

Community Ministry *Newsletter*



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The Christian Service Center (CSC) was organized by the 16th and Vine Church of Christ in 1965. Oversight was transferred to the University Church of Christ eldership in 1968, and the program was housed in ACU-donated World War II Barracks on Mesquite Street.

The CSC moved to its current location on North 10th Street, in the former Woodlawn Church of Christ building, in 2017. The mission of the Center is to help meet our low-income neighbors' basic needs and to provide them with personal growth opportunities, all in the name of Jesus.



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Hillcrest's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive "packs the pulpit" with food that is divided between CSC and Christian Ministries of Abilene. Many of our members contribute to

Operation Blue Jeans, a program providing new school clothing for needy elementary and middle school-aged children.

Walk into the lobby of CSC and the first person you encounter is the receptionist, Roseann Martin, a Hillcrest member! Pat Bratcher and others interview clients, helping determine the best ways to assist them. Behind the scenes, more than 20 Hillcrest volunteers regularly stock shelves in the Food Pantry, organize donated children's toys, mend, sort, and place clothing on hangers for display, and ready household goods for distribution.



Top: Kathy Churchill and Lee Anna Ladyman volunteer in the CSC office. Above, left: Glenna Burrow assists a CSC client. Above, right: Olga Saldana and Nina Perez work in the CSC clothing room.

Serving on the Board of the Service Center are Hillcrest members Chip Whitlock, Stacey McGee, David

Lawrence, Glenna Burrow and Walt Worgull.

Interested in volunteering at the Christian Service Center? Contact Roberta Brown, Volunteer Coordinator (rbrown@cscabilene.org); Jack Hardcastle or any of the numerous Hillcrest members who volunteer there.