



communitystorehouse



2021

Annual Report

"DEDICATED TO THE EDUCATION AND WELL-BEING OF LOW-INCOME CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY."

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Christian Community Storehouse is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization with a 39+ year history of aiding underserved children and their families in the communities in the North Tarrant area and beyond.

In 1982, two ladies, June Samsill and Dorothy Plaster, along with several local churches, recognized the need of families struggling with the day-to-day necessities of life. With a desire to provide for these families' needs, they elicited support for assistance from the community. The word spread, and the donations for these families came pouring in. Seeing the need for a location to distribute the donations, the city of Keller jumped on board and donated space at the old city water building, and the Community Storehouse was established.

Community Storehouse serves families and their children in the Keller, Carroll, Argyle, and Northwest Independent School Districts. The areas served extend to over 340 square miles spread over three counties and include at least twenty-three cities.

Today, the expanded services of Community Storehouse include food, clothing, and hygiene products, including diapers and wipes. Distributions are five days a week, and every year, three additional distributions occur around the Spring, Fall, and Winter seasons.

Programs for preschool children and after-school tutoring and mentoring programs for kindergarten through eighth grade are weekly events. Spring and Summer camps are conducted during the breaks from public education to assist parents with supervision and care.

The need for assistance in our communities increases every year. During and since 2020, when the impact of the pandemic was at its highest, the need for assistance for everyday necessities has continued and even grown. Community Storehouse continues to fulfill the families' requirements for food, clothing, and educational opportunities every week, and with help from donors, we are determined not to stop.



Educational Programs

"Children who are born into poverty typically lack access to all but the most basic necessities. Poverty also affects a student's educational prospects. A student living in poverty will typically attend underfunded schools with fewer resources for students who are struggling or showing signs of learning disabilities."

Little Learners:

Community Storehouse begins the building blocks of success for children by providing programs to stimulate and develop young minds.

The Little Learners program is developed for 18-month to 4-year pre-school-aged children.

Little Learners teaches socialization, attentiveness, listening skills, question/response, numbers, alphabet, colors, seasons, weather, and interactive activities, including the attending adults, parents, grandparents, or even siblings.

Why include the adults? By being present with their charges, the adults can encourage and participate in repeating the behaviors at home with childhood learning. Childhood development during critical preschool years is advantageous for social success and basic knowledge before Kindergarten. During the week, an average of twenty-five little ones attend the program with their guardians. The curriculum is designed specifically for the preschool-aged child. There is even a graduation ceremony for our students starting Kindergarten in the Fall.



After-School Tutoring and Mentoring Programs:

In 2021, 112 children attended the after-school tutoring and mentoring program at Community Storehouse translating to 3,432 individual visits to the Achievement Center.

When underserved families in a community experience personal challenges such as social, economic, and cultural factors, children are often even more challenged. Within young minds, being different from others in their circle of social interaction can hinder the positive shaping of self-worth and create a "less than" perception both inwardly and outwardly. Food, clothing, and personal hygiene items can be supplied, but more must be done.

Students living in poverty often have fewer resources at home to complete homework, study, or engage in activities that helps equip them for success during the school day.



"Child poverty is unjust because it makes children more vulnerable, and more often harmed, for unjustified reasons since today's societies are shaped by social, cultural, political, and most importantly economic factors and background conditions beyond the reach of children and their families. Child poverty is multi-dimensional in that it is not only about money (or the income of the parents) but also about multiple deprivations in many areas of a child's life "

After-school Tutoring and Mentoring cont'd

Besides the provisions for services and support for the families who come to receive food and personal items, Community Storehouse, with the help of volunteers, creates opportunity for families to bring their children to a safe, supervised place where tutoring and mentoring occur. Community Storehouse facilitates a curriculum based and structured period of time in our Achievement Center for children to meet with an adult, one-to-one/face-to-face. The tutoring helps not only with homework assignments, but lasting images of others donating time just to be with them. They make memorable connections enriching the child's mental and emotional health.

By interacting with our various volunteers who donate their time, knowledge and encouraging support, the students learn service, develop confidence and self-worth. It is vital for children who are often vulnerable, minimized, forgotten and misunderstood in our society to receive an opportunity to be seen, validated, affirmed, heard, and encouraged. We need to do more. We want to do more. We can do more to help build a future of belonging and acceptance with the children and families we meet and serve. Because of these factors, Community Storehouse focuses on the children.



"Over 15% of the U.S. population lives in poverty, and we are not providing enough for low-income families to lift themselves out of poverty. We can and must do better so that children can thrive at school and go on to do great things."

<https://www.apa.org/topics/socioeconomic-status/poverty-hunger-homelessness-children#:~:text=Rising%20inflation%20and,Socioeconomic%20Status>.

