

# NEWS & NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

## 2019 Recap

**23,672** clients were supplied with nutritious food packages\*

**503** job seekers gained valuable skills at JobNet

**229** entrepreneurs participated in Martha's Way training

**10,796** children were served in the youth services programs\*

*\*numbers include duplication*



## How CCSC Helped in 2019

**Basic Needs: 10,358 unduplicated people served**

CCSC provides community members in crisis immediate relief with everyday necessities. **Emergency Services-Central** and **Emergency Services-Southwest** offer food, diapers, hygiene items and financial assistance, helping our neighbors avoid homelessness and substandard living conditions.

**Employment: 749 unduplicated people served**

Our organization equips individuals to build a brighter future through hard work. **JobNet** prepares motivated job seekers through coaching and employment services. **Martha's Way** cultivates talented entrepreneurs through hands-on vocational training and business skills development.

## Youth Services: 10,796 children served

CCSC supports children and teens, some of our most vulnerable clients. ***Back To School*** promotes academic preparedness; ***Jingle Bell Express*** addresses play, literacy and hunger; and the ***Louise J. Moran Vision Care Program*** provides vision-related services to underprivileged students.



### One Client's Story

Emmitt goes by EA, loves art and jazz, and-with help from CCSC-has self-sustaining work that allows him time to make a living while pursuing his passions, hosting a KTSU jazz radio show and exhibiting his paintings.

Before EA received assistance from CCSC, he had some hard times. He lost the limousine driving job he'd had for eight years while trying to recover from having his home and truck flooded. Emergency Services-Central provided EA with food and rental assistance and connected him to JobNet.

At JobNet, EA improved his computer skills and worked with a resume coach. The coaches he worked with were retired CEOs and provided a wealth of knowledge including how to "brag on himself"--tips that completely changed EA's job search.

EA continued to visit CCSC's food pantry while job hunting. Volunteers were impressed by his motivation and encouraged him. "I always felt welcome coming in the door," EA said. "All of the staff and volunteers are very positive."

Eventually, EA got a job in manufacturing. He was thankful but continued seeking another job due to lack of advancement opportunity. JobNet shared a lead for a position with an Amazon contractor and he was thrilled to land the job. EA kept visiting JobNet to build his computer skills and has now been promoted to a supervisory position.

"The best thing about JobNet is that you were there for me after I got a job that wasn't what I wanted," EA said. "I was able to come back for additional help and support."

Basic necessities today.

Help for a brighter tomorrow.

CCSC making a difference.



## Why CCSC Matters

**In 2019, CCSC touched lives in the following ways:**

- 23,672** Clients were supplied with nutritious food packages \*
- 914** Households received financial assistance with electricity, water, natural gas or rent
- 252** People received medical assistance for eyeglasses, dental services or prescription medication
- 3,941** People were provided gently-used clothing \*
- 6,102** Pounds of produce were harvested for clients from the CCSC Garden
- 503** Job seekers learned valuable skills through workshops, computer training and personalized coaching; 148 clients reported gaining employment; and 184 pursued individualized strategies for success with the Client Services Connector
- 229** Motivated entrepreneurs participated in a unique 42-hour residential housekeeping program; 38 job leads were shared with graduates
- 6,534** Students started the academic year with new school supplies and school attire
- 2,843** Children received new toys, books, and family food packages for Christmas
- 1,419** Students received vision screening; 565 were provided

professional eye exams with 449 of them receiving new prescription glasses

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## Volunteer Impact



CCSC is blessed and sustained by its volunteer force.

From answering phones to packing food, teaching computer classes or serving on a committee, CCSC volunteers make the mission happen. Each volunteer positively influences those less fortunate in our community.

In 2019, 2,051 unduplicated volunteers contributed 37,093 hours across CCSC. Of those unduplicated volunteers, 375 were involved in ongoing roles. In the state of Texas, the estimated value of these donated hours is \$931,034, but we know the impact of those hours is priceless.

## A Time To Build

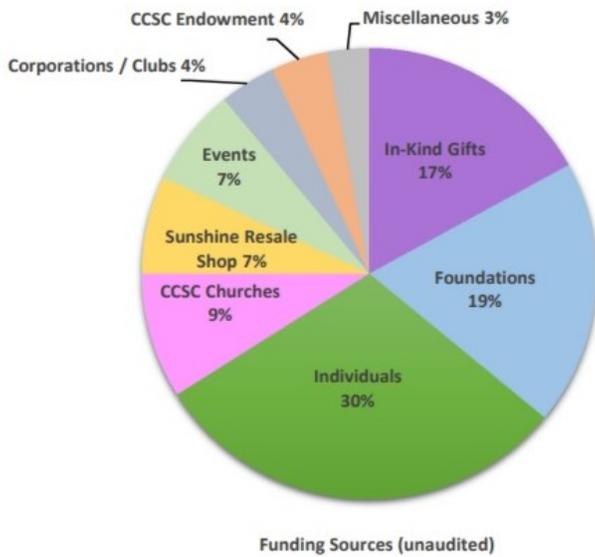
An exciting year for the *A Time To Build* Capital Campaign saw CCSC breaking ground on the new 4-story J. Dean Robinson Building that will enable the agency to *serve more and serve better*.



During construction CCSC's administration offices are temporarily located at 3501 W. Alabama, Suite 101, and Emergency Services-Central and JobNet are working out of the 3230 Mercer St. building.

Of the \$14 million Capital Campaign goal, \$11.5 million has been raised. For more information on the Capital Campaign contact Sharon Current at [scurrent@ccschouston.org](mailto:scurrent@ccschouston.org) or 713-961-3993.

## Development



CCSC depends on generosity from many sources to fund the programs and services provided to those in need.

Major funding sources include individual gifts, foundation grants, support from member churches, and in-kind contributions, such as food, diapers, and hygiene products.

Another important source is legacy gifts from estates and wills. Many options are available through CCSC's "All Saints Society."

In addition, two annual events generate income and nurture relationships: Azalea Gala and Grow, Gather & Give!

After 36 years in the community, CCSC's beloved Sunshine Resale Shop closed in September due to declining revenue and a changing retail market.

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For more information or to support CCSC's mission, please visit [www.csschouston.org](http://www.csschouston.org). To volunteer with CCSC, please email Erin Donohue at [volunteer@csschouston.org](mailto:volunteer@csschouston.org).



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