

The Christian Service Center of Abilene, Inc.

Spring Program Update

SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER



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1st Saturday of each month

9:00 a.m. - noon

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Capital Campaign Report

Because of the generosity of the many donors, businesses and local and area foundations, the Christian Service Center has met our fundraising goal of 1.8 million dollars. Thank you for supporting the on-going work of the Christian Service Center of Abilene. With your continued help, and because of the rich blessings of our God and Creator, CSC will continue to provide emergency needs for the many people in our community who suffer because of poverty.

It is with great excitement that we move into the design phase of the capital campaign. Keep watching for updates in the days and months ahead!

Thank you and may the Lord bless you for your part in helping us assist the poor of Abilene.



Volunteer, Odell Wilson interviews clients each week at CSC.

CSC Client Stories

The Christian Service Center offers seven major programs which provide immediate assistance for those living with challenges caused by poverty. We wanted to share some of the stories of our neighbors who visit the Christian Service Center so you would know how your support is helping people in Abilene in a very direct manner.

The stories represent three of the CSC programs: *Standing in the Gap*; *Work for Shelter*; and *Spiritual Nurture*. In May, CSC will highlight all of our programs in the Spring Renewal Fund Drive.

David, is a young, single father of three, who is employed, but must undergo dialysis weekly. Recently David came to CSC and needed assistance with a utility bill. Because of the *Standing in the Gap* program, CSC was able to send a check to his utility company to ensure his electricity was not turned off.

Due to a serious, chronic health issue, *David* may always have need of extra support to make life less stressful for him and his family.

He was genuinely grateful for CSC's support during a dire time in his life.

When *Martin* got out of prison, he wanted to start a new life. He was told about CSC's *Work for Shelter* program. The program offers to pay one week of rent at a half-way housing program in exchange for 12 hours of volunteer service at the CSC facility.

Martin finished working in exchange for rent; he sought and found a steady job and he came back to volunteer at CSC again—not because he needed rent money, but because he found friendship and Christian compassion here. *Martin* also found God's saving grace! We believe this program offers people in transition the opportunity to experience acceptance and Christian love, while they make plans to create a fresh start for their lives.

Carol's story was one of co-dependence, drugs, abuse, and living in a home where a murder took place. She came to CSC seeking prayer and spiritual nurture. She continued to come back for a few interview clothes and more prayer. Each time, she shared her visions and hopes of a better life. *Carol* has now left her abuser and the drug house where she had lived for so long. She is seeking professional help to deal with mental health issues. *Carol* still comes to CSC - to share about the changes in her life, her new home, her dreams of working again and to share her gratitude for prayer support and for the love and acceptance she encountered at CSC. *Carol* and stories like hers are why CSC offers prayer and Christian compassion as one of our programs.

Director's Corner ~ Jim Clark

To all of you who gave towards our Capital Campaign, I want to yell out a big THANK YOU! What a joy that we've reached our goal and are now moving forward on the design drawings for the renovation project. We expect to begin the building phase of the project in late July or early August.

Thank you for making it possible to help the many neighbors who come to CSC each day - people like David, *Martin* and *Carol*. Their stories are three simple stories of help - help you have made possible through your financial gifts.

Be watching in May for the CSC **Spring Renewal Fund Drive**. During the months of **May - July** we will try to raise money to fund all seven of our programs which support people in need.

Blessings in Christ,

Jim

Sharing the Love of Jesus by Providing Basic Needs and a Fresh Start

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