



Kayla

Xavi



Mom Teaches Son The Value of Volunteering at The Caring Place!

Kayla and 9 year-old Xavier ("Xavi") showed up at 7:45 a.m., not knowing what to expect but ready to work. Kayla had learned about volunteer opportunities at The Caring Place from her neighbors Tom and Luci Whorton who are regular volunteers.

"I had been looking for an opportunity to serve and to teach my son how important it is to give back," Kayla, a homeschool mom said.

Kayla was raised by parents who taught her the importance of caring for those in need. Although her dad owned coal mines and provided amply for his family, he was always ready to give coal to families who could not afford to buy it.

"My dad always said, 'You can give money but that's not enough. It's more important to give your time to help others.'"

By volunteering at The Caring Place, Kayla is not only teaching her son—whom The Caring Place volunteers named "Tater Tot"—the value of work, she is also showing him that he can use his talents to uplift others in need. "I can have him give his extra toys to children in need. But by volunteering at The Caring Place today, he got to see how his time helps real children and adults." Isn't that the story of The Caring Place? People giving of their time, talent and treasure to help their neighbors in need.

We appreciate all of our volunteers,

new and long-term. Thank you for all that you do to help families in crisis!

If you are interested in volunteering at The Caring Place, we welcome you! Please visit the volunteer page on our website, www.caringplacetc.org, or contact Rita Turner at 512-943-0702 or rturner@caringsplacetc.org for more information.

If you would like to volunteer at

**FRESH FOODS
FOR FAMILIES**

just show up at 7:45 a.m. on the 1st, 3rd or 5th Monday of each month.

Count The Ways!

Here are some of the ways your contributions are helping our neighbors in need



A CLIENT'S STORY: *Diana Allison*

When Diana Allison worked, she made a fair wage, could buy groceries and pay rent. She even had decent medical and dental insurance. But when she hurt her back in 2006, she had to retire early and has subsisted on the \$750 a month she receives from Social Security. After having been self-sufficient all her life, her physical and emotional health began to deteriorate and for the past nine years, she has had to rely on the help of others, including The Caring Place.

"It's very embarrassing. I've never not taken care of myself before. You feel like you're not as good a person as you once were," Diana says.

While Diana longs for the days when she was self-sufficient, she says that if The Caring Place hadn't helped her, she doesn't think she'd be here today.

"The Caring Place asked me what I needed and has helped me with food, clothing and assistance with my prescription expenses. The people are so loving."

Today, Diana faces another obstacle. Because of ongoing dental problems and not being able to afford regular dental exams and cleanings, she is plagued by oral disease which causes unrelenting mouth pain. "I don't think

people realize how oral disease can be just as bad as any other disease. My teeth hurt all the time and it makes my body feel sick." Diana covers her mouth when she smiles to hide the missing teeth.

While The Caring Place has been able to help Diana obtain extractions of the most painful teeth, Diana is 10th on the waiting list for dentures.*

*** The Caring Place helps eligible clients obtain dentures when funding is available. Currently, there are 23 clients on the waiting list. Would you please consider donating to help people on the dental waiting list?**



FOOD PANTRY

The Caring Place Food Pantry provides a 7-day emergency food supply to qualifying families in need. From January – September 2015, we distributed food to 5,740 families. This is a 11% increase compared to the 5,153 families we served during the same period in 2014. **The number of families who need our services continues to rise.**

We can do so much more with your help. Every contribution matters as we work every day to ensure that families in need of basic human services get the help they need. Together, we can continue doing more great things. Thank you!

"My husband lost his job and we're living on \$900 a month. The Caring Place has been so helpful to me and the kids. They've given us food while we're waiting to see if we can get SNAP. I really appreciate y'all."

~ Anonymous Client



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Wag-A-Bag

The second annual Deep In The Heart of Caring fundraising event at Schwertner Ranch Event Center was a night overflowing with joyful sights and sounds. We had a blast watching our boot-stomping pardners cuttin' a rug to the tunes of Country Western music great Rick Trevino, and listening to the fast-paced chants by none other than Jimmy Doerfler, our distinguished Deep In The Heart of Caring bid-caller. "Did I hear a hundred fifteen? ... Gimme one-fifteen, okay, I've got one-twenty."

Emceed by our long-time supporter, Dan Gattis, the live auction was a sight to behold. And the "Little dogies" sure did get along as real cowboys coaxed them in the live cattle round-up.

Deep In The Heart of Caring was a night of great fun. It was also a night of tremendous generosity as our supporters and friends contributed their treasure by making direct donations and auction bids.

We are so thankful for your ongoing support of The Caring Place. Your commitment allows us to continue helping families in financial crisis.

For those who missed out on the fun this year, we sure do hope you'll come and sit a spell with us next year!



The Caring Place events are successful because of its hard-working and dedicated volunteers. We thank you all for your selfless time, expertise and support. You helped make Deep in the Heart of Caring a huge success. Awesome job!

