Our courtesy truck will collect your larger item donations to be sold in our thrift stores. To schedule a pick-up, please call our donation line at 512-943-0711. Please allow at least one week of advance notice when you call to schedule your pick-up.
Year in Review

Several highlights of the year listed below illustrate not only the need for our services, but also the great support we receive from our community. Due to generous donations, loyal customers and the giving of time and treasures, The Caring Place continues to meet the needs of this dynamic community. This support allowed us to assist 6,947 neighbors in need in 2017.

In 2017:

- **Second Helping**, our second thrift store location, opened in May at 3700 Williams Drive. The offerings of this shop focus on antiques, collectibles, jewelry, décor and unique items.

- Programs & Services moved to a remodeled space at 2001 Railroad Avenue, allowing for more privacy and a welcoming environment for our clients.

- We were voted the best place to Volunteer/Give in Georgetown for the 7th year in a row. We also received the Central Texas Food Bank (CTFB) Platinum Designation which reduces the cost of our purchases from CTFB.

- Our Food Pantry broke the record again for the most people served in a single month with over 2,500 neighbors receiving food in November.

- We served 971 new families and 2,446 new individuals in 2017.

- The Hunger Free Holidays Food Drive exceeded its goal and collected over 208,000 pounds of food for the Food Pantry in a 3 month period!

Who We Serve

We assist residents of Georgetown, Andice, Bartlett, Florence, Granger, Jarrell, Jonah, Schwertner, Walburg, Weir, and the portion of Hutto that lies within the Georgetown Independent School District.

**WHAT WE DO**

Help families in crisis by providing assistance with:

- Food
- Clothing
- Rent & Mortgage
- Prescriptions
- Utility Bills
- Certain Medical, Optical & Dental Procedures
- Case Management
- Emergency Temporary Shelter
- Basic Household Items
- Transportation
- Information and Referrals
- Alternative Loan Program

**EXPENSES**

- Cost of Programs & Services: 55%
- Store Operations: 35%
- Admin/Fundraising: 10%

**REVENUES**

- Store Sales: 68%
- Fundraising/Donations/Other: 7%
- Grants: 25%

*unaudited*
How You Helped in 2017
Through the generous support of our community, we:

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<td>Assisted 2,398 people with Rent/Mortgage</td>
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<td>Helped 2,616 people pay their utility bills</td>
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<td>Purchased food for our Food Pantry (numbers served below)</td>
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<td>Facilitated Emergency Transportation for 725 people</td>
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<td>Helped 86 individuals with emergency shelter</td>
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<td>Aided 2,157 people by providing HEB Holiday Meal Cards</td>
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<td>Special Programs assisted 246 people through Case Managed Programs</td>
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Total Resources Provided $2,518,247

*The total above does not include the value of distributed food through HOPE, Fresh Food for Families, Our Daily Bread, and coats received from Family Eldercare.

The Important Role of Our Volunteers
In 2017, 467 committed volunteers gave a total of 80,812 hours of service to The Caring Place. To illustrate the importance of volunteers, this is equivalent to 39 full-time employees, valued at $1,950,802. Community service volunteers also provided a total of 7,965 hours which is equivalent to an additional 4 employees. In addition, groups from various schools, churches, organizations and businesses in Williamson County donated their time and talent to help The Caring Place.

Volunteer recruitment continues to be a high priority in 2018. We have positions created by the growing number of people we serve and the additional thrift shop that opened. It’s exciting and heartwarming to volunteer in a place where you can learn and make positive contributions to your community with your time. To learn more about volunteer opportunities at The Caring Place, please contact the Community Engagement Office at 512-943-0702.

A Closer Look at Our Food Programs
During 2017, The Caring Place distributed 1,080,388 pounds of food to area families through four food programs. Utilizing the conversion formula provided by the Central Texas Food Bank (CTFB) in Austin of 1.2 pounds of food equaling one meal, The Caring Place provided 900,323 meals to area families in 2017.

THE FOOD PANTRY: Individuals and families may receive a 10-day food supply once a month.

OUR DAILY BREAD: Day-old bread and pastries are donated daily from H-E-B and delivered by our dedicated volunteers.

FRESH FOOD FOR FAMILIES: Through our partnership with CTFB, fresh fruits and vegetables are provided to The Caring Place for distribution to area families on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of the month.

HOPE (Healthy Options Program for the Elderly): In partnership with CTFB, this program assists low income individuals age 55 and over with supplemental food once a month.

Where Our Funding Comes From
In 2017, $1,754,605 of our funding came from the sale of donated, gently used and new items in our thrift stores, which equals 68% of our total revenues received. The revenue generated from our thrift stores, The Shops at The Caring Place and Second Helping covers all of the operating costs of the organization. This ensures that 100% of all financial donations to The Caring Place go directly to help area families in need.
The Caring Place was formed in 1985 because of the work of 11 local churches coming together with a common cause under the unifying umbrella of the Georgetown Ministerial Alliance. Today, 38 churches and organizations collectively comprise our Membership Council:

- Celebration Church
- Christ Lutheran Church
- Christ Presbyterian Church
- Church of the Nazarene
- Congregation Havurah Shalom of Sun City
- Crestview Baptist Church
- Faith Lutheran Church
- First Baptist Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- First Texas Bank
- First United Methodist Church
- Georgetown Evening Lions Club
- Georgetown Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Grace Episcopal Church
- Hill Country Bible Church
- Hope United Church
- Jarrell United Methodist Church
- Kiwanis Club of Sun City
- Macedonia Baptist Church
- Main Street Baptist Church
- Round Rock Christian Church
- San Gabriel Presbyterian Church
- Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic Church
- San Gabriel Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
- Saving Grace Christian Bible Fellowship
- Sertoma Club
- Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church
- St. Helen Catholic Church
- St. John's United Methodist Church
- St. Paul United Methodist Church
- St. Peter Lutheran Church
- Terranova
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Unity Church of Georgetown
- Wellspring United Methodist Church
- The Worship Place
- Zion Lutheran Church

There are many ways you can help The Caring Place so we can do more great things together for our neighbors in need.

**Refer a Person In Need**

**Shop At Our Store**

**Share Your Time and Talent by Volunteering**

**Share Your Stuff**

You may drop off your gently used and unwanted items Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or call 512-943-0711 for a pick-up of your larger items.

**Share Your Treasure**

Make a financial contribution, 100% of which will be used to help our neighbors in need.

**Share In Our Future**

Consider a gift of cash, stocks and securities, or other financial instruments through your will or estate. We can arrange for a certified financial planner to visit with you at no cost or obligation.

**However you choose to help.... Thank you!!!**

We couldn't do it without YOU.

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**Vision Statement**

The Caring Place is a local, faith-based non-profit organization that addresses the basic human needs of people within its service area, and collaborates with community partners to improve the quality of life of every client.

**Mission Statement**

Honoring its faith-based roots, The Caring Place serves the community as a welcoming and purposeful organization, responding to the basic human needs of people in Georgetown and rural Williamson County.