



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 2018

Slow Down

One of our Monday afternoon CAM volunteers shared that she was sort of bragging about her efficiency in serving clients with another CAM volunteer from our smaller satellite location. Her friend remarked that she was glad to be at the smaller CAM location because she could have more time for the clients. This made Susan think, was she really listening to those in need?

That very afternoon Susan met with her first client "Maria", she noticed the mother was there to get food, clothes for herself and her children and there was a husband listed on her file. Susan took a second to ask if "Joe" needed anything. Maria told Susan that Joe was no longer in the picture. Susan heard this and didn't just move on. She said, "Is there anything going on, now that this change has occurred, that you want to share?"

Maria beamed, *"this is going to be my year"*. About a month ago Maria was at a gas station and witnessed a woman being attacked by a man. She ran into the gas station and called the police. They arrived and arrested the man, while Maria then sat with the woman de-compressing. The woman asked if there was anything she could do to repay Maria. Maria shared that what she really needed help with was getting a job. The woman exclaimed, 'I work in the HR department at the Toyota Plant!'



Get Involved

Save the Date

THE BIG GIVE
22 March 2018



Volunteer

[Downtown or DeZavala]

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

Donate

- Men's jeans and shoes
- Children's clothing
- Hygiene items

Tour

Come to a CAM 'Tea and Tour' or 'Taco and Tour'. The schedule is on the CAM website.



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Maria shared with our volunteer that she was at CAM that day to not only get a few groceries to tide them over and to get a coat for her daughter but to also get a new "nice" outfit for her first day of work at Toyota in two weeks. She and her daughter moved into a new apartment and the little girl was starting a new school. Yes *this was going to be her year!*

Although CAM was here to help Maria, Maria in turn ministered to Susan and reminded her to slow down and see the everyday miracles happening all around! How should you slow down in your own life?

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON IS APRIL 6TH!

BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Be thinking about whether you want to adopt a child for CAM's Back to School program; each year individuals adopt one of our children and shop for their exact school needs. This is a great way for you to make a difference one child at a time. We will be promoting this list in April on our website. Feel free to call us at 210-223-4099 if you would like more information.





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Executive Director's Corner

I am celebrating 8 years working for CAM; I am so honored that God placed me in this job and that I have the privilege to witness His miracles each day. About two years ago, I was asked by a friend and incredible businessman, Tony Diamond, what our next vision for CAM was to be? I first led with my conviction that our vision was to continue to serve with our excellent model and that we will strive to engage new donors, churches and volunteers. I stretched myself a little and said that I had noticed our downtown location was now in the middle of an Urban corridor undergoing a huge revitalization; we were no longer hidden. I thought maybe we should do some things to improve our signage, exterior presence and shore up our donated buildings in order to be more noticed and engage new donors/volunteers. God had other ideas, and as I sat with Tony, he began asking me questions and offered to host, at no cost, a 4-week visioning plan with our board. I began to reluctantly see that maybe God's vision was bigger than my own.



Dawn White-Fosdick

Out of this, CAM began to look at our relationship to neighbors, churches, business owners and new residence to this area, and we began thinking about the idea of taking the lead on an effort to define this area and our location as an entry point into a new region along McCullough that would blend great business, great architecture, great culture, great Faith and service to those in need. In other words, creating a space for lifting all people up in the redevelopment and urban advancement! Out of this vision we realized that CAM could set a tone for service in San Antonio, a place for people to convene, actively give back and an ability to serve more at this



location and into the community with more resources, better understanding and new donors. CAM unveiled this 10-year vision at our 40th anniversary gala in October of 2017. The McCullough Ave Consortium was developed that same year and the efforts to design a neighborhood culture, with guiding principles and a similar look are well underway. For more information on our 10-year Vision, visit our website at www.cam-sa.org and learn how you might get involved. **The Avenue of Light** is the name we have given to our new area and we hope to be a light for those in need and for those who have a need to give back!

Volunteer is Cleaning Up!

The CAM satellite location which operates on the Northwest side of town on the campus of University United Methodist Church sees a lot of working poor families and many refugees who have been located along Vance Jackson. They are often struggling to make ends meet, struggling to pay their bills, feed their children and even buy staples such as laundry detergent. A gentlemen from one of our supporting churches, Coker UMC, makes his own laundry detergent each week and fills it in old bottles and delivers them to several nonprofits including CAM. Each month his soap helps over 600 families to have clean clothes; wow what a gift! These are some of the small ways volunteers help us to lift up and serve people in such important and simple ways. What a blessing!

Matching Grant

If you have ever wanted to give to CAM or your church would like to select a special time to give, CAM has a \$100,000 matching grant during the month of April from the Jack Richmond Foundation. Every dollar will be matched up to \$100,000. If you have any questions, please feel free to email dwhite@cam-sa.org.

CAM Fiesta Medals



GET YOURS TODAY FOR \$10