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| **How Can You Help The Caring Place?** Dear Friends, The Caring Place's Mission to provide for the basic human needs of all people in our community in a welcoming, respectful and caring way is more alive than ever. This pandemic is uncharted territory for everyone, including The Caring Place, and we are committed to fulfilling our Mission. **Due to thrift store closures at The Caring Place, the organization is losing an average of $37,500 per week in revenue. This loss in income is critical to The Caring Place as it would normally cover all of The Caring Place's operating expenses. In addition, in an effort to minimize exposure and to protect our volunteers (many of whom are in a high risk group), The Caring Place has elected to continue modified services to the public with its small team of staff. Without this dedicated group, The Caring Place would be unable to receive, package and distribute food to those most impacted during this pandemic.** At this time, we ask you to consider financially supporting The Caring Place. We have created this list of ways to help and ask you to assist in every way you can. Please forward it to friends as well. We are calling this e-mail the "Sharing is Caring" edition. With your help, The Caring Place will not only help thousands of people in our community through this difficult time, but also secure The Caring Place's future in our community. [**Hold a “Virtual Food Drive” or send your “Virtual Help”**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001dK2CzaFI-K9S6dJkUiSLsSkUj-RwTXcZjgzyShf4NckpzdR6VKYk8a1FZpdkxodI1pYw_xXF1PVrVr-9GX0jqgKn6yL6My3VOZoSAxFbReFCO8cTVlYO4AuYIxmgTZE_df7yVtlcPLfDhf48eP81ep01mVNCOH7jVzmwmFIW0gx5140