

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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*"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*

## HOW FAR DOES COMPASSION REACH?

*Sometimes, we don't fully realize how far compassion can reach.*

Recently, a man named Chris came to Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) seeking help after arriving in San Antonio from Florida. He had come here for a job and to join family. Unfortunately things had not worked out. He shared that he had been following CAM on social media after seeing the story about the young girl found on our campus. Watching the response of our staff — the care, urgency, kindness, and dignity shown in that difficult moment and it stayed with him. Chris, told us he had once worked as a security guard in New York and Florida, including at a homeless shelter. But life circumstances changed, and for the first time in his life, he now needed help.



*What moved us most was why he chose to come to CAM.*

He said he came because he saw the heart behind our work. Before he ever walked through our doors, he believed this was a place where he would be treated with compassion and respect. At CAM, every conversation matters. Every act of kindness matters. Every family we welcome, every person we serve, and every moment we choose dignity and compassion becomes part of a larger story of hope. We were able to provide food, guidance and help to find a temporary job along with the encouragement to move forward. Because of supporters like you, people facing crisis can find more than assistance — they can find humanity, encouragement, and the reminder that they are not alone.

*So, what happened to Chris?*

That very day we were able to meet his most immediate needs of food, clothing, transportation, and help to get a Texas ID (vital for a job). We were also able to provide him with a temporary resource linked to short term shelter, job placement and stabilization. More importantly we gave him the hope and encouragement needed to move forward.



October 1, 2026  
The Ralston @ San Antonio Zoo  
6:00pm - 9:00pm

## UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

We call CAM the emergency room of social services. Like an emergency room, we open our doors not knowing who might need help. We set ourselves up with a lot of knowledge about what people may need—young, old, short term crisis, mentally ill, physically ill, housed, unhoused and even children. We have a lot of things we can do and we make it easy for people to access this help who may find it hard to even get here.

Our other important service is to listen to a client's need and to be available to problem solve when we can't even imagine what the problem might be. There is no program for this. Someone called us last week and shared that a woman (Angie) was stuck at a restaurant in town just sitting out front in a mobile/electronic wheel chair. The person who called said she saw her there for hours and finally asked what was wrong. She shared that her battery that plugs into the wheel chair had broken and now it had quit moving.



She was alone, struggling to make it and had no way to get the battery replaced. CAM staff helped her access the company that the wheel chair was purchased from, and was able to bring her the battery. In addition to this help, we provided her much needed adult diapers and other resources. I would love to tell you that all of her problems have been resolved but they haven't; however, we did meet a major emergent need by being available and saying yes immediately. We will continue to talk with and work on Angie's case; today we were able to get her moving.



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## CEO'S CORNER

## We Need Your Help

As we move through 2026, CAM continues to see growing needs across our community. Requests for food, clothing, and emergency assistance remain high, while housing shortages and financial pressures are causing more individuals and families to face homelessness for the first time. Last year, CAM provided temporary hotel stays for families while they waited for shelter openings or housing opportunities. This spring, that need began to rise again. We have welcomed families living in their cars or on the streets, and even partner agencies have reached out for assistance because their shelters are full.

We have seen many other local organizations impacted by cuts in their budgets and programming that has been reduced. This creates more and more people being referred to CAM for help with food, clothing, help to keep their utilities on, transportation and financial help in order to address serious mental and physical illness.



**Dawn White-Fosdick**

### So far in 2026 ...

- CAM is serving **350 meals** each day for the unsheltered homeless
- Helped **40 families** to stay housed
- Over **5,000 families** have been helped with groceries for a total of **15,000 individuals**

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Even so, we continue to witness hope. Through a special financial gift, CAM has helped 40 families—including 82 adults and 54 children—remain housed during temporary financial crises. These families were able to catch up on payments, regain stability, and avoid homelessness. While these successes are encouraging, the need remains great. CAM relies on ongoing support to provide immediate assistance when people are in crisis.

It is an honor to serve thousands of our San Antonio neighbors alongside our churches, volunteers, community partners, foundations, and donors. As we enter the summer months, I hope you will consider making a financial gift to help CAM continue providing hope, stability, and emergency assistance to those who need it most.

*Thank you for your partnership and generosity.*

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 70,000 people annually. CAM helps working poor families, children, the elderly, homeless, veterans, etc. by providing food, clothing, and financial assistance to help people through a crisis or avoid a more serious crisis.