



# Fall 2018

at The Caring Place

## Empowerment at The Caring Place

Empowerment is a big word and, it should be. It is the cornerstone of case management or 'service partnerships.' We introduced a new service partnership in April for neighbors 65 and older. We call it SIP – Senior Independence Program. We partner with neighbors when their basic needs are not being met over time, impacting their quality of life. The partnership is rich in engaged sharing, learning, testing new resources, planning for future needs, collaborating with local service providers and advocating for oneself and others. We wanted to share with you a story of how a neighbor was recently empowered through SIP!

In April, Raymond Taylor entered the doors of The Caring Place. He came with a sense of urgency and a great many needs both health and material. His walk was unstable and his voice was a mere whisper due to his heart condition and the many medications he was taking. Mr. Taylor explained that he'd been living with a relative in Temple as he recovered from triple bypass surgery. He only recently relocated to his hometown of Bartlett where he is renting a home from a relative. Mr. Taylor's presenting need was to get his utilities in his own name so he could resume participation in the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program

(CEAP), a state benefit program. The program provides six to eight months of utility assistance to income eligible households. Mr. Taylor was preparing for summer utilities. He further explained, "I need a refrigerator, a stove, a washer, a dryer and I want to get my house painted." Seeing the effort it took for Mr. Taylor to make a 48 mile round trip to reach out for help showed tremendous determination. He simply needed some support to move forward.

The business model of The Caring Place allows clients to benefit directly from some amazing donations through our supportive community. In this case, Mr. Taylor had to wait a couple of weeks for a standard refrigerator, however he immediately took home a mini fridge as an interim solution to store his medications and a small amount of food. It took many weeks to receive a stove, but our staff at The Caring Place had Mr. Taylor's name on it the moment the donation came in. Mr. Taylor will attest that The Caring Place has a strong team of diverse staff working hard together on the mission to respond to the basic human needs of our clients.



Raymond Taylor

Over the course of two and a half months, Mr. Taylor has provided numerous documents and spent countless hours calling other agencies for additional assistance with his case manager. He encourages others in need to seek The Caring Place and has been a beacon of light, hope and ambition to all who meet him. This is empowerment: the sense of confidence that one has the power to navigate life especially during turbulent times.

## Deep in the Heart of Caring

Hundreds of guests came out to support Deep in the Heart of Caring on Saturday, October 13th. The event headlined Country Music Award Winner, T.G. Sheppard, a tasty country dinner, and live and silent auctions at Schwertner Ranch Event Center. Guest speaker Jennifer Tate also shared her testimony about how the assistance she has received from The Caring Place has impacted her life.



Guest Speaker Jennifer Tate



## New Board Members at The Caring Place Announced

The Caring Place is happy to welcome five new members to our Board of Directors for 2018-19. Dayne Carlson, Gwen DiCapo, Patricia Khoury, Susan Richmond and Rhonda Wilson were elected to the Board during The Caring Place Annual Meeting on June 25, 2018. All of our new Board members were elected to serve a three-year term.

We deeply appreciate the faithful leadership and support of our outgoing Board members: Brian Burkhart, Gary DeRemer, Lenora Doerfler, Linda Gusnowski and Jim Wayland. Finally, we want to give special thanks to the 2018 Nominating Committee, chaired by Stephen Benold, with Holly Stevens, Roxane Dahl, Matt Manis and Debbie Newcombe.



**Back row, left to right:** Gwen DiCapo, Susan Richmond, Stephen Schlobohm, Hugh Brown, Dayne Carlson, Rhonda Wilson, Frank Espinosa, Patricia Khoury **Front row, left to right:** Sheron Scurlock, Holly Stevens, Stephen Benold, Ken Poteete, Paul Jordan **Not pictured:** Todd Holubec, Harriett Jones

## Additional Assistance Planned for the Holidays

The Caring Place is preparing to offer additional assistance to our neighbors through Coats for Kids and the Food Pantry this holiday season.

Our Coats for Kids program, which provides coats for income eligible families with children up to age 18, will run from November 12th through November 30th, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday,

and until 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Coats will be vouchered from our wonderful selection at The Shops at The Caring Place. Donations of new and gently used coats, of any size, are greatly appreciated!

Thanks to the incredible support we receive from the community, we are able to provide a 10-day supply of nutritious food each month for families through our Food Pantry program. During

the month of December, neighbors will receive a few additional food items.

For more information about either of these programs, please call our Programs and Services Department at 512-943-0700 or visit our website at [www.caringplacetx.org](http://www.caringplacetx.org).



## News & Events

### Hunger-Free Holidays - October 1 to December 31

Did you know 1 in 5 children in Williamson County are food insecure? In August this year, The Caring Place Food Pantry saw the most people ever assisted in one month – 2,562 individuals! Help us restock our pantry during the holidays through our **Hunger-Free Holidays Food Drive**. Our goal is to collect 225,000 pounds by the end of the year. You can help area families by donating non-perishable food or by conducting a food drive in your community, neighborhood, business or organization.



### Sweets, Treats & Trees - November 8

Our biggest holiday shopping event of the year is almost here! Join us at 2000 Railroad Avenue from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 8th. On this night, our store reveals a holiday wonderland that is sure to put you in a festive mood. You can shop 'til you drop through aisles and aisles of holiday clothes, dishes, jewelry, decor, art, gifts and more! Let's do some "Shopping for Good" this holiday season. You can do it right here!

### Amplify Austin Day - February 28 & March 1

We are already gearing up for a fantastic 24 hours of giving on Amplify Austin Day in 2019! Beginning February 28th at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. March 1st, we will be participating in this day of giving. Be sure to follow us on Facebook before Amplify Austin Day to learn how you can help amplify The Caring Place right here in Georgetown.



### The Caring Place 2017 Volunteer 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. 2017 award recipients are Gerry Carolan, Bill Freitag, Ken Stelzer and Sharron Williams.



#### The Caring Heart Award

The Caring Heart Award recognizes demonstrated excellence that exceeded a client's, customer's or peer's expectations. 2017 award recipients are Dwight and Carol Brinkmann, Isaac Lopez, Gabrielle Madison and Cathy Slobod.

In 2017, 467 volunteers gave over 80,000 hours of time to The Caring Place. "Our volunteers are the heart of the organization. We couldn't do the work we do without them." says Executive Director, Ginna O'Connor.



You are  
Invited  
to...

the 11th Annual

# Sweets, Treats & Trees



♥ When?

Thursday,  
November 8th  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

♥ Where?

The Shops at The Caring Place  
2000 Railroad Avenue  
Georgetown, Texas

## Things to know...

November 7th

November 8th

The Shops at The Caring Place Closes at Noon

Store reopens from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. for event

Admission: non-perishable food item or monetary donation

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

tree decorations - holiday home accessories - collectibles - wrapping paper & cards - lights - gifts  
holiday clothing - art - holiday decor - live music - cookies - door prizes

### 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.



Georgetown  
Health  
Foundation



**www.caringplacetx.org**  
**512.943.0700**

(NO DROP-OFF donations accepted at this location)  
Monday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
3700 Williams Drive, Georgetown

### Second Helping Thrift Store

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

### Donation Drop-Off Area

Monday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Open Thursdays until 7:00 p.m.

### The Shops at The Caring Place Thrift Store

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Open Thursdays until 6:00 p.m.  
2001 Railroad Avenue  
2000 Railroad Avenue

### Programs & Services

### Hours & Locations

PO BOX 1215  
GEORGETOWN, TX 78627-1215

Helping neighbors in need since 1985

**The Caring Place**



*Thank you for your continued  
support to make a difference in  
our community!*

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