The Junior Board:

The Junior Board Members learn the meaning of service and leadership by understanding the roles for those on a Board of Directors for a non-profit. The current Board of Directors for Community Storehouse mentor the group in leadership, governance and oversight of the non-profit.

Working closely with a Director from the staff at Community Storehouse, they learn to draft a charter, elect officers, and host guest speakers from the community who gives a talk followed by a Q & A session. The guests are selected from the community leaders in local politics, businesses, administrations, and the clergy. Interested youth should apply by application, which is reviewed by an approval committee and then selected to serve. All members participate as volunteers, complete various assignments and must maintain a 3.0 GPA. Scholarships are awarded at the end of term for a member who shows strength in the leadership role.

In 2021 the workload for our Junior Board was a busy one. Providing the hands that distributed boxes and boxes of food during the holiday distributions, served at the Concert and Dinner fundraising event and the a power force for the "Run in the Dark" event occurring in the Fall of each year. In fact, all events were supported by the members of the Junior Board. These student leaders also worked to recruit members for the upcoming year.

For 2021, Kyla Chee was awarded the \$1,000 Junior Board Scholarship.



Pictured is Megan Stiller on the left and Kyla Chee on the right.

Summer and Spring Camps

Schools out for summer!! Yes, schools "let out" their students for summer, spring, and holidays. Due to parents needing help with the supervision of their children while they work, Community Storehouse provides and conducts camps for students during the summer and spring vacations. This opportunity for children from kindergarten to eighth grade to attend the camps is multipurposed. Safety, physical activities, social interactions, lunch and of course education is designed to keep them busy and involved.

The 2021 summer and spring camps also teach children how to befriend different groups/peers as ages are often collectively intermingled. Specific curriculums are prepared by a certified teacher and guests are often invited to share their many talents, pets, and experiences for example. It is amazing the growth the children develop just by attending and interacting with others as they absorb how to exhibit proper social behavior, improve communication and etiquette, plus keep up with grade appropriate studies.

Volunteers, who are mostly high school students, help our staff to conduct and supervise the thirty-five students whose parents registered them for the three week daily camps. There are two separate three-week sessions with waiting lists for each session. Each camp is themed, and the activities produce a flurry of excitement in the kids and ultimately an increase in the volume heard around the office. No one complains as the sound of children having a good time is valued and appreciated by the staff. It is one of the many reasons Community Storehouse celebrates 39+ years of success in providing well-being for children.

77 CHILDREN ATTENDED THE 2021 SUMMER CAMP AT COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE



*Good
vibes*



engaged!

The Achievement Center: The Education Hotspot

Expanded usage of the Achievement Center continues due to the opportunity and demand for more services for families in the surrounding communities. Like the rest of the world, this area in north Tarrant faced many challenges in the 2020-2021 years. The shift in “Normalcy” caused by a global pandemic, economic upheaval, violence, and political unrest affected children the most.

Once the hesitation for social isolation diminished, students began returning to the Achievement Center to interact with volunteers and staff members as tutors. This opportunity to meet with tutors in a familiar locale and receive one-on-one connection with a non-family adult provides a semblance of a return to normal. Access to tutoring helps to stabilize the child’s daily routine and provides a means to “catch” up on lost schoolwork missed during the pandemic.

In 2021, children interacted 5,872 times with employees and volunteers who tutored, coached, or helped to provide educational and social guidance.

One of the many accomplishments in the Community Storehouse’s Achievement Center in 2021 was the addition of higher technological learning tools, including computers equipped with additional programs. The Junior League of Fort Worth donated the funding to add a Technology Center to endorse the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curriculum, a system promoting critical thinking, problem-solving, and team building. Additionally, the Achievement Center added a 3D printer, hand tools, and an Edison Table. The specialized curriculum focuses on STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Math) centered programs, which are key to the broad scope of knowledge students must accomplish to maintain grade-level achievement and advancement.



School Supply Distribution

Back to school came around after almost a year of lock-downs due to the threats from COVID19. Community Storehouse distributed school supplies including backpacks, jackets, and shoes for the children returning to regular classes.

Over eighty families came to the Achievement Center to receive school supplies donated from the community.

Crossover: Nutritional and Educational Partnerships

The Snack Pack Program:

A huge service provided by Community Storehouse is the **“Snack Pack Program.”** The partnership involves the combined efforts of the Nutritional Center and the schools within the range of our services. School counselors refer students qualifying for Community Storehouse, where they are added to the number of current packs being delivered to each school. The snack packs are “kid-friendly” items. The Title 1 schools provide breakfast and lunch but do not address the student's need for food when school is not in session.

The number of requests for Snack packs grows each year. The need is for consistent financial support from sponsors, organizations, and the broad scope of the community, including volunteers. It is all for the kids.

Free or reduced-price meals are available to students whose families earn less than 185% of federal poverty guidelines or are enrolled in other programs for low-income children, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Children in foster care or who attend schools using the Community Eligibility Provision are also eligible.

