

## Because of you, CCA had a record year.

Last year alone, we:

- Distributed over 1.5 million meals and assisted 4,164 individuals through CCA's Food Pantry;
- Provided 54,320 summer weekend meals with Bags of Blessings;
- Helped 1,455 individuals avoid evictions, foreclosures and/or utility disconnections through critical rental and utility assistance;
- Provided 1,405 children with gifts through CCA's Christmas celebrations and 828 children new clothing, shoes and a backpack through Back to School;
- Offered 900 clients spiritual care or counseling to provide peace during times of crisis; and
- Served 120 seniors in CCA's Golden Angels program with a fresh lunch and time of fellowship and fun every Monday of the year.



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## A NOTE FROM BILL

Bill Cavalle, Chairman, CCA Board of Directors

Dear Friend of CCA,

We live in such a wonderful community here in North Texas and I'm so happy I've been a part of it for more than 30 years. I've witnessed neighbors helping neighbors—blessings to each other in times of crises.

And that's what you are to me and to the entire CCA family—a blessing. Because of you, we can continue doing good work, and change lives.

I hope you are inspired when you read some of our stories. I am filled with gratitude for your continued generosity and friendship that is reflected in the eyes of our neighbors who come to us for food, rent, and utilities assistance.

And I pledge to you, as Chairman of the Board, to continue to share my knowledge and passion to positively impact the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for all you do. Without your consistently enthusiastic help, we couldn't share Christ's love with our neighbors.

Sincerely in Christ,

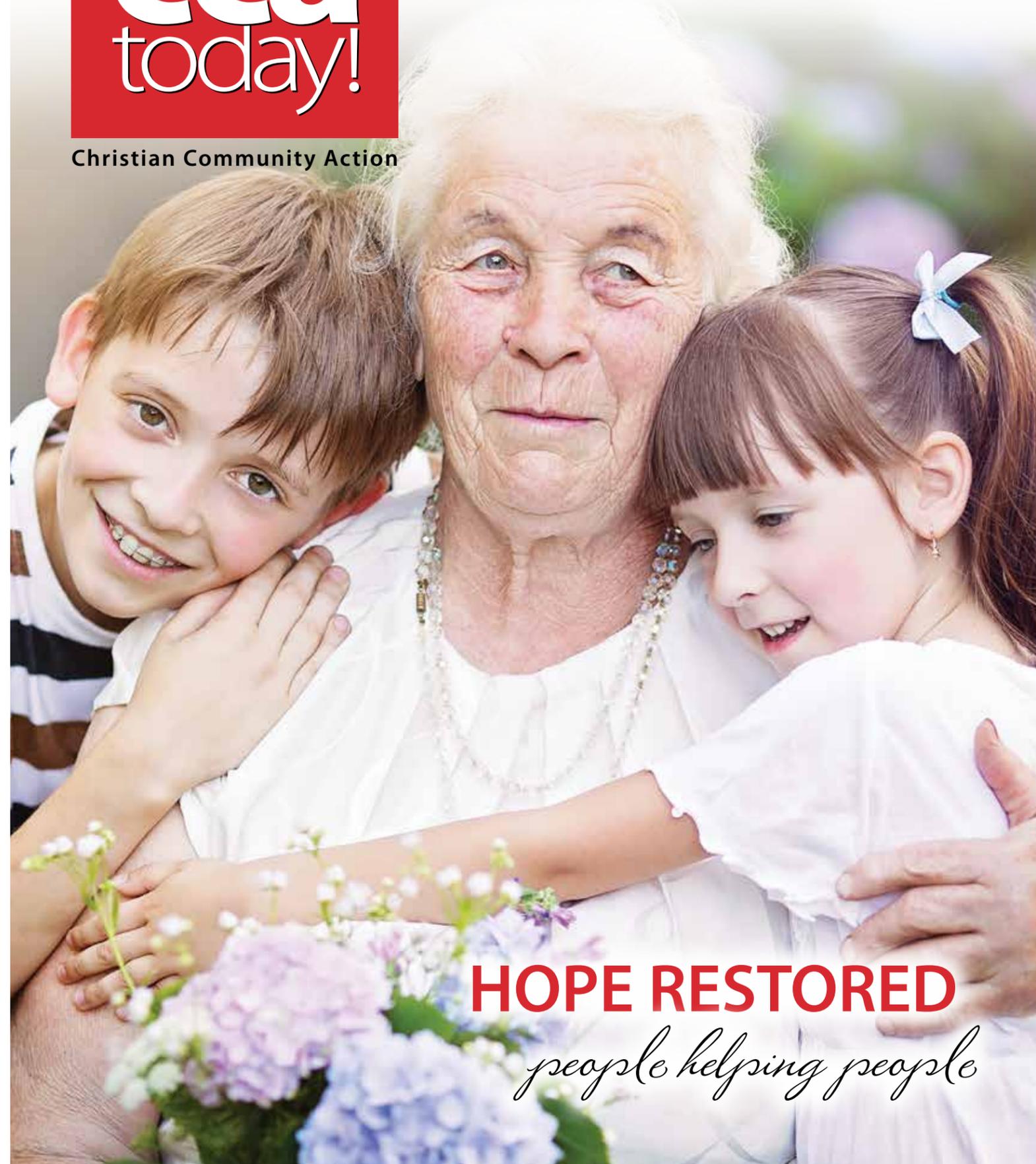
Bill Cavalle  
Chairman, CCA Board of Directors



