

NEWS & NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

Seeing into the Future

Moran Foundation to Fund CCSC's Vision Care Program Through 2022

Imagine a child sitting in an elementary school classroom unable to see the board clearly or trying to read a book where all the letters look fuzzy. Learning becomes frustrating and difficult.

For the past 15 years, Christian Community Service Center has partnered with the W.T. & Louise J. Moran Foundation to provide eye exams and glasses to underserved school children.

Recently, the Moran Foundation generously agreed to underwrite a new four-year grant for CCSC's vision care program, ensuring the program's continuation through 2022.



Grateful Yellowstone Academy students thank CCSC and the W.T. & Louise J. Moran Foundation for their new glasses.

CCSC's vision care program is twofold. First, trained CCSC volunteers work with school nurses to provide vision screening services at 13 partner campuses in low-income neighborhoods. Then, in collaboration with the University Eye Institute, University of Houston, these children receive professional eye exams and prescription glasses for a fraction of the regular cost. All transportation costs, exams and glasses are paid for thanks to the Moran Foundation. Since its inception, a total of 5,270 student eye exams resulting in 4,689 pairs of much-needed eye glasses have been provided for disadvantaged children at no cost to their families.

Proper vision is an essential tool for students to have a productive academic year. Doris Gay, of Woodson Leadership Academy, knows the difference a pair of glasses can make. "A heartfelt thanks to you and your organization," Woodson told CCSC representatives. "When I gave the students their glasses, it was as if a new world had been opened up to them!"

To volunteer with the CCSC Louise J. Moran Vision Care Program contact Cathy Brown at seasonal@ccschouston.org or 713-961-3993 x215.

Book Fairs Make it Easy to Donate to Jingle Bell Express

Fall is here and that means it's book fair season.

Many schools and churches hold book fairs this time of year and that makes it easy to pick up a book for your family and a book for a child in Christian Community Service Center's Jingle Bell Express program.



CCSC's Jingle Bell Express program spreads holiday cheer to 2,500 underserved children by providing them with new toys, books and holiday food packages.

Book fair coordinators can make it even easier to donate to CCSC by setting up a CCSC donation box to collect books for the Jingle Bell Express program's young readers. Setting up a CCSC donation box is easy and it gives children an opportunity to share their favorite books with less fortunate children.

Start planning your book or toy drives today to delight children in December. Look for a wish list of suggested toys for children ages 0-15 years old coming soon to CCSC's website, ccschouston.org

Colder Weather is Coming, CCSC Needs Coats, Blankets



Christian Community Service Center's clothing pantry's inventory of coats, blankets and sweaters needs replenishing. If you have a blanket or coat to spare—men's, women's or children's, all sizes—please drop off your tax-deductible donation at 3434 Branard Street weekdays 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. or Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-noon.

For more information on donating to Emergency Services-Central, please contact Nolonda Jones at emergency_1@ccschouston.org

Reserve Your Spot at CCSC's Grow, Gather & Give!

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

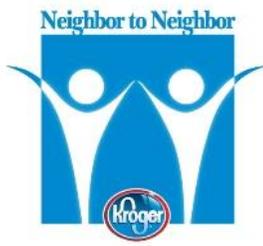


VIP & Main Event reservations are \$100 per person and include wine tastings and a talk about the region's wines, plus Flamenco dance and Spanish guitar performances. Main Event reservations are \$50 per person and include wine tastings, light bites, a wine pull, and the silent auction.

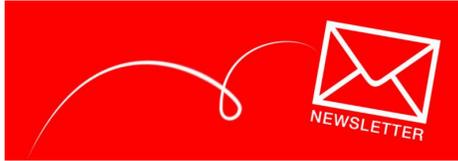
Do you have a great idea for a Grow, Gather & Give! silent auction item? Email Erin at volunteer@ccschouston.org or drop by 3230 Mercer Street (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday) with a donation of sports tickets, a restaurant gift card, a weekend getaway or a spa gift certificate. We can't wait to see you at Romance & Rioja, a celebration of the wines, food and entertainment of Spain.

Visit www.ccschouston.org/growgathergive for auction donor forms and event reservations.

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. Go to www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com and follow the instructions. CCSC's organization number is 80790. Thank you!



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