



## What is Christian Community Service Center?

**Christian Community Service Center (CCSC)** was initiated in 1977 by Dean Robinson, a diaconal minister on staff at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. In 1980, six churches (St. Luke's United Methodist, St. John the Divine Episcopal, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Central Presbyterian, Bethany Christian and St. Stephen's Episcopal) founded and incorporated the ministry.

**The original vision of those founding churches was to create an organization that could fulfill the Church's call to minister to the needy.** CCSC was designed to be each member church's primary missional extension in addressing poverty in the local community. The ministry has adapted and grown as community needs have shifted but this original purpose remains the same.



Today, CCSC fulfills its mission through three overlapping areas: **Basic Needs** (two full-service centers with food pantries), **Employment** (two programs helping clients skill-build, find work, and increase household income), and **Children** (three programs targeting the basic needs of young persons).

There are 40 unique Christian churches that comprise the Christian Community Service Center. In addition, we engage 375 ongoing volunteers and 26 staff members. Many civic, student and corporate groups are dedicated to the ministry. Engaging individual volunteers and groups in meaningful service is a priority within our mission.

For more information, please visit our website: [www.ccschouston.org](http://www.ccschouston.org) or call **713-961-3993**.



*The mission of the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) is to serve the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy while respecting their religious, ethnic or cultural differences.*