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A Christian non-profit helping to alleviate suffering, bring hope and change lives.

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# HOPE RESTORED

*people helping people*

## In the Midst of All of It, CCA's Got You

Each day is a struggle when you're on the waiting list for a liver transplant without having to worry about where you're going to live. Dan Davis, a single elderly man living in Lewisville, had applied for disability, but found out he was about to be evicted from his home before his payment came in. Thankfully, due to the relationship between CCA and his apartment complex, Dan was able to stay at home and concentrate on his health while CCA provided food from the pantry and paid his rent to save him from becoming homeless at a trying time in his life. Our community partners, like Dan's apartment complex, link us together to improve the lives of our neighbors. When we work together, all things—good things—are possible!



## We Start with the Basics—Food First!

An unemployed single mother in desperate need of food for herself and her baby, Ginny didn't know where to go. She said, "When I first came to CCA I was in a terrible situation where I didn't have food. I really thought I wasn't going to make it."

After meeting with a CCA case worker, Ginny had access to the food pantry where she could find nutritious options for herself as well as her baby—plus the support she needed to keep moving forward and not spiral downward. In addition to adapting to life with a newborn, Ginny was dealing with a heart condition. Because of generous donors like you, CCA was able to help Ginny when she needed it most. After receiving the basics like food, diapers and other baby products for her new baby, Ginny

met with a counselor to get to a healthy emotional and physical state so she could become and continue to be self-sufficient.

While Ginny still struggles with heart complications, she remains hopeful. Thrilled to receive new furniture, baby products and household appliances courtesy of CCA and Staples, Ginny shared, "When people go through a crisis, they may believe the world is going to end, but this is not true. There are a lot of people, especially at CCA, that will help; CCA staff changed my life for the better." All of us at CCA thank our special friends like you that make Ginny's journey easier and the future for herself and her baby that much brighter.

## Your Support Helps Neighbors in Crisis

Can you imagine losing your spouse, experiencing a series of strokes, and then once you've finally overcome those crises, you find out your son can't pay the rent—and he and your grandchildren live hundreds of miles away and are in danger of being homeless? That was Paula's reality. She did not have the financial resources to help her son and his family. She knew CCA could help—because CCA had helped her during her time of crisis. Once Paula's son moved back to Texas, CCA helped him get back on his feet.

CCA assisted this family with food, a Christmas celebration with gifts for the children, and recommendations on jobs and resources for Paula's son. Paula admits, "If it weren't for CCA I wouldn't

have known what to do; my son and grandchildren weren't going to make it. CCA helped us and gave us hope. I'm not worried anymore!"

Paula and her family did make it—because of you. Every donation helps us help someone in crisis with food, a warm place to stay (or cool place here in the heart of Texas!), and the support they need to not only get by but to thrive. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

## CCA Welcomes Friends for Life

Years ago, when Jessica's husband lost his job, a friend referred them to CCA to help with food for their children and some presents for the upcoming holiday season. Jessica was so thankful that CCA helped them emerge from their difficult circumstances into self-sufficiency. And then the unthinkable happened: Jessica was severely injured in a car accident and was unconscious for three days. When she regained consciousness, she was unable to move or talk due to the extensive injuries to her spine, intestines, and ribs. So many hurdles followed—from hospital bills to depression to desperation—until her husband reached out to CCA again. CCA provided a wheelchair and rental assistance to help Jessica recover so the whole family could transition from insecurity to stability, by helping Jessica and her husband find jobs.

Jessica explains, "Besides my husband and kids, I have no family here, but I am so grateful to God. CCA stepped in, helped me and became my family. It doesn't matter who you are or where you're from, CCA will welcome and help you!"

CCA touches the hearts and lives of our neighbors and we are blessed that you are such an important part of our family. And just like family, we offer love and whatever else is needed so our sisters and brothers can welcome a new day with hope.

