

NEWS & NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.



Demolition of CCSC's original J. Dean Robinson Building took place in August to make way for the NEW J. Dean Robinson Building funded by contributions to CCSC's Capital Campaign.

Construction Begins on CCSC's New Building

For 26 years those in need of help and hope have walked through the doors of the J. Dean Robinson building and received both. In August that structure was demolished but its promise lives on in Christian Community Service Center's temporary buildings, as it will live on in the NEW J. Dean Robinson Building being constructed on the original site.

Groundbreaking for the new building took place in mid-September and it is hoped that construction will be completed in late 2020 or early 2021.

"We are looking forward to hosting a beam signing day in January when all our friends, supporters and partners can come out, grab a Sharpie and write a message, be it

scripture or a personal prayer or thought, on the beams of the building," said CCSC Executive Director Michelle Shonbeck. "We want to bathe the building in prayer for all those who will step through its doors in all the coming years."

CCSC's new 4-story structure, necessary because of repeated flooding of the original building, will have a more efficient layout, more parking spaces, provide a "one-stop shop" for clients needing food, clothing, financial aid and employment assistance, and give CCSC the flexibility for growth.



Mid-September saw the building site being readied for construction.

"CCSC's vision is to serve more and serve better," Shonbeck said. "This strategic expansion will house the work done every day and position CCSC to continue to achieve its mission for the next 25 years."



Artist's rendering of the new J. Dean Robinson Building slated for completion in late 2020 or early 2021.

CCSC's vital community services are continuing during construction. The Emergency Services-Central Basic Needs program is now operating at 3230 Mercer St.(the former CCSC Administration Building), the administrative offices have moved two blocks

away to 3501 West Alabama, Suite 101, and the JobNet employment program remains at 3224 Mercer St.

CCSC is grateful that of the \$14 million Capital Campaign goal, over \$11 million has been raised. For more information on CCSC's mission or to donate to the Capital Campaign visit the website at www.ccschouston.org or call Traci Bocock at 713-961-3993.



A Jingle Bell Express volunteer helps a child pick a book at last year's event.

Jingle Bell Express Online Wish List Makes Giving Easy

To support a child in need this Christmas visit Christian Community Service Center's online Jingle Bell Express Wish List. You may buy items online in three EASY ways:

1. Click here for the [Jingle Bell Express 2019 WISH LIST](#).
2. Visit www.ccschouston.org and click on the red "Jingle Bell Express Wish List" button on CCSC's home page.
3. Visit www.amazon.com directly. Under "Find a List or Registry" enter "CCSC" and select "CCSC Houston, TX" for our Jingle Bell Express 2019 Wish List. (Please consider using [AmazonSmile](#) and choosing CCSC as your designated charity when you purchase from the Wish List as 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon will be donated to CCSC.)

All items may be shipped directly to CCSC at 3501 West Alabama, Suite 101, 77027. CCSC asks that you consider using this shopping opportunity before Thanksgiving so that gifts will be delivered in time for the December 13-14 Jingle Bell Express event.

Jingle Bell Express will benefit more than 2,500 children ages 0 to 15 and their families. The program addresses play, literacy and hunger by providing each family new toys, books and a grocery package.

Thank you for donating new and nonviolent unwrapped toys and books. For more information contact Cathy Brown at seasonal@ccschouston.org or 713-961-3993 x 215.

Martha's Way Affords a Chance at Financial Stability

Martha's Way residential housekeeping classes kicked off with 52 new students.

This fall CCSC's Martha's Way program is offering classes in Spring Branch, Gulfton, and Southeast Houston. New students are accepted on a rolling basis and will graduate in October and November ready to operate their own housekeeping businesses.



Martha's Way students learn how to run their own residential housekeeping businesses.

A survey of recent Martha's Way graduates found that 62 percent are currently self-employed as housekeepers. Many of the graduates earn (at entry level) \$16-\$20 per hour working for themselves. Self-employment helps Martha's Way graduates provide their families with greater financial stability when compared to the \$8-\$10 per hour wages paid by local housekeeping agencies.

Martha's Way graduates are ready and waiting to make your home shine. They excel in detailed housekeeping, eco-friendly cleaning techniques, and customer service. Martha's Way graduates can accommodate a wide range of schedules and English speaking housekeepers are available.

Ready to hire a Martha's Way graduate? Call Ana Tappan at 713-961-3993 or download an employer packet at CCSC's website: <https://www.ccschouston.org/marthasway/>



Job Opening for Part-Time Accounts Payable Clerk

Christian Community Service Center is looking for a part-time accounts payable clerk to join its team.

The Accounts Payable Clerk position is 18 hours per week and reports to CCSC's Finance Director. Responsibilities include all aspect of accounts payable, the weekly check run, entering shop sales, Exceed software reports, entering weekly deposits, clerical duties, and assisting the director with other accounting tasks.

Applicants should have a minimum of two years experience in Accounts Payable, and:

- Attention to detail

- Understanding of basic accounting concepts
- Proficiency in Excel, knowledge of Word and other Office products; knowledge of Sage software would be helpful
- Ability to work with minimal supervision
- Good communication skills

Please send your resume to jkochenower@ccschouston.org

How You Can Help Grow, Gather & Give! 2019

Help Christian Community Service Center to host the BEST Grow, Gather & Give! event yet by donating an item to the silent auction and--most important of all--purchasing your reservation!



We can't wait to see you at this year's "Around the World" themed party on Saturday, November 9, 6-8 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church's Hauser Hall.

To donate an item to the event's silent auction or wine pull please contact Erin Donohue at volunteer@ccschouston.org

To provide underwriting or purchase a table contact Sharon Current at scurrent@ccschouston.org

To make your reservation visit www.ccschouston.org/growgathergive/

Give the Gift of Helping Others

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 below.

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.)



Happy Birthday!!

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