



## Our Future Builds on Our Past

When I think about the story of CCSC, both what's been lived for the last 40 years and what is to come, the image I have is of clients and their stories.

I think about a woman we helped at JobNet nearly 20 years ago. She came first to Emergency Services needing food and was referred to JobNet for help finding work. She had been in an abusive relationship, and her ex-husband skillfully exited the marriage ensuring she had almost no income.

We connected her to some mental health and legal resources and then focused our efforts on upgrading her job-related skills and boosting her self-confidence because she did not believe she had value to a potential employer. Eventually, she found a job that gave her enough income to live securely. Because she attends a CCSC member church, I occasionally see her when I speak at that church, and she never fails to whisper a "thank you" to me. She also sends financial gifts to us, wanting to help someone else.

I want her to tour the new CCSC building. I want to show her the computer lab where we'll be able to train job seekers in the latest technology. It's bigger and more sophisticated than the lab in which she trained.

I want her to see the offices of the Success Coach and the volunteer coaches. We have more people coaching at JobNet than when she was a client because we understand how critical this component can be in helping someone to achieve solid footing.

I want her to know that the \$40 donation she recently sent in will be used to help someone else. Someone whose story might differ from hers, but someone who needs what we gave her: food, skills to earn an income, and an abundance of compassion and hope that her life could be better than it was the day she walked into CCSC.

Her story as well as the stories of others will be embedded in this new building, strengthening the ministry each day for the work we do. Thanks to each of you for investing in our vision to *serve more, serve better*.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Shonbeck".

Michelle Shonbeck  
Executive Director

## Highlights

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### Building Update

Another exciting week at the building site included installation of the J. Dean Robinson

Building and CCSC signs.

Current work includes countertops, electrical trim out (including lighting), plaster, ceiling tiles, elevator installation, door installation, painting, and Phase I paving (under the building and to the west).

Take a look at all the progress by clicking the link below.

[View Building Photos](#)



## Campaign Update

Whether hurricanes, floods or COVID-19, disasters have impacted Houstonians and CCSC and continue to do so. Along the way, one of the key lessons learned is resilience.

For example: CCSC's resilience in providing four times its usual number of food packages during the pandemic; and CCSC's resilience to mop the floors, shore up the walls, and continue on each time CCSC's current building flooded.



The 2015 Memorial Day flood was the catalyst for CCSC's resilient move forward to fund a new building with its first capital campaign in 25 years—the *A Time To Build* Capital Campaign. The need for a new building was bolstered by CCSC's compassion for improving, enhancing and expanding services.

Fall 2020 is the target for the completion of CCSC's new J. Dean Robinson Building on the W.T. & Louise J. Moran campus. CCSC looks forward to being able to better serve Houstonians in need—whether they are affected by a natural disaster, pandemic or a crisis in their own life situation.

You may continue to support CCSC's organizational resilience as well as resilience for others with an additional gift to the *A Time To Build* Capital Campaign. We are \$1.3 million away from our \$14.2 million goal to fully fund the new building. Your gift will help make a difference as we move closer to the campaign finish line.

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