

# NEWS & NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.



*Students from Atherton Elementary School receiving professional eye exams and glasses at University Eye Institute through CCSC's Louise J. Moran Vision Care Program.*

## Providing 20/20 Vision in 2020

Each school year, Christian Community Service Center heads to the University of Houston with several groups of students. The objective? Glasses for all who need them.

Thanks to the support of the Louise J. Moran Foundation, CCSC has organized 17 field trips to the University Eye Institute and four on-site school visits from UH's Mobile Eye Institute during the 2019-20 school year. By the end of April, more than 500 low-income students will have received professional eye exams and glasses to improve their daily vision.

The work preceding the field trips took place during the fall 2019 semester, when CCSC's vision care

volunteer teams screened 1,371 students to identify vision problems and lighten the heavy screening load placed on school nurses.

CCSC partnered with 16 area campuses selected because of their large concentration of students living in high poverty areas with limited resources. Transportation for the field trips is provided to remove that possible barrier for working parents.

"I want to become an optometrist when I get older and help other kids see better too," said one Atherton Elementary fifth-grader on a recent field trip. That student's primary takeaway from the outing was improved vision, but another was a promising career aspiration. UH medical students and clinic staff provide great role models for the next generation.



*Franklin Elementary School students show off their new glasses.*

For information on volunteering with CCSC's Louise J. Moran Vision Care Program in the fall, contact Cathy Brown at [seasonal@ccschouston.org](mailto:seasonal@ccschouston.org).

## **Families Get Veggies, Snacks, Info from Food Fair**



*Reverend Junfeng Tan, left, of Faith Lutheran Church, helps volunteers hand out vegetables at CCSC's February Food Fair.*

Christian Community Service Center's first Food Fair of the year distributed food and information to over 200 families on Saturday, February 15.

A record number of volunteers from Faith Lutheran Church, West End Church, Rice Temple Baptist Church, and Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, as well as our ongoing team, helped give out over 13,000 pounds of food through CCSC's partnership with the Houston Food Bank.

Families took home fresh carrots, oranges, potatoes, apples, bok choy, celery and an assortment of snacks.

Food Fairs are about distributing information as well as groceries. While attendees waited in line, they were able to connect with representatives from the United

States Census Bureau, providing information on census taker employment opportunities; United Health Care, distributing medical insurance information; and ProSalud, conducting health-related surveys focusing on the Spanish-speaking community.

CCSC's next Food Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 4. If you are interested in volunteering, please reserve a space by contacting Emergency Services-Southwest Manager Pat Weatherspoon-Hall at [emergency\\_sw@ccschouston.org](mailto:emergency_sw@ccschouston.org) or 713-402-5154.



*U.S. Census representatives, clockwise from left, Wanda Alexander, Michael Gilreath and Ron Wagman provide information on census taker job opportunities.*

## Introducing the 2020 CCSC Board of Directors

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*Christian Community Service Center 2020 Board President Gordon Arnold.*



## Thank YOU for Tackling Hunger

Souper Bowl of Caring 2020 donations provided more than 500 bags of groceries for both CCSC Food Pantries.

Thank you to all the youth groups, churches and individuals who donated groceries to CCSC's food pantries through Souper Bowl of Caring, including: St. Michael Catholic Church; St. Anne Catholic Community and St. Anne Catholic Community Boy Scout Troop 730; Faith Lutheran Church; St. Luke's United Methodist Church; Boy Scout Troop 211; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Boy Scout Troop 125; Sharpstown Baptist Church; First Lutheran Church; Pilgrim Lutheran Church Boy Scout Troop 1020; and all the individual community donors who gave through the H-E-B Red Barrel and Kroger Red Barrel programs.

You keep the shelves stocked!



**Happy Birthday!!**

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## A Birthday Gift That Gives and Gives

Recognizing the birthday of a friend or family member is a lovely gesture. Providing that recognition through an "in honor of" gift to CCSC is a contribution with a three-way benefit:

1. Contribution gifts help those in need.
2. Contribution gifts feel good to both the giver and receiver.
3. Contribution gifts spread the word about the work and mission of CCSC.

CCSC sends a lovely customized card to the birthday honoree designated by the donor as well as sending the donor an acknowledgment of the gift.

To send a card visit [www.ccschouston.org/donations/](http://www.ccschouston.org/donations/)



## **CCSC Seeks Assistant Program Manager, Emergency Services-Central (part-time)**

**Christian Community Service Center is a social service agency supported by 40 churches in central/southwest Houston. Our aim is to alleviate the effects of poverty. We are currently searching for a professional to join our staff as part-time Assistant Program Manager of Emergency Services-Central.**

Emergency Services was created to meet the basic needs of clients in crisis (offerings include food, clothing, hygiene items, referrals to other agencies, and emergency payment for rent, utilities and medical).

**The Assistant Program Manager** helps oversee service delivery to clients and ensures effective operations through volunteer management and coordination of resources and materials. This position involves 25 hours weekly; 2 Saturdays per month are included.

Program and/or volunteer management experience, solid organization skills, a passion for service, demonstrated leadership and computer proficiency are required for consideration. College degree, Spanish fluency and database experience are strongly preferred.

**To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to:**

[jobs@ccschouston.org](mailto:jobs@ccschouston.org)

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