

NEWS & NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

Volunteers Help Prepare 6,502 Students for School Year



Volunteers assist a family picking up school supplies at CCSC's Back To School distribution event.

Many thanks to the 800+ volunteers who donated their time and talents to Christian Community Service Center's 2018 Back To School program that helped thousands of underprivileged students get ready to succeed in school this year.

On August 3 and 4, families were greeted at Faith Lutheran Church by CCSC volunteers who happily walked them through the process of picking up their items. Clients gratefully received school supply bags, uniform vouchers and gently used clothing. Through this community event, and partnerships with 11 local schools, a total of 6,502

underprivileged students from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade are now equipped with the tools they need to help them succeed in the classroom.

According to a July Houston Chronicle article, the average Houston family is expected to spend \$571 this year on back-to-school shopping—including clothing, shoes and school supplies. CCSC's program helps struggling families stretch their limited resources. Through generous CCSC donations and bulk-order purchasing, \$45 sponsors one Back To School student with school supplies and a voucher for a new uniform/shoes.

"Where else can you go to work with such an awesome committee and provide much needed services to so many people?" said Sue Zinni, chair of CCSC's Back To School Volunteer Committee. "I am humbled and proud to be a part of such an amazing program!"

CCSC thanks the Back To School Volunteer Committee, Faith Lutheran Church, and the many volunteers who made the 2018 Back To School event so successful.

Financial donations for the Back To School program are accepted year round on the CCSC website: www.ccschouston.org.

Martha's Way Receives United Way THRIVE Grant

Christian Community Service Center is pleased to announce that its Martha's Way vocational training program recently received a United Way THRIVE grant from the United Way of Greater Houston.

United Way THRIVE is a network of more than 20



A June graduate of Martha's Way receives her certificate and supplies.

organizations in the Houston area that help working families develop good financial habits and earn enough income to meet their needs and save for the future. Since its inception in 2003, Martha's Way has graduated over 1,600 budding entrepreneurs in residential housekeeping.

For more information on the Martha's Way program, or to find a housekeeper who has graduated from the program, contact Ana Tappan at training@ccschouston.org.

Emergency Services-SW Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Happy Birthday to CCSC's Emergency Services-Southwest!

On August 7, the Emergency Services-Southwest location of Christian Community Service Center celebrated its 10th year of operation.

Located on the Gethsemane campus of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, the program is open five days per week to help neighbors in crisis. In the last decade, it has grown to include food packages, hygiene kits and financial assistance for rent and utility bills.



Emergency Services-Southwest volunteers celebrate the program's 10-year anniversary.

CCSC extends its thanks to every volunteer and donor who contributed time, talents and resources to ES-Southwest over the last decade. We also thank the Gethsemane campus of St. Luke's United Methodist Church for its generous hospitality.

For more information on the ES-Southwest program, or to volunteer, contact Erin Donohue at volunteer@ccschouston.org.

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

Plan to have fun, find some great Christmas gifts at the Silent Auction, and support CCSC during the 2018 Grow, Gather & Give! Romance & Rioja 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 reservations are \$50 per person. Reservations may be purchased at www.ccschouston.org/growgathergive

Give the Gift of Helping Others with a CCSC Donation

Are you looking for the perfect birthday gift for a loved one that will truly make a difference?

Help our neighbors in need by making a contribution to CCSC in someone's name and honoring that person's birthday by supporting those in crisis who visit CCSC.

Each gift will be acknowledged with a personalized birthday card like the one pictured below.

To send a CCSC birthday card, visit www.ccschouston.org and click the green "I Want to Donate" button. Once we have received your gift(s), we will send a birthday card to the recipient(s) you designate in the "Memory/Honor/ Acknowledgement" section. (Please make sure to include the full name and complete address of your recipient or their family.)



Happy Birthday!!

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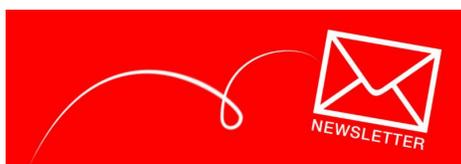
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Earn rewards for CCSC while you shop by signing up or reconnecting your Kroger Share Card to CCSC. Go to www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com and follow the instructions. CCSC's organization number is 80790. Thank you!



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