



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

"When you harvest the crops on your land, do not cut all the way to the corners of your field. Don't pick up the grain that falls on the ground. Leave it for the poor..." Leviticus 23:22

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2019

Are You in CAM's Corner?

"WHAT IS THAT?" YOU SAY! CAM's wheat logo reflects a scripture in Leviticus about sharing your harvest. The verse tells us to leave the wheat that falls for those in need and to also leave the corners "uncut". In other words, part of what we harvest should be shared with those in need. By not cutting the corners of the wheat field, it would have been a visible sign to someone in need that God was answering their prayer. When you make a donation or volunteer you are in CAM's corner, you are demonstrating your commitment to helping others. In addition like the old saying, when you have someone's back or you are on their side, you might say "I'm in your corner (I'm rooting for you). You are there for the clients we serve. You stand with them and support them. We hope that this term will be something we start using and that it will come to represent the folks who plan for part of their "harvest" (those uncut corners) to go to CAM. We want everyone to feel that they can be part of something bigger than themselves. It's an opportunity for everyday folks to do extraordinary things. **SO HOW CAN YOU BE IN CAM'S CORNER?**



- Turn a onetime donation into a monthly donation-this could be \$10 a month, \$25, \$50, \$100 and beyond. Think about what you are comfortable doing but know that an ongoing, monthly gift by you, and hundreds of others could mean that we could help more and help better! Visit www.cam-sa.org to donate to CAM today!
- If giving a larger gift annually, quarterly, once a year is better for your financial planning, let us know what that might be (make a pledge). It's not set in stone but it could give CAM the ability to plan a little better.
- Consider making a planned gift or a legacy gift. Letting CAM know that we are in your estate or will would mean that even after your time here your commitment to helping those in need will last well into the future.

How We Serve

For those of you who support CAM by volunteering or donating, you probably understand our mission. You may know we help people with clothes, food, and financial assistance. It is really a miracle operation in so many ways with no government support and no regular form of income, God provides what our clients need. We stand ready to say yes to Him so that we can say yes to those we serve. We believe we are here to show the love of Christ and be part of Grace in Action.

CAM WAS ABLE TO SERVE 53,000 PEOPLE IN 2018 WITH:

- 40,000: Food
- 20,000: Clothing (gently used and new-underwear, socks, diapers)
- 5,000: Financial assistance for prescriptions, utilities, ID recovery

Big Give SA

Big Give SA is fast approaching! Look for updates in the next few weeks on social media and our Big Give webpage as we prepare for the "BIGGEST" fundraiser in San Antonio! For 24hrs on **March 28th** you can donate to your favorite non-profit...CAM!

Your donations will help those in need get back on their feet through:

- Food
- Clothing
- Financial Assistance
- Bus Passes
- ID's, birth certificates, and so much more!





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Executive Director's Corner

As the Executive Director of CAM, I rejoice in the incredible miracles and support that we are able to provide. For the most part my work is something I feel passionate about and I am filled with optimism and hope. However, raising money to support the mission is hard and sometimes when we are rejected or dollars are reduced, I can be human and forget that God has a plan. In 2018 we saw several unfortunate reductions in support. Some had to do with an individual's ability to earn income, others had to do with less available funding raised by a big donor. In all cases, it wasn't a reflection on our mission. With each small loss, we began to plan and felt confident that a new opportunity would come along or we could just spend less. However as we entered the last month of our fiscal year, we had an unexpected \$50,000 loss in an already tight budget. I worried, felt angry, and finally just came to terms that we might not have what we would need to start 2019. I was disappointed. It was a hard pill to swallow but I resigned myself to it. We had done everything we could and sometimes it's just not there. Then on December 27th, we received a letter from an Estate, letting us know that \$100,000 would be coming to CAM. This woman had planned to make a difference well past her lifetime and her gift came in time for CAM, for me to see that God had a plan and he was in charge of our ministry.



Dawn White-Fosdick

The Williams of the World

William walked into CAM with quite a few donations including a lot of children's clothing, which we are always desperate for. He was dressed in scrubs on his way to work. Our volunteer coordinator, Emily, helped him unload his car. As William proudly made his donation, he shared that his family (wife and 2 kids) found themselves homeless a little over 2 years ago and CAM had helped them. He shared that it was a really tough time but CAM volunteers provided encouragement, food, clothing, and ultimately helped them to enroll at Haven for Hope. He completed a certification program for EKG analysis and became employed, and they're now in a home of their own! William was thrilled to be here and help someone like himself. In a world that can often be critical and broken, it is not the most famous, the smartest, the richest that show us how wonderful humans can be, it is the Williams of the world.



How You Can Help

Donate Intentionally

- Men's jeans and tennis shoes
- Children's clothing
- Hygiene items
- Socks & underwear
- Package items 'just kids' or 'just womens' items & label

Volunteer

[Downtown or DeZavala]

- Data entry, answer phones, work with clients
- Schedule to work on a 3rd Saturday yourself or with your church



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Tour CAM

Come to one of our 'Tea and Tours'. The schedule is on the CAM website, cam-sa.org



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CAM's mission is to share the love of Christ by providing immediate assistance and encouragement to people in crisis. All are welcome. CAM is a San Antonio-based nonprofit providing services to 50,000 people annually. CAM helps working poor families, children, elderly, homeless, veterans etc. by providing food, clothing, and financial assistance to help people through a crisis or avoid a more serious crisis.