

NEWS & NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

Check Out New Jingle Bell Express Online Wish List

 Christian Community Service Center



If you are looking for an easy way to support a child in need this Christmas, Christian Community Service Center has recently created an online gift registry for its Jingle Bell Express event. You can buy items online in three easy ways:

1. Visit www.ccschouston.org and click on the red "Jingle Bell Express Wish List" button on our home page.
2. Visit www.amazon.com directly. Under "Find a List or Registry" enter "CCSC" and select "CCSC Houston, TX" for our Jingle Bell Express 2018 gift registry.
3. Or, click here for the JBE Wish List
<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2JMOVAI5M647N?&sort=default>

All items may be shipped directly to CCSC. Please consider using this shopping opportunity before Thanksgiving so that gifts will be delivered in time for the Jingle Bell Express event.

Jingle Bell Express was created in 1980 as one of CCSC's first programs designed to meet the needs of low-income children. The program addresses play, literacy and hunger by providing each family new toys, books and a grocery package. These offerings spread a lot of Christmas joy to struggling families. Jingle Bell Express is also unique in comparison to other Christmas programs as it is organized in a manner where parents "shop" for their children. CCSC believes this design lends dignity and individuality to the family's experience.

Jingle Bell Express takes place December 7-8 and will benefit more than 2,500 children ages 0 to 15 and their families. Thank you for donating toys and books! CCSC kindly requests new, unwrapped and nonviolent items. For more information contact Cathy Brown at seasonal@ccschouston.org or 713-961-3993 x 215.

It's Not Too Late!

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

Celebrate the food, music and wine of Spain while supporting the mission of Christian Community Service Center at this year's Grow, Gather & Give! event on Saturday, November 10 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 3816 Bellaire Boulevard.



Visit www.ccschouston.org/growgathergive today to reserve your spot and get ready for a GREAT silent auction, wine pull and raffle.

VIP & Main Event reservations are \$100 per person and include wine tastings and a talk about Spanish 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.

Let Martha's Way Help Get You Ready for the Holidays



Don't let the holidays catch you by surprise! Reliable Christian Community Service Center Martha's Way graduates are on standby to help you clean and refresh your home.

Call for special projects and one-time, bi-monthly, bi-weekly or weekly cleanings. Contact Ana Tappan at Training@ccschouston.org

Sunshine Makes a Difference to Community & CCSC

Sunshine Resale Shop is not just a resale store, it is an important component of Christian Community Service Center designed to serve the community and support the mission of CCSC.

The shop receives donations of household items and clothing as well as consignments of quality furniture. Shop Manager Yolanda Gaxiola and the volunteers work to select the very best merchandise for the sales floor, and to price items fairly and in consideration of customers and clients.



Volunteers help shoppers at CCSC's Sunshine Resale Shop.

Proceeds from the sale of items donated to the Shop help fund CCSC's programs that serve those in need, including Emergency Services and JobNet.

The Sunshine Shop also provides an opportunity for community members to give back through long-term and short-term volunteer opportunities. Volunteers have the opportunity to work in various areas including pricing, merchandising, display, and sales and customer service.

Sunshine Resale Shop is open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shop early for your holiday giving and get some great discounts.

Contact Erin Donohue at volunteer@ccschouston.org for volunteer opportunities. Call (713) 665-4000 to arrange for donations or consignments.

JobNet Helps All Ages, All Academic Levels Find Jobs

Who does JobNet help? You might be surprised.

- 70% of JobNet job seekers are 50 or older
- 24% have a Bachelor's degree
- 13% have a Master's degree or higher
- 36% have some college or technical training



The most common barriers to employment include transportation (24%), limited computer skills (22%), and English as a second language (11%).

What JobNet job seekers have in common is their need for encouragement and support, and that is what they find in abundance at JobNet.

For more information on JobNet programs contact Mickey Hammond at

JobNet@ccschouston.org

Help Those in Need with Holiday and End-of-Year Giving



You can make a donation on our secure website at
www.ccschouston.org

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™
November 27, 2018



Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a glorious New Year!

A contribution has been made to
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in your name by

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needy while respecting their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs.*

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CCSC Christmas Card Acknowledgements

Are you looking for the perfect gift for a loved one that will truly make a difference? Spread joy by making a gift to CCSC in someone's name and honoring that person by supporting our neighbors in crisis who visit CCSC. Each gift will be acknowledged with a personalized Christmas card.

Honorarium Gifts

Gifts in honor of someone provide a meaningful tribute to a friend, relative or colleague.

Memorial Gifts

A memorial gift is a personal remembrance that honors a deceased friend, relative or colleague.

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



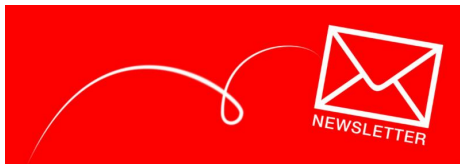
When you are Christmas shopping online it is easy to give to CCSC every time you order through Amazon by using the Amazon Smile program. Just Google "Amazon Smile" and sign in with your Amazon credentials and then shop as usual with one very BIG difference, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to CCSC!



Do you want to make a year-end gift to CCSC but don't want to deplete your cash holdings? Please consider transferring appreciated securities to support CCSC.

Individuals may directly transfer appreciated securities to CCSC as a charitable gift and eliminate the payment of capital gains tax incurred at the time of sale.

Contact Finance Director Judie Kochenower at 713-961-3993 or jkochenower@ccschouston.org to find out more about this simple gifting opportunity.



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