibility

- Assembling hundreds of bags of hygiene kits (both on- and off-site projects)
- Refilling the clothing room with gently-used, apparel and shoes for families in need

We are better able to serve our neighbors due to these group efforts, and Emergency Services-Central thanks the many church, school, and corporate groups that have produced such helpful and effective results!

## EMERGENCY SERVICES—SOUTHWEST

For the last ten years, St. Luke's United Methodist Church has generously allowed CCSC to provide on-site services to clients at its Gethsemane Campus. In 2008, we established our second food pantry at this location – initially open only two days per week – reaching out to more hungry community members.

Over the years, we added three more days of operation per week, included financial assistance for rent and utilities, and moved the CCSC Garden to this site. THANK YOU, St. Luke's, for your ongoing support and hospitality! We are grateful to be partners in service to southwest Houston residents.

## MARTHA'S WAY



For the first time, Martha's Way will be offering two Fast Track classes over the summer. Martha's Way experienced an overwhelming demand for this condensed version of the program last summer, and had the largest graduating class to-date. This year, we are prepared to respond to the demand and alleviate as many barriers as possible for students. Classes will be held at two locations, one in Southwest Houston and the other in the Museum District. We are also thrilled that clients will be able to make use of free child care while they attend class at one of the sites.

*(at left) The 25 graduates of the summer 2017 Fast Track class.*

## JOBNET

Job seekers come from as far away as Humble, Richmond and Pearland for the computer assistance available at JobNet's central Houston location.

Nearly 100 job seekers have spent over 600 hours in the computer lab so far in 2018. This is made possible by volunteers who provide computer assistance in the following ways:

- Teaching basic classes in Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- Assisting job seekers with online job applications
- Consulting with individuals on specific computer-related questions
- Introducing online tutorials for Microsoft programs and QuickBooks

Thanks to the entire team of JobNet volunteers for creating an environment that instills confidence and makes a positive difference for clients seeking employment.

