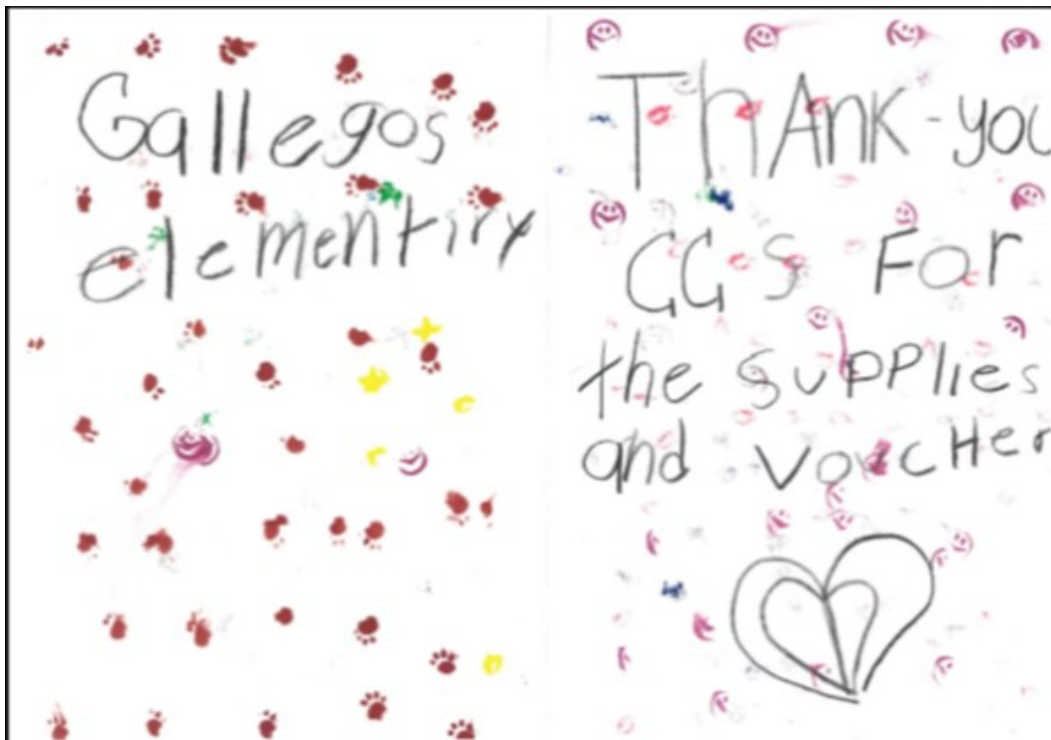


NEWS & NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.



One of many thank you notes written by students from Gallegos Elementary School after they received school supplies and clothing vouchers through CCSC's Back To School program.

CCSC's Back To School Extends to High Schools

The need to prepare students for school is great at every grade level. With limited resources available to high school students, Christian Community Service Center is now trying to fill that gap. This year the Back To School program is equipping 6,500 underserved students entering prekindergarten through 12th grade with school supplies and uniform vouchers. Helping is easy:

Volunteer Opportunities at Faith Lutheran Church (4600 Bellaire Blvd):

- July 27, 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Package school supplies.
- August 2 & 3, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Distribute school supplies to registered families.
- Groups of 8+ please sign up in advance with Cathy Brown.

Sponsor a Student for \$45

- Donate online through the secure website www.ccschouston.org
- Mail a personal check to CCSC, P.O.Box 27924, Houston, TX 77227. Please make checks payable to "CCSC" with "Back To School" written in the memo line.

Contact Cathy Brown at seasonal@ccschouston.org or 713-961-3993 x215.



Some of the many volunteers who came by to celebrate each other and the mission of Christian Community Service Center's Sunshine Resale Shop.

CCSC's Sunshine Shop Celebrates History, Volunteers

The Sunshine Shop volunteers are a family, and they are part of Christian Community Service Center's family. Recently, volunteers, staff, and CCSC Board members gathered to celebrate that beautiful connection, the wonderful work of the Shop volunteers, and the future of those volunteers at CCSC.

"The party was lovely and volunteering at the Shop has been just excellent," said Shirley Heath, who has volunteered at Sunshine for 10 years. "I'll probably work at the Southwest CCSC food pantry," Heath added. "I can't wait to go over there."

"The party was very appreciated. I enjoyed being with the people I work with and those I see off and on," said Jane Gips, who has been a clothing pricer at the Shop for 11 years. "I'll keep volunteering at (CCSC's) Back To School, it's at my church, and with Jingle Bell Express."

Thank you to all who gathered to honor the history of the Sunshine Shop, its volunteers, and the special role it has played in the mission of CCSC.

How Your CCSC Contributions Make a Difference



Food drives and donations help CCSC to help others.

Christian Community Service Center's Emergency Services programs serve individuals and families from all walks of life. Only through the consistent and generous support of our community is CCSC able to provide food, clothing, and financial assistance to our neighbors in need.

A few recently assisted clients include:

- A single father of one child that was working double shifts at a freight company until he was injured at work when his foot was crushed between a forklift and an iron pole.
- A family of six in need of food, clothing, diapers and hygiene items.
- A college student, completing her last semester in school, in need of assistance with rent after losing her part-time job.

Because of generous gifts from the community, CCSC had the resources to assist these deserving households and many more. To learn more about CCSC and how your contributions make a difference, visit www.ccschouston.org.



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Give the Gift of Helping Others with a CCSC Birthday 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 Christian Community Service Center 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 above.

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.)

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Save the Date: Grow, Gather & Give!

This year's Grow, Gather & Give! event will be Saturday, November 9th from 6-8 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church's Hauser Hall.

This party is always fun and this year's committee has some great ideas to make it even more fun! Mark your calendars now and watch for more information on reservations and the silent auction.



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