

# NEWS & NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.



St. Philip Presbyterian Church's donation of storage space allows CCSC's Emergency Services-Central to continue to take in donations despite being temporarily housed in a smaller facility during construction of the new J. Dean Robinson Building.

## **St. Philip and Bethany Donate Much Needed Space**

If you drive by Christian Community Service Center's main campus, you'll see that two of its three old buildings have been knocked down as the ministry starts construction on a new facility. These are exciting times as CCSC positions itself to better serve the community. However, in the construction/transition period, CCSC has very limited storage space for items like nonperishable food, clothing donations and special event supplies. That's where two covenant churches stepped in to help.

Bethany Christian Church and St. Philip Presbyterian Church have generously donated classroom spaces on their campuses for temporary CCSC storage. These secure spaces have immeasurably helped the Youth

Services and Emergency Services programs, and the staff could not be more grateful.

"Program storage is a big deal, especially approaching the holiday season," said Emergency Services-Central Manager Nolonda Jones. "Did you know it takes 10,000 pounds of food to prepare our Jingle Bell Express food packages for families? Or that when we accept holiday food drives, we can easily fill 10-15 large bins with food in a single day?"

Bethany Christian Church is housing CCSC's event decorations and auction items as well as providing work space for the Grow, Gather & Give! and Azalea committees. "Bethany donating space has allowed us to keep all our decorations and have room to put together our auctions," said Resource Development Coordinator Erin Donohue. "We so appreciate the use of their classroom."

Having this extra square footage for storage and work space is an incredible blessing to CCSC. Thank you, Bethany and St. Philip for sharing your resources so that we can continue to effectively serve neighbors in need. Your support has made a huge difference.

## **JobNet Offers Multiple Ways to Learn Computer Skills**



Volunteer Computer Teacher Mary Fairbrother provides personal assistance to job seekers during a JobNet Excel class.

Technology literacy is key to success in today's job market.

Many job seekers come to JobNet because they have heard about the services the program offers to help build computer skills.

JobNet has several ways for job seekers to learn or sharpen their skills.

Computer Lab assistants are available in the JobNet Computer Lab to help

individuals improve typing, navigate job boards or complete software tutorials. The Computer Lab is open for clients to practice what they learn and to conduct their own job searches.

Computer tutors work with clients by appointment to help with specific needs, and monthly classes in small group settings are offered in Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

All of these services are provided by dedicated volunteers with the knowledge and patience to provide successful, confidence-building experiences.

## **CCSC Makes Connections With Community Resources**

Over the past several

weeks, Christian Community Service Center's Emergency Services-Southwest managers have been on a mission to increase CCSC's network and establish new professional relationships.

By becoming more connected to other reputable nonprofits, businesses, childcare centers and schools in the Sharpstown and Gulfton areas, we both spread the good news on how CCSC can assist its neighbors AND we garner valuable information to share with our clients. No one entity can meet every person's needs but we can do our part and link clients to other valuable resources.



CCSC's Director of Programs-Employment Stefanie Lopez, left, shares information about CCSC's Martha's Way, Emergency Services and Jingle Bell Express programs with Cunningham Elementary School parents. Flor Lopez, right, is the Wraparound Service Specialist at Cunningham Elementary.

Emergency Services-Southwest Program Manager Pat Weatherspoon-Hall and Assistant Manager Jane Eixmann take every opportunity to maintain and nurture community partnerships. Emergency Services-Southwest was invited to be a part of the Chinese Community Center's Summer Community Fair, Cunningham Elementary School's "Meet the Teacher" event, and Connect Community's Fall Festival. Staff also recently toured San Jose Clinic and Healthcare for the Homeless Houston to glean more medical referral tools.

"Our hope is that when families leave Emergency Services-Southwest with nutritious grocery packages, they will also be better equipped with information," Weatherspoon-Hall said. "We also hope that when other nonprofits discover their clients can use services we provide, CCSC will be the first place they are guided to for help."

## See You Soon at Grow, Gather & Give! 2019

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

Join us for wine tastings, delicious light bites, the popular Wine Pull, a fabulous Silent Auction and fun Raffles.

Make your reservations by November 4 at [www.ccschouston.org/growgathergive/](http://www.ccschouston.org/growgathergive/)





## JobNet Seeks Part-Time Success Coach

Christian Community Service Center's JobNet employment program is searching for a professional to join its staff as a part-time Success Coach (20 hours/week). The JobNet program provides resources to help unemployed and underemployed individuals conduct a successful job search.

The Success Coach provides coaching, case management, and support services to help individuals set and achieve goals with a focus on promoting financial stability.

Experience providing direct services in a nonprofit organization or similar setting, Bachelor's degree or commensurate experience, solid organizational skills, a passion for service, and computer proficiency are required for consideration. Spanish fluency is a plus.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume with "Success Coach" as the subject line to Stefanie Lopez, Program Director-Employment at [slopez@ccschouston.org](mailto:slopez@ccschouston.org)

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