

Let us introduce you to  
"Shopping for Good"  
this summer!

Donating gently used  
items is the first step,  
buying them is the  
next one.

*Let's do some "Shopping for Good" at The Caring Place!*

spring and summer fashions - jewelry - home accessories - collectibles  
decor - garden and outdoors - gifts - clothing - wall art - furniture  
vintage - antiques - books - puzzles - games

*The Mission of The Caring Place is to provide for the basic human needs of all people in our community in a welcoming, respectful and caring way.  
Our Vision is to be the leader in stewardship and service in Texas.*



Georgetown  
Health  
Foundation

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FOUNDATION

#### Hours & Locations

**Programs & Services**  
2001 Railroad Avenue  
Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Open Thursdays until 6:00 p.m.

#### The Shops at The Caring Place

**Thrift Store**  
2000 Railroad Avenue  
Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Open Thursdays until 7:00 p.m.

#### Donation Drop-Off Area

Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### Second Helping

**Thrift Store**  
3700 Williams Drive, Georgetown

Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
(NO DROP-OFF donations accepted at this location)

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Helping neighbors in need since 1985  
**The Caring Place**



*Thank you for caring  
for our community!*

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## A Birthday Worth Celebrating

Mable just turned 82. She proudly tells people when it is her birthday now, but that isn't how it has always been. She fondly told us a story about how she was a housekeeper for a doctor's family for 40 years and the little girls in the family would beg to know her age. And she'd tease them, but never tell.

What caused this change in attitude? Why is Mable suddenly excited to be alive at 82? Her pleasant demeanor doesn't give away that she is a cancer survivor. Her cancer diagnosis is the reason we first met kind-hearted Mable 5 years ago. People come to The Caring Place when a crisis pops up. Like cancer, a crisis often happens unexpectedly. When Mable first discovered The Caring Place, she received vouchers, so that she could buy gas for transportation to her important chemo appointments. She also utilized the Food Pantry and the HOPE program. Mable is a savvy lady, recognizing that if she received food from The Caring Place, she could afford her car insurance. Reallocating her budget was critical. And, when dealing with cancer and doctor appointments, a car is certainly a priority. Mable is now cancer-free and proud to be alive!

Mable is ready to take the next step. What is the next step

when you are 82 and have a new lease on life? We asked Mable what her goals were. She expressed she'd like to stay healthy because she enjoys caring for her 4 year old great grandson a couple of days a week. She also wants to live independently, which she has been unable to do since her health scare a few years ago. She happily talked about cooking for her family and cooking for the holidays. So, why does Mable want to leave her family's home?

Mable shared how much she loves sports! She was wearing a Dallas Cowboys lanyard around her neck as we spoke. Mable shared with a shy smile that she played basketball in school and didn't want to brag, but was pretty good. What does sweet Mable's love of sports have to do with independence? She said no one likes to watch football like she does. So, we joked, "You want more independence, so you have control over what's on the TV?" We all got a good chuckle out of that. The reality is, Mable has a great attitude, is healthy and able to drive independently around town. She wants to live a full life. That's why Mable joined SIP at The Caring Place. Our Senior Independence Program can help her navigate questions she might



Mable Binder

have, problems that may arise, and we can share resources that will help her reach her goals of living her life independently and healthily.

Mable's Case Manager at The Caring Place also pointed out that Mable has a heart for people. She adores her family, but she also visits with neighbors in her church, as well as in the retirement center she once worked. It's heart-warming to know that someone who has spent a lifetime caring for others is still blessing people and wants to continue to do so. We are so glad Mable found The Caring Place in a time of crisis, and we look forward to helping her reach new goals as she begins a new, healthy chapter.





## The Caring Place 2018 Awards

### The Doris Krohmer Memorial Service Award

Doris Krohmer was a volunteer leader who demonstrated empathy and compassion. The award recognizes volunteers who consistently exceed expectations and embody the spirit of the dedicated and giving person for whom the award is named. 2018 award recipients are Frank Espinosa, Moe Gonzales and Betty Miller.

### The Caring Heart Award

The Caring Heart Award recognizes demonstrated excellence that exceeded a client's, customer's or peer's expectations. 2018 award recipients are Julie Greer, Jan Love, Rosemary Mesa and Rhonda Wilson.