DEEP IN THE HEART OF CARING COMMITTEE

Sherri Madden

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HOLIDAY MEAL ASSISTANCE

Your donations enable us to provide H-E-B gift cards to families in need. The gift card allows families to purchase food items according to their own tastes and traditions. Thank you for your investment in the people of our community. Together we can meet the basic needs of more of our neighbors.

Distribution Dates For Coats for Kids and Holiday Meal Assistance:

Monday-Friday

November 9 – December 4

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For people who are unable to come in during those hours, we provide assistance on Thursday evenings, November 12, 19, & December 3, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Assistance will not be available during Thanksgiving Week, November 23 – November 27.

Happy

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



COATS FOR KIDS

Because of you, we were able to provide 1,746 coats to keep children warm last year.

Won't you, please, help us again this year?

\$20 Buys a new coat
\$100 Buys 5 new coats

**You can donate online at*
www.caringplacetx.org

or mail to
The Caring Place
P.O. Box 1215
Georgetown, Texas
78627

**Please indicate*
"Coats for Kids" with
your donation.
Thank You!



8th Annual Sweets, Treats, and Trees Event

Thursday, November 12, 2015

The Christmas Sale Everyone Waits All Year For!



Paux Christmas Trees!!
Tree Ornaments!
Collectibles! And More!

Excitement is building for the Eighth Annual Sweets, Treats and Trees event held at *The Shops at The Caring Place* from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

This is Cathy Slobod's fourth year of involvement on a team of about six lead decorators who transform the store into a winter wonderland. "It is truly a team effort," Cathy emphasizes. "We have numerous volunteers who help us because of the sheer volume of merchandise!" In addition to the regular volunteers of The Caring Place, a team from Dell Computers comes in to help setup.

Plan now to attend. Invite your friends and neighbors, and bring non-perishables for the Food Pantry.

Thank you to everyone who donates holiday items to sell in *The Shops at The Caring Place*. We also thank all of our volunteers who work so hard throughout the year. The effort you put into helping families in financial crisis is amazing!

Hunger Free Holidays

FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to helping us provide food to families in need during the holidays and beyond. Last year, thanks to you, we received over 184,000 pounds of food during our Hunger Free Holidays Food Drive.

This year, our goal is to collect 250,000 pounds of food between October 1 and December 31, 2015. With your help, we can do it!

THE WHAT: Collect 250,000 pounds of food from October 1 – December 31.

THE HOW: Food drives conducted by individuals, groups and businesses

THE WHO: YOU!

Every pound gets us closer to our goal!

Your non-perishable food donations help us to feed families during the holidays and beyond. You can help by coordinating a food drive at your place of work, worship or in your neighborhood. For further information, please contact David Earl at 512-943-0710 or dearl@caringplacetx.org.

A few words from H-E-B

“We contribute to The Caring Place because they make a visible and positive difference. Like H-E-B, The Caring Place makes daily efforts to share time and resources assisting the communities they serve. The Caring Place believes in the importance of taking care of people.” Michelle Krzywonski, H-E-B Unit Director, Georgetown 2, Corp. 487



Helping Here.

Trends in Client Services

In the first 8 months of 2015 we have served 1,580 families, compared to 1,485 families in the same period in 2014.

“I guess you would call me ‘Working Poor.’ Just can’t ever seem to get ahead. Then I got sick and couldn’t work. My car died. Without help from The Caring Place I would have been evicted. With the hand up from The Caring Place, now I feel cared for and have hope. I am back at work and things are starting to stabilize. Thank you for everything!”

~ Anonymous Client

Thank you to the following contributors to this newsletter:

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An Exciting New Partnership: **Workers2Work**

The Caring Place and Workers2Work, a nonprofit organization based in Austin, have recently partnered to provide reliable, affordable transportation to eligible clients. The Caring Place will identify families who need transportation to help them become self-sufficient, and Workers2Work will lend them a used vehicle for up to three years.

"As this community continues to experience explosive growth, it is becoming more challenging for some families to get to work," says Ginna O'Connor, Executive Director of The Caring Place. "This wonderful partnership will help address that problem for some of our families who are doing everything they can to achieve self-sufficiency."

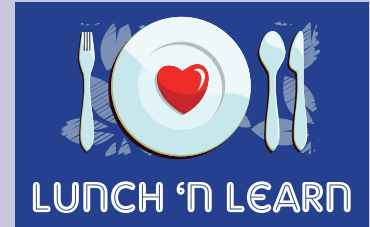
Workers2Work can help more people with transportation with every car donation they receive. "Donating your car to be used by this partnership will allow it go to a needy person in Georgetown," says Ellis Oglesby, Workers2Work founder. "We look after the recipient and the car to make sure they have insurance, change their oil and that they don't fall prey to predatory loans."

