

NEWS & NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

Food Fair Brings Fresh Fruits, Vegetables to Community

Christian Community Service Center hosted a Food Fair recently at its Emergency Services-Southwest location that distributed 16,000 pounds of broccoli, cabbage, watermelon, bananas, granola bars, milk and more to 115 local families in need.



St. Martin's Episcopal Church youth and leaders get ready to volunteer at CCSC's Community Food Fair.

This event was designed in partnership with the Houston Food Bank to provide fresh produce to the community and was accomplished with the help of an energetic youth group from St. Martin's Episcopal Church as well as ongoing CCSC volunteers who gave their time and talents in the summer heat. The Food Fair took place on the Gethsemane campus of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, on Bellaire Boulevard, the generous host site of CCSC's Emergency Services-Southwest.

CCSC JobNet Client Uses Learned Skills at New Job



"Janet" was laid off in January 2018 after 12 years as an executive assistant with a large engineering firm; being 60 years old and having no college coursework, she was discouraged about her chances in today's employment market.

Janet arrived at Christian Community Service Center's JobNet program in April feeling hopeless and overwhelmed by the challenges she was facing: unemployment, mounting bills, and no insurance.

By the end of May, after completing JobNet's PowerPoint and Excel classes and working with a resume coach and computer tutor, Janet landed a part-time job that included insurance, her primary concern. After a few weeks on the job, Janet called JobNet to make sure her teachers knew how grateful she was for her training in Excel and PowerPoint. She said that some of her first assignments at her new job had been creating Excel spreadsheets and PowerPoint presentations, both of which Janet felt confident doing after honing her skills in JobNet's computer classes.

In the first half of 2018, more than 100 job seekers have completed JobNet classes in Word, Excel and PowerPoint, and nearly 400 have taken advantage of help in JobNet's computer lab. For more information on CCSC's JobNet program, call Manager Mickey Hammond at 713-626-8320.

Join CCSC's Volunteer Family at Sunshine Resale Shop

What makes the difference at Christian Community Service Center's Sunshine Resale Shop? Talented volunteers and high-quality merchandise make the difference.

Thanks to the creative efforts and energy of its volunteer force, the Sunshine Shop is a pretty, pleasant and organized place to shop for furniture, clothing and household items. Shop volunteers receive donations and sort them to select the best for its customers. Volunteers also set up displays, price merchandise and assist buyers.

Many volunteers have been with the shop for five, 10 and even 20 years. Shop volunteers are a family and that family works together to aid the mission of CCSC. Funds raised from the sale of donated merchandise support CCSC's programs that help the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy in the community.

To join the volunteer family at Sunshine Resale Shop, contact Erin Donohue at volunteer@ccschouston.org or call 713-961-3993 x211.

The Sunshine Resale Shop accepts donations and consignments of furniture, household items, clothing, jewelry and more. If you live in the service area, the shop manager will work with you to schedule a pick up of furniture and larger donations. For information, call Manager Yolanda Gaxiola at 713-665-4000.

Sign Up or Reconnect Your Kroger Card to Benefit CCSC



Earn rewards for CCSC while you shop by signing up or reconnecting your Kroger Share Card to CCSC in the month of August. Go to www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com and follow the instructions. CCSC's organization number is 80790. Thank you!

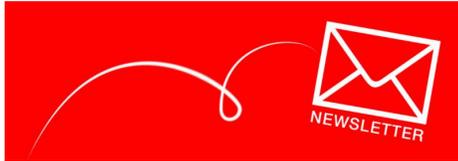


From left: Shirley Heath (receiving and sorting donations), Carolyn Blakley (window displays and sales floor) and Ginger Hurta (pricing household items).

Get CCSC's 2018 Grow, Gather & Give! on Your Calendar

Plan to have fun, find great Christmas gifts at the Silent Auction, and support CCSC during the 2018 Grow, Gather & Give! event on Saturday, November 10 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 3816 Bellaire Boulevard.

VIP & Main Event reservations are \$100 per person. Main Event only tickets are \$50 per person. Reservations may be purchased at www.ccschouston.org/growgathergive



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