



**DEAR FRIENDS,**

We were so looking forward to celebrating CCSC's 40th Anniversary with you at the April 29th Azalea Gala benefiting Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). But alas, it is not to be.

Following the CDC's recommendations against large gatherings, and with the utmost concern for the health and well-being of you and your family, the CCSC Board of Directors has decided to cancel this year's event.

CCSC has been blessed by your overwhelming support for our work and mission. Your support also represents a tremendously loving recognition for Larry's 39 years of care and passion for CCSC.

We will direct your Azalea contribution, in honor of Larry and in celebration of CCSC's 40th Anniversary, to the most immediate and timely needs at present – providing support to those impacted by the economic repercussions of COVID-19.

Please know that your generosity is already helping so many among us in need. CCSC is seeing three key impacts – reduced work hours and wages, school closings increasing the need for food in homes with children, and those requiring medical care now in a deeper financial crisis. Here are some typical examples:

- Sarah, a retiree supporting three grandchildren in her home, who came to CCSC for assistance with food after the school closings significantly impacted her food budget.
- Victoria, a single mother of a nine-year-old daughter, who was laid off from her restaurant job, and came to CCSC for help paying her rent while she looks for another job.

We thank you on behalf of all the individuals and families walking through the doors of CCSC. With your help, CCSC can continue to serve the increasing needs of others today, tomorrow, and in the weeks and months to come.

Please watch for additional communication about ways to continue your support. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact CCSC development director Sharon Current, [scurrent@ccschouston.org](mailto:scurrent@ccschouston.org) or 713-961-3993 extension 209.

*With our thanks, blessings, and love,*

**The Reverend Larry Hall**  
2020 Azalea Honoree

**Michelle Shonbeck**  
CCSC Executive Director

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. – PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7*