If you have a car that you would like to donate to help a needy person in the community, please contact Workers2Work founder, Reverend Ellis Oglesby at ellis@workers2work.com. What you're giving is not just a car but access to the community and a better quality of life. If you need a car, please visit the Workers2Work website at www.workers2work.org/how-do-i-get-a-car/.



Right: Eliana Carrillo and Enrique Palmillas posing in front of their "new" car.
Left: Nella Buffmire, Client Services.

"The car has been great. I feel truly blessed that I will have a way to get to work and be able to fit all my family in. It's a great relief to know there is no huge payment but \$100 a month for saving towards my own car." **Eliana Carrillo**



People often ask us about what goes on beyond the walls of our thrift store. The Caring Place is a complex organization and our visitors are always astonished when they get a glimpse of our faithful volunteers and staff at work. We encourage you or your group to attend one of our next **Lunch 'n Learns** to learn more about us! Pre-registration is required. Our next Lunch 'n Learn dates are November 4th and December 3rd, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please contact our Community Engagement department at 512-943-0702.



AMPLIFY AUSTIN

Mark your calendar for the 2016 Amplify Austin **"I Live Here, I Give Here"** Campaign.

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 through 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Amplify Austin is the annual community-wide day of online giving. The 24-hour period provides an easy and fun way for our entire community to give together while helping hundreds of nonprofits including The Caring Place.

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Message From The Board President

Dear Friend,

As I began to write this letter, three thoughts came to mind: 1) time sure has flown by! 2) We have been able to assist a growing number of people in financial crisis in our community, and 3) We are blessed to have the support some of the most caring, generous and humble people I know.

It is the latter thought; the generosity and humility of our supporters—that makes me feel so thankful and hopeful about continuing our work in a community that is growing more rapidly than ever.

This month marks the closure of two gratifying years as President of the Board of Directors for The Caring Place. Through this time, I have seen you lending a helping hand and asking nothing in return except that we use your gifts and talents to help our fellow men, women and children in need. Please know that we have done just that.

I hope that as you read this newsletter, especially the story about our client Diana Allison on page 2, you will be encouraged by the work we do together —the work you allow us to do—to help those in our community who need assistance with rent, utilities, food, clothing, medical expenses and other basic resources during their time of financial crisis.

I also hope that you will join me at this year's Sweets, Treats and Trees Event on November 12th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. (please see page 4 for more information). It's a fun night that our community waits all year for and an opportunity to pick up some fabulous holiday decorations at great prices in *The Shops at The Caring Place*. We will also have door prizes and a spread of yummy sweets for you to sample. There is no entry fee and your purchases benefit our work to assist families out of financial crisis.

Thank you for your continued support of The Caring Place; I hope to see you next month! I am honored to know you and am inspired and humbled by you.

God's Blessings,

Lenora Doefler

Board President, 2014-2015



Who is a “Good Neighbor”?

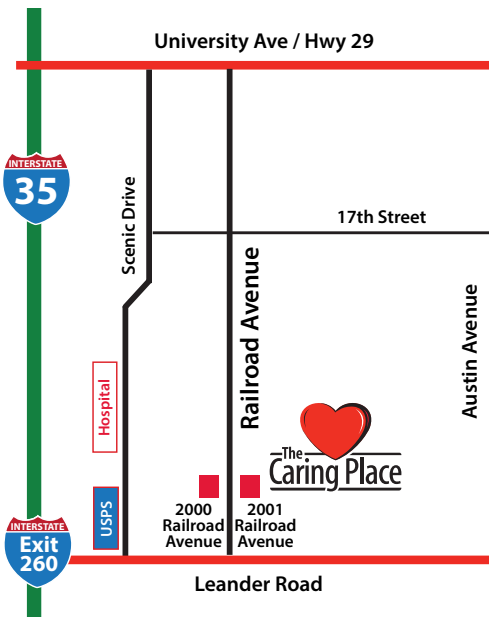
The Good Neighbor Fund, established by the Georgetown City Council, assists families in financial crisis with their utility bills. Georgetown Utility Systems collects the monies, while The Caring Place screens families to determine eligibility for assistance. Adding \$1.00 or more per month to your utility payment is an easy, tax-deductible way to help needy families.

City of Georgetown utility customers can make a monthly pledge online to The Good Neighbor Fund or change that pledge at any time at <http://gus.georgetown.org/gnf/>.

Call Georgetown Utilities Customer Care at (512) 930-3640, or email customercare@georgetown.org for details.

Please place this notice with your bills as a reminder to donate to the Good Neighbor Fund! Thank you!





Our courtesy truck will pick up your larger item donations to be sold in *The Shops at The Caring Place*. To schedule a pick-up, please call our donation line at 512-943-0711 and leave a message for our Donations Coordinator. Your call will be returned within 24 hours. **Please allow at least one week of advance notice when you call to schedule your pick-up.**

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.



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