Data for the 2020–2021 and 2021–2022 school years may significantly differ from others due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

***In 2021, Community Storehouse prepared 23,056 snack packs.
That comes to 42,820 individual snacks packaged
by our reliable source of labor, volunteers from the community.***



The Nutritional Center

The demand for food and other personal items continues to increase due to population growth, economic conditions, natural disasters, societal factors, familial situational life crises, and health issues.

**The demand for services has grown over 800% since 2019.
In 2021, 4,396 families were served, an estimated 19,929 individuals.**

Helping children from our communities who are victims of poverty, and lower social and economic groups is the purpose of Community Storehouse. The core challenges for any community are its marginalized, misunderstood, and often forgotten citizens and families. From the beginning of our organization, we have aimed to facilitate the transference of donations to the bettering of these community members by supplying food, hygiene items, education programs, and hope for the future of their children and, thereby, the future of our communities and world.

**18% of children within Tarrant County are below the poverty level.
20% within Keller ISD experience hunger and food insecurity.**

In 2021, 1,666 packs of diapers and 2,644 hygiene packs were passed out to our families.



Annual Holiday Distributions

The Nutritional Center in partnership with our volunteers, performed an amazing feat in freezing and windy conditions for the 2021 holiday distribution. With Junior Board members and others from the community passing out the boxes, over 400 cars were loaded with the fixings and trimmings for a Thanksgiving and Christmas meal. For 6 hours a day for four days, cars came and went home with their gifts of food and a friendly wave goodbye.

Happy Holidays from Community Storehouse!

In 2021, over 737 individuals signed up to receive food during the holiday distributions



Annual Events

Concert and Dinner Fundraiser: 2021 produced an amazing opportunity to raise funds to support Community Storehouse and the children we serve in our communities. With 2020 fading into the past and isolation ending in Texas, it was time to celebrate and bring our thoughts into focus for the benefit of the children from low-income homes in our area.

With the entertainer of the night, Josh Abbott, putting on a great concert, the crowd stepped up for a silent and live auction to support the work of Community Storehouse. Thank you, everyone, for participating in the event. The night was amazing and rewarding, seeing the response from the guests who support the community and Community Storehouse and the continual work centered on and for the children.





Run in the Dark - 2021

Run in the Dark is a 5K and Fun Run fundraiser held annually in the Fall.

In October of 2021, Community Storehouse held its annual **"Run in the Dark"**. The Run was held at the Cannon Parkway Park in Roanoke, TX. Approximately 2,000 people enjoyed a family event with a mix of food, music, games and of course a race around the industrial area and at the park itself.

After the virtual race in 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, a larger than normal amount of competitors registered. It was a beautiful day and the crowds came out to enjoy the sunshine and fun. The Fun Run for the kids was a little chaotic, but everyone won!

Thank you to all the volunteers, contributors, vendors, sponsors and participants of the mega event. Everyone gave their full support to Community Storehouse and the kids we serve.

Education Express

There is nothing like riding on a vintage train pulled by a steam locomotive with wine, hors d'oeuvres, music, friends and family in a relaxing environment filled with the sounds of chug, chugging and clank, clanking of the rails in the background.

Each Fall, the Education Express leaves the Grapevine, Texas Train Station to benefit the children who come to Community Storehouse for tutoring and mentoring. Providing educational support and essentials like food and clothing, gives children the tools to succeed and creates a generational impact. Our students grow up to become volunteers to help the next generation of learners in tutoring classes.





Christmas House - 2021



Each year (Including 2021, after a year of not gathering at all), Community Storehouse, along with organizations and individuals from the community, gathers and donates items to provide a shopping experience for families with children who struggle to provide holiday cheer through gifts to their children. Santa often comes in disguise, and with the generous spirit of Christmas, Kwanza, and Hanukkah, there are abundant donated toys and clothes for children.

Volunteers donate time and effort for a week preparing, sorting, and arranging the donations into age and gender categories. Then, the qualified and registered parents or family members shop at the Christmas House at the Community Storehouse in the Achievement Center. The event runs for two days or until the store is empty.



The excitement is palatable as it is the season for giving, and the positive words and gratitude voiced by the shoppers are very touching for the volunteers and staff. It is not every day we as a team can mingle with the clients that use the services at Community Storehouse. It is an amazing event, and the need for an event like this grows larger each year.

Thank you for all the donated time, gifts, and support demonstrated on this important occasion.



Upscale Resale and Donation Center

In 2021, Community Storehouse celebrated the grand opening of a new Upscale Resale store at a new location in Fort Worth.

Community Storehouse operates two Upscale Resale stores. One is in Keller, and the newest is in Ft. Worth. The people in the community donate their unwanted, gently used items to supply these resale stores. The items include but are not limited to, clothing, household items, furniture and office supplies, etc.

