



## **Vision Care Volunteers Help Students Succeed**

Thanks to 17 dedicated volunteers, the Louise J. Moran Vision Care Program has already assisted hundreds of students through vision screenings at CCSC partner campuses this fall. The goal of vision screening is to determine if a student requires further vision assessment. Since approximately 80 percent of learning is visual, catching a vision problem early can have a profound effect on a student's school experience.

Over the summer, several CCSC volunteers took advantage of an optional certification course offered through the Texas Department of State Health Services. Next, volunteers attended an orientation at the CCSC main campus to learn about our partner schools and sign up for screening dates over the fall semester.

CCSC's partner schools have many students with limited resources and considerable barriers to obtaining comprehensive visual exams. Starting the first full week of September, volunteer teams begin identifying students who might need further evaluation. Then, later in the fall, CCSC organizes field trips to the University Eye Institute on the UH campus where optometry professionals conduct thorough exams and fit glasses to those students needing them.

"Time and again CCSC volunteers are the first ones identifying that the child they are screening has vision issues," said CCSC Youth Services Manager Cathy Brown. "For children who have limited resources, the field trip to UH is a game changer. The eye exam and glasses are a direct result of the initial screening by our volunteers. It's wonderful for all of us to know we have helped put a child on the path to a successful school year!"

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## **Azalea Auction Open to All**

We are looking forward to CCSC's 25th Annual Azalea Gala coming up on September 21. The virtual auction will be open to ALL and it is FREE to participate. Anyone, not just ticket holders, can view auction items and place bids beginning on September 16.

NEW this year: Big Board items will close LIVE at the Azalea Gala on September 21. However, online bidders can secure Big Board items before the Azalea Gala with the "Buy It Now" option. Online bidding for the Big Board closes at 6 p.m. on September 21, and all remaining Big Board items will be available for LIVE bidding at the event beginning at 7 p.m.



The Silent Auction will close for all bidders at 8 p.m. on September 21.

Be sure to check out these auction highlights and more!

- Travel packages to Cozumel or Galveston
- Tickets packages to the 2023 Houston Rodeo—several options available!
- Baker Institute for Public Policy Roundtable Annual Membership
- Houston experience packages, such as sports tickets, theatre tickets, wine tastings, and more
- Restaurant gift cards, jewelry, and packages for the kids

The Azalea Gala raffle is open to all, and tickets can be purchased now. Buy a \$25 ticket for a chance to win a Yeti cooler or 12 months of beautiful floral arrangements from Village Greenery & Flowers!

To view items, place bids, or purchase raffle tickets, visit our secure event website at <https://qtego.net/qlink/ccschouston> and click "Register for Event."

Good luck and happy bidding!



*Maria Henriquez*



*Selena Saldana*

## **Interns Learn While Supporting CCSC's Mission**

CCSC interns help program staff tackle important jobs and projects while learning about nonprofit management. It is a win-win for everyone, and we always enjoy having student ingenuity and energy on campus.

This summer CCSC was honored to have participated in the 2022 ExxonMobil Foundation Community Summer Jobs Program. Our program intern, Maria Henriquez, is now a junior at Texas A&M University. During her eight-week internship at CCSC, Maria made a significant impact in both our Emergency Services program, where her bilingual skills allowed her to

help non-Spanish speaking volunteers converse with clients, and at JobNet, where Maria's professionalism and innate kindness made our clients feel respected and valued. We are grateful for our partnership with ExxonMobil and the help it provides us to serve those in need in our community.

This month we were excited to welcome Selena Saldana, our new student intern from the Social Work Program at the University of Houston. Salena's experience in coordinating programs at UH and a local radiology clinic is coming in handy as she helps coordinate our Vision Care program screenings. Salena will also be working with CCSC Success Coach Stephanie Wen on JobNet workshops and coaching.

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## CCSC Seeks Receptionist



The Receptionist position is a full-time, 35-hour per week nonexempt position (with consideration of a part-time job share). We are seeking candidates who have a passion for fulfilling the agency's mission and being part of a dynamic team. The Receptionist is integral to CCSC, providing primary office support and being the welcoming face and voice to visitors, volunteers and clients. This position supports the organization by answering the main phone lines and directing callers appropriately and also assisting with data entry and clerical projects.

Requirements for consideration: 2+ years of office experience (preferably at one workplace); proficiency in technology and Microsoft 365; attention to detail and dependability; and a consistent work ethic. Being bilingual in English/Spanish and having experience with data entry is a plus.

CCSC is committed to a diverse, inclusive, and equitable environment where all clients, volunteers, staff, and board members feel respected and valued regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation or identity, disability, education, or any other bias.

Additional information regarding CCSC may be accessed at [www.ccschouston.org](http://www.ccschouston.org). To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to: [office.admin@ccschouston.org](mailto:office.admin@ccschouston.org)

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