



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

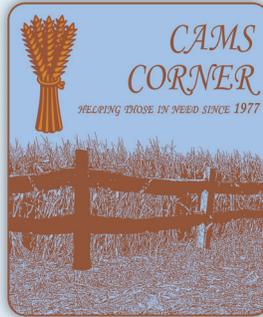
CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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How Can I Make A Difference?

How can I make a difference? Sometimes it can feel impossible; especially when we read reports about 300,000 San Antonio citizens living at or below the poverty level. On the other hand, when we hear statistics like that, how can we not? We believe that CAM provides us all an opportunity to give in a meaningful way and begin living a life of philanthropy. We don't have to be independently wealthy, a CEO or in retirement to do so. Each gift of \$10, \$20 or \$50 given monthly can add up. If CAM had 1000 donors giving a re-occurring or automatic gift, it could mean we have \$10,000 a month to serve. Wow, now that is powerful.

CAM's Corner is our way of reminding the community of that incredible opportunity. When you give to CAM you stand in our corner, like the uncut wheat of a harvest left to remind those in need that they have been provided for by God through our obedience. In other words when you join CAM's corner, you have our back and you have the backs of people like John who is starting over and getting back to work or Kelly working hard to feed her children while working and going to school. We hope you will join us this year by making an ongoing monthly gift.



YOUR MONTHLY DONATIONS WILL HELP US SERVE IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

2019 CAM STATS

- Served 20,000 people with food & clothing
- Served 5,000 people with financial assistance to include prescriptions, utility assistance, and ID recovery
- Served 1,709 children through our Emergency Christmas Store and our Back-to-School Program
- Served 2,020 people with showers and haircuts

YOUR MONTHLY \$10 GIFT COULD TURN INTO \$10,000 A MONTH IF WE ALL PARTICIPATED!

Be a CAM Champion

The **Big Give** is South Central Texas' 24-hour online day of online giving fueled by the power of generous donors, creative nonprofits, social media, collaboration, and you! CAM is participating in this year's Big Give SA campaign. Every dollar raised during the Big Give SA goes to helping those encountering a crisis situation. CAM not only wants you to participate in the Big Give by donating to CAM, but we want YOU to be our CAM Champion! We want you to champion the mission of CAM by sharing the love of Christ. Promote our message and mission to your friends, family, coworkers, church, etc. Let all of the San Antonio community know that CAM is trying to raise money during the Big Give SA to help our precious clients get back on their feet. Don't forget to follow CAM on social media and share our Big Give journey to your social media family!



DONATE NOW AT [QUESTIONS ABOUT BIG GIVE? CONTACT \[SKORY@CAM-SA.ORG\]\(mailto:SKORY@CAM-SA.ORG\)**](http://CAM-SA.ORG/DONATE!</p></div>
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CAM Fiesta Medal

This year's CAM Fiesta medal is a replica of the mural you will find in our children's waiting area. It is covered in a pretty garden with big flowers and butterflies, representing seeds of hope we plant in those we serve. Each year 14,000 children are served by CAM because their family needs help. Sometimes it is specific help for the child (i.e. a backpack, clothes, diapers, baby formula) and other times it is help for the family, like paying for a utility bill. Not only is the direct help vital but the help and hope given to the family has a profound impact on each child. You can help tell our story and plant seeds of hope by purchasing your CAM Fiesta Medal for \$10 and wear it this spring or even year round! Feel free to go online and order one by making a \$10 donation and list it as a Fiesta Medal with your address, or call us at (210) 223-4099 or email skory@cam-sa.org. We will begin mailing them out by the end of March!





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A LISTENING EAR CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Sheila is 63 years old. She arrived at CAM wearing a t-shirt proclaiming "Proud Mom of 2019 graduate of Sam Houston High School." Sheila reared her three children as a single mom and told the CAM interviewer: "I thought I was over the finish line when my 'baby' graduated." Subsequently, her oldest son was killed, leaving a wife and three young children. The wife "went off the rails," according to Sheila, abusing drugs and landing in prison. Initially her grandchildren stayed with maternal grandparents, but that proved "an unstable situation." Sheila felt she had to step in. Caring for three young children has extended Sheila's resources, and she arrived at CAM desperate for food and diapers. In the San Antonio community, many grandparents are raising small children. On Social Security or limited pensions, these grandparents are financially stressed. CAM's ongoing assistance with food and clothing, plus special assistance with Back to School or Christmas gifts, is big help to such families. CAM is a place of grace and we welcome anyone and everyone from all walks of life. When people come to CAM, they don't expect to receive a listening ear, as often times that's one of their greatest needs. Yes, they need basic necessities such as food and clothing, but when they find that one of our staff or volunteers are ready and willing to listen to them and welcome them with open arms, often times that, in and of itself, makes all the difference.



Do You Love Clothes?

CAM needs several regular volunteers who would love to sort and display the free donated clothing in our women's clothing area! It's just like a store.

Contact our Volunteer Director to learn about a variety of weekly or one time volunteer opportunities.



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Donate Intentionally

- Sort through all of your donations first and separate by men's, women's, and children's items
- Label all of the bags/boxes you bring to CAM

Help us get necessary items into the hands of those that need it most in an efficient manner!

A special thanks to just a few of the amazing organizations and businesses that helped CAM accomplish serving over 60,000 people in 2019. Check out a full list of our community partners at www.cam-sa.org/community-partners.

- **Joeris Construction** donated expertise and staff to manage our renovations/repairs
- **Baptist Health Foundation** awarded us \$75,000 to serve our clients
- **HEB** was the Lead Sponsor at the Queso Melt-down
- **FIVE STAR Cleaners** provided coats for clients
- **City of San Antonio** purchased a mobile shower unit & helped CAM establish the shower program!

President/CEO's Corner

The year 2020 ushers in a new decade and with the numbers 2020 it seems to give us hope that there is an opportunity for clarity and intention. Part of that is looking back, and as we do, we are amazed at the obstacles and opportunities presented to us and how God provided. Furthermore, we are so grateful that His provision was through the ongoing volunteers, churches and special emergency help provided by community leaders, local businesses and individuals. Last year we completed a profound warehouse renovation thanks to the incredible gift from Harvey Najim; we started a shower program for the homeless thanks to the leadership of the City of San Antonio and Councilman Trevino; we addressed a serious roof and ceiling situation thanks to a gift from the Hurd Foundation and Joeris Construction. We were even able to keep serving clients with our building under construction, outside, thanks to incredible staff and volunteers. We are grateful! God is good and we look forward to seeing what 2020 has for CAM and those we serve!



Dawn White-Fosdick

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 60,000 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.