In 2018, 483 volunteers gave 80,215 hours of time to The Caring Place. While the value of those hours is estimated to be worth \$1,980,508, we think our volunteers are priceless!



Moe Gonzales and Jan Love



Rosemary Mesa with Ginna O'Connor



Betty Miller



Frank Espinosa with Ginna O'Connor



Julie Greer



Rhonda Wilson with Ginna O'Connor

## A Word from Board President, Dr. Stephen Benold

Dear Friends of The Caring Place,

It continues to amaze me how something new always seems to be happening at The Caring Place. Recently, the board has spent time working on our mission statement, our vision statement and on our values. These are just pretty words on a page unless they are used to guide the daily activities of an organization. We intend for these values to be the standard of work and service of both our staff and our volunteers. Let's start learning our mission now: *To provide for the basic human needs of all people in our community in a welcoming, respectful and caring way.*

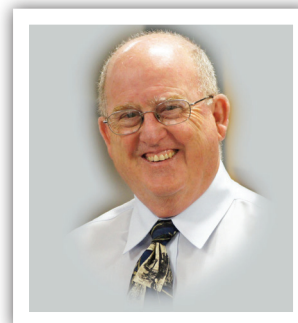
Next, I wanted to update you about our Food Pantry. The Caring Place Food Pantry is a central part of The Caring Place, and its work has grown significantly in the last few years, but the space has not. We plan to enlarge the Food Pantry by utilizing space that was previously occupied by Programs & Services. As a gift to The Caring Place, Steve Richmond Fine Homes is doing this work at cost. The Food Pantry may be closed for a few days this month, but our new enlarged pantry will be back in service ready to serve our neighbors before you know it. When shopping or volunteering, please come by and see the new facilities.

Lastly, a group of volunteers, staff and board members have started work with The Williamson County Institute for Excellence in Nonprofits to strive to make The Caring Place even better in regard to serving our clients, working with our donations and stores and being good stewards of the financial gifts from all of you.

Thank you for being part of our history and our future as we continue to work toward making The Caring Place the leader in stewardship and service in Texas.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen Benold



Dr. Stephen Benold  
The Caring Place Board President

## News & Events

### Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive - May 11



On Saturday, May 11th you can participate in one of the easiest Food Drives around. The National Association of Letter Carriers is coming to your neighborhood soon and all food collected in Georgetown will come to The Caring Place! Simply leave a sturdy bag filled with nonperishable food beside your mailbox by 9:00 a.m. on May 11th. America's letter carriers see the needs of the communities they work in first hand. Let's join them in their quest to Stamp Out Hunger in our community!

### Chat & Chew - May 15 and July 26

Have a friend who's new in town? Or, maybe you know someone who has never heard of The Caring Place? Join us for Chat & Chew, an educational luncheon to share our impact, our mission, and our heart. RSVP with Rita Turner at 512-943-0702 or email her at [rturner@caringplacetx.org](mailto:rturner@caringplacetx.org) for more information.



### Deep in the Heart of Caring - October 5th

Our Annual Signature Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 5th, 2019 at Schwertner Ranch Event Center. Enjoy our live and silent auctions, dinner, music, and dancing under the stars as we share our mission. Please consider sponsoring or attending this event to acknowledge your support for the work we do. Call Rita Turner at 512-943-0702 or visit us at [www.caringplacetx.org/deepintheheart](http://www.caringplacetx.org/deepintheheart) for more information.

### Jackets 4 Georgetown

The Caring Place has changed the name of our coat distribution program for kids! This name better reflects the area we serve for both distribution and collection. We will collect all sizes and types of coats, gloves and hats September 23rd through October 12th. Then, income eligible families may come to The Caring Place October 14th through 25th to receive coats for their children. Be on the look out for this important program this fall.



### Amplify Austin Was a Success!

Due to remarkable community participation, generous Board Members providing a match and St. David's Foundation further boosting those gifts, Amplify Austin 2019 was our most successful Amplify event to date. This day of giving has proven to be one of the best times to give due to marketing power and the support of our grant partner, St. David's Foundation. Thank you to those of you who participated this year. At the end of the day, we raised over \$50,000 for The Caring Place!

I Live Here  
I Give Here®

Amplify Austin



### 2018 Awards & Designations

The Caring Place is honored once again to be the recipient of Georgetown's Best Place to Volunteer/Give. The organization also obtained the Central Texas Food Bank's Platinum designation.

