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## CCSC COVID-19 UPDATE



Now more than ever, we are called  
to make a difference.



#GivingTuesdayNow | May 5, 2020

Join us tomorrow for #GivingTuesdayNow--an emergency response created to help those impacted by COVID-19. CCSC is on the frontlines of this crisis--feeding families, meeting basic financial needs for rent and utilities, and providing job-search coaching to some of our most vulnerable neighbors in Houston.

**We need your help to continue responding to the growing needs  
in our community.**

Make a special #GivingTuesdayNow gift to our COVID-19 fund by giving [online](#) or texting COVID to 713-903-8335.

## Rise in Numbers Seeking Help Continues at CCSC, Need Grows for English/Spanish Volunteer Translators



**Families Helping Families:** Vivian and David Burbano and daughter, Sophia, drop off food donations at CCSC's Emergency Services-Central Saturday.

Christian Community Service Center would like to report that the curve on those needing food and financial assistance is flattening, but that is not yet the case.

CCSC's food pantries continue to see dramatically higher than normal numbers of people in need. This includes a high volume of phone inquiries regarding financial assistance for rent and utilities.

Flattening the curve on the contagion of COVID-19 will take everyone continuing to work together, as will flattening the curve on the need caused by COVID-19, and that is exactly what the community has been doing by rallying behind CCSC with monetary donations and regular weekly food drives.

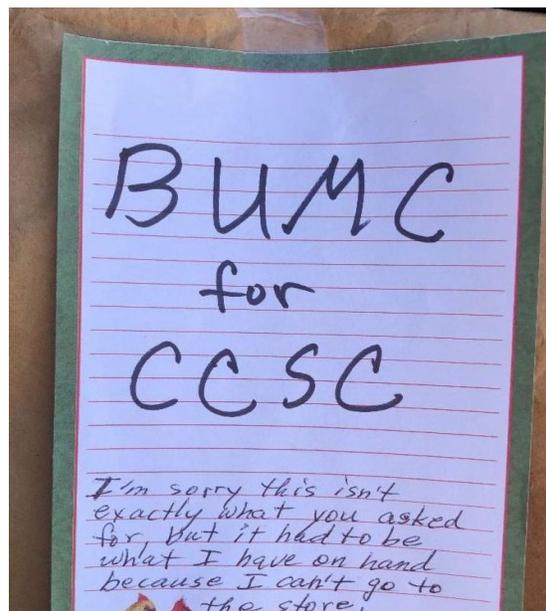
"Our food inventory has been a little more stable due to outstanding food drives," said Karen Holloman, CCSC's Program Director - Basic Needs/Children. "We hope generous donations of nonperishable groceries from churches, community organizations and individuals will keep coming our way until more bulk purchasing options become available."

"CCSC is receiving an unprecedented number of phone inquiries for financial assistance for rent and utilities," Holloman added. "In addition to the community's help with food donations, Emergency Services has an urgent need for bilingual Spanish/English volunteers."

In recent weeks, CCSC's Emergency Services program has had a greatly increased need for bilingual volunteers to help answer client phone calls and conduct phone interviews on weekdays.

CCSC needs a handful of bilingual people to commit to volunteering one or two mornings per week for two to three hours each morning. This volunteer role will take place at the Emergency Services program facilities at 3230 Mercer and 6856 Bellaire under the guidance of staff and seasoned volunteers. It does not involve face-to-face contact with clients.

"These volunteer positions are pivotal in serving community members who need help paying rent or utility bills," Holloman



**Every Bag and Can Helps:** Community response to CCC's need for food donations has been extraordinary. Thank you, everyone!

said. "If you are Spanish/English bilingual and can serve for the next two or three months, please contact Erin Donohue at [volunteer@ccschouston.org](mailto:volunteer@ccschouston.org) to take a 'test drive' of this meaningful volunteer role."

To donate nonperishable food to CCSC, like or follow us on [Facebook](#) to find out when and where drive-thru food drives are happening and then share that information with your friends on social media. You may also drop off food donations at 3230 Mercer St., Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 9 a.m.-11 a.m. on Saturdays, and at 6856 Bellaire Blvd. Mondays and Tuesdays or Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 9 a.m.-11 a.m. on Saturdays.

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