

# NEWS & NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

## Sunshine Shop Is Still Your Spot Until September



*Visit Assistant Manager Lilibeth and Manager Yolanda at Sunshine Shop.*

Although Christian Community Service Center's Sunshine Resale Shop will be closing in September, it is still taking donations (and needs them!) through July--and you can still get great deals on high-quality merchandise until September.

Sunshine Shop, at 5413 Bellaire Blvd., was opened in 1983 to provide a steady revenue stream for CCSC's programs while also selling

low-cost goods to the public. In recent years, the retail landscape has changed and customers now have more choices for low-cost shopping, including e-commerce sites such as [www.thredup.com](http://www.thredup.com). As a result, Sunshine Shop has seen declining sales over the last few years with the shop providing little net income to support CCSC programs.

The CCSC Board of Directors has been closely monitoring and assessing this situation for two years and made the decision to close the shop when the lease expires in September.

CCSC's Executive Director Michelle Shonbeck said, "This has been a difficult decision because everyone loves the Sunshine Shop. Yet for CCSC to keep it open would mean the organization would have to take funds intended to help people and redirect them to shop operations. This was the right decision for the people who need us for food, jobs and other ways in which we provide a safety net to families in need."

In the coming months, please stop by with donations, to make purchases, and to thank the wonderful volunteers and staff who have dedicated their time and talents to CCSC's much beloved Sunshine Shop.

**Visit CCSC's Garden at May 4 Open House**



*Mwende, a CCSC volunteer, working in the Garden in March.*

In 2018, the Christian Community Service Center Garden harvested 7,917 pounds of fresh produce for hungry clients.

Tomatoes, cucumbers, beets, carrots, kale and more were included in the rainbow of nutritious goodies.

Are you curious about what it takes to keep the CCSC Garden growing? Do you want to meet the volunteers who plant and nurture this bounty? Want a sneak peak at

our spring harvest? You are invited to a Garden Open House on Saturday, May 4, 9-11:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!

The CCSC Garden is located at 6856 Bellaire, 77074 (on the Gethsemane Campus of St. Luke's United Methodist Church). Please park on the west side of the church campus-off Bintliff Street just across from the fire station. For more information, contact Manager Pat Weatherspoon-Hall at 713-402-5154 or [emergency\\_SW@ccschouston.org](mailto:emergency_SW@ccschouston.org)



*A February sample of Garden goodness offered to clients.*

## Martha's Way Ready to Help With Your Spring Cleaning



*Spring cleaning time is here.*

So long, Winter. Hello, Spring cleaning!

Martha's Way graduates are on standby to help you tackle any corner of your home. Graduates are trained to clean using eco-friendly products.

If you are looking for ongoing weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or special occasion cleaning services, please contact Vocational Training Manager Ana Tappan at 281-906-8421 or [training@ccschouston.org](mailto:training@ccschouston.org)

Join Us Thursday, May 2, 6-9:30 p.m. at the Hilton Post Oak



For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven...  
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You can help make the Azalea Gala a wonderful, successful event that benefits the programs of CCSC by attending, underwriting or donating to the silent auction. To make a reservation or donation, visit <https://www.ccschouston.org/azalea/>

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