

Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) Group Project Options



The mission of the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) is to serve the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy. Through the involvement of many volunteers; individuals, families and groups, we provide essential services to those in need.

Is your group looking for a special opportunity to serve? Here are just a few ideas on how to get involved at CCSC. Group leaders are asked to contact our office in advance to reserve a date and project. These options are generally suitable for adults and youth ages 12 and older:

ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES

Emergency Services - Sorting Project CCSC's Emergency Services Centers help individuals and families in crisis. Food, clothing, and financial assistance are provided to low-income clients in Southwest and Central Houston. Our programs rely heavily on donated items. In peak seasons, volunteer groups (up to 15 persons) are needed to organize food and display clothing. Weekday and Saturday times may be arranged. Special tour and program overview provided.

Emergency Services - Hygiene Kits (SPECIAL OFF-SITE OPTION!) Emergency Services clients often need hygiene items. Your group is encouraged to collect and compile basic hygiene kits in Ziploc bags or similar containers. Bring completed items to our facility, and they will be distributed to needy community members. This project can be done at your convenience in any location. Please contact CCSC for details on what to pack in each kit.

Emergency Services- "No Sew" Blankets (SPECIAL OFF-SITE OPTION!) Emergency Services clients are often in need of blankets. Your group can have fun while making "no sew" blankets. Instructions are available online for this project. Great for individuals or groups.

Emergency Services- Donation Collection (SPECIAL OFF-SITE OPTION!) Emergency Services clients are often in need of donated items. Some of the items needed include children's' books, elementary school age kids clothing, can openers, and food items. Contact CCSC to learn of the current needs of the pantries.

Sunshine Resale Shop - Sorting Project Our wonderful thrift shop, located in the Bellaire Triangle, is a popular small group venue. We have all types of treasures--clothing, furniture and more! Proceeds from sales help fund CCSC programs, assisting persons in need. Volunteer groups (2-5 persons) are needed to help sort donations and tag items. Small groups may arrange a time of service during the week or on Saturdays, between 10:00AM and 5:00PM.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Back To School This unique program offers school supplies, new uniforms and gently used clothing to more than 6,500 underprivileged students. Because of this program, children are better prepared to start the academic year! Location: Faith Lutheran Church. Volunteer groups (any size) are wanted for two areas:

Sort & Set-up: Prepare packets for distribution

Distribution: Assist clients as they gather supplies

Jingle Bell Express This heart-warming Christmas program furnishes new toys, books, and holiday food to 2,500 children. Without our assistance, many families would be without holiday celebrations. Location: Bellaire United Methodist Church. Volunteer groups (any size) are wanted for two areas:

Sort & Set-up: Organize toys, books & food for distribution

Distribution: Assist clients "shop" for holiday items

**Thank you for your interest in CCSC! To schedule your group opportunity, contact Erin Donohue at 713-961-3993 or volunteer@ccschouston.org
To make a donation to CCSC, please visit our secure website: www.ccschouston.org**

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Opportunities for Volunteers

The mission of CCSC is to serve the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy while respecting their religious, ethnic, or cultural differences.

Emergency Services-Central

(3434 Branard St.)

Directly serve individuals in crisis by working in our reception area, food pantry, clothing area, or interviewing clients. Your help will make a huge difference to those who are facing difficult circumstances.



*Volunteer 4 hours per visit
Weekly or monthly opportunities available*

*Monday-Friday: 10am to 2pm
Saturday: 9am to Noon*

Emergency Services-Southwest

(6856 Bellaire Blvd., between Hillcroft & Hwy 59)

Work at CCSC's crisis center in the Sharpstown area. Greet clients, assemble food packages, interview clients OR serve in the CCSC Garden. Community members in crisis will greatly benefit from your involvement.

*Mondays-Tuesdays: 10am to 1pm
Wednesdays: Closed
Thursdays-Friday: 10am to 1pm
Saturday: 9am to Noon
Garden opportunities vary*



JobNet

(3224 Mercer St.)

The JobNet program is designed to help unemployed and underemployed persons conduct effective job searches. We offer access to office equipment, computer training, personal job coaching, group workshops and more. Volunteers contribute to all areas of service.

*Monday-Wednesday: 9am to 3pm
Thursday: 9am to 5pm
Friday: 9am to 1pm
Saturday: CLOSED*

Vocational Training-Martha's Way



The Martha's Way Residential Housekeeping Training equips clients with the essential tools to operate their own professional businesses. Through classroom education, hands-on training, and acquiring job leads, we are changing lives.

Volunteer opportunities are offered Monday – Thursday, during daytime hours, at five different off-site locations. Locations include Sharpstown/Gulfton area, East End, Spring Branch, Westbury, and the Museum District.

Youth Services

**Back To School
Jingle Bell Express
& Vision Care**



These three unique programs meet the needs of underprivileged children. **Back To School** provides academic supplies & new school uniforms. **Jingle Bell Express** brings Christmas joy! The **Louise J. Moran Vision Care Program** provides eye exams and prescription lenses to local students.

Volunteers can get involved in a variety of ways!

Sunshine Resale Shop

(5413 Bellaire Blvd.)

Located in the Bellaire Triangle, our resale shop has some wonderful treasures. Volunteers are needed to **operate the cash register, sort and price donations**, and **assist customers** with their selections. Sale of donated merchandise provides steady funding to CCSC programs!

*Volunteer weekly or monthly
Monday-Saturday*

*Mornings: 9:45am to 2pm
Afternoons: 1:30pm to 5:30pm*



CCSC Volunteers Make the Mission Happen



*Emergency Services-Central Monday Team
Food Packers Levy Hernandez and Eloise Byrd*

Christian 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 vitalize its 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 Sunshine Resale, 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

out that mission.

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.

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, that average of 70 volunteers per day needed to run CCSC's programming becomes about 350 volunteers per week. A number that CCSC is falling short of reaching each week, which 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, where 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