The Donation Center operates as the receiving and shipping port for items donated. The Donation Center sorts, prices, and delivers these items to the two locations, ensuring the stores are restocked daily. The proceeds from the stores are used to support the work at the Community Storehouse.

Another nice service from the Donation Center is the ability to pick up donations from donors in the community. Check the website (www.communitystorehouse.org) to learn more about these services. The mindset of our staff is service to the community, especially for the children who reap the benefits of the work the community and the stores provide.

Go shop!

Upscale Resale

Keller

309 N. Main St.,
Keller, TX 76248

Monday - Saturday: 9am - 7pm
Sunday 12 - 5
817-741-4167

Donation Center

12001 Katy Road
Fort Worth, TX 76244
Monday - Saturday: 9am - 5pm
Closed Sunday
817-431-3340

Upscale Resale

Fort Worth

6650 N. Beach St., Suite 120
Fort Worth, TX 76137
Monday - Saturday: 11am - 7pm
Sunday 12 - 5
817-576-4566



Volunteers

The Nutrition Center averages 25 volunteers week totaling over 1,300 hours per year!

Community Storehouse cannot function nor accomplish the level of service we provide the community without our volunteers. **In 2021, 931 volunteers for a total of 3,160 hours** came from everywhere to contribute to the work of Community Storehouse. They are individually motivated and are a very diverse group. Their support allows for the success of Community Storehouse, and the costs they save us are immeasurable. And despite the hard work and not-so-good working conditions at times, they keep returning. The volunteers believe in this organization and our work to care for the families who come our way. It is why we do what we do in and for the community and its citizens.

Just who are the volunteers at Community Storehouse?

- They are teams and groups from supporting organizations looking to build on effective collaboration, strengthen culture, stimulate innovation, create accountability, establish trust, strengthen communication, boost productivity, and improve morale. Team building is a major factor in any organization and builds stability and camaraderie among the workers.
- Individual volunteers support the work; many come every week, some more often depending on their schedules. Community Storehouse relies on our volunteers. They provide exemplary service and are the greatest of the greatest. Volunteers at Community Storehouse provide us with dedication to the mission, are a reliable workforce, and help us see the generosity of these wonderful human beings.
- Volunteering students from high school and college, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, sports teams, academic clubs, ROTC, and many more come to serve at Community Storehouse. No matter the work conditions asked of them, they come to serve. Interns from the local universities are present over the summer and sometimes even a full semester. Watching these young people learn how to be in a professional environment where mentors are always nearby is an entertaining journey.

Whether the people volunteer as tutors and mentors working with the children in the after-school programs, high school and college students working to earn points towards scholarships or graduation requirements, or the person down the street living in an affluent neighborhood finding intrinsic value and joy in serving families from marginalized homes in our communities, the heart of these servants is a testimony of the dedication to good works and to the knowledge that it does take all of us to make a cohesive society and the world a better place.

Kudos and great thanks to all our volunteers at Community Storehouse. We LOVE you!!

2021 Board of Directors

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2021 Audited Profit and Loss Statement

INCOME		EXPENSES	
UNDESIGNATED INCOME:	2,278,213.32	CENTRAL OVERHEAD:	935,697.22
RESALE STORES:	1,096,317.70	FUNDRAISING:	373,107.52
SPECIAL EVENTS:	107,073.00	RESALE STORES:	770,641.24
DESIGNATED INCOME:	196,608.97	CLIENT OUTLAY - CASH	1,818,216.95
IN-KIND DONATIONS:	1,954,867.02	TOTAL EXPENSES:	3,914,860.58
TOTAL INCOME:	4,429,689.31	BALANCE:	517,828.73

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2022 Operating Budget

INCOME		EXPENSES	
UNDESIGNATED DONATIONS:	\$550,000	OUTLAY TO CLIENTS:	\$100,000
DESIGNATED DONATIONS:	\$200,000	FUNDRAISING:	\$320,000
SPECIAL EVENTS:	\$550,000	RESALE STORES:	\$1,041,000
RESALE STORES:	\$1,281,000	ADMINISTRATION:	\$1,120,000
TOTAL INCOME:	\$2,581,000	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$2,581,000



Acknowledgements

Program Leadership and Staff are the key parties in the operations and successes of Community Storehouse. Without the team's dedication, the many we serve would not receive the assistance we provide.

Whether it is food, clothing, hygiene items, household items, or our spring and summer programs to the afternoon tutoring sessions for children, everyone, including our donors and volunteers, makes a difference in the lives of our clients. When we make a difference in their lives, they make a difference in ours and a difference in the community. You are invited to join the good work of our mission!

"Dedicated to the education and well-being of low-income children in our communities."

What is good for the swarm is good for the bee!

**Thank you to all who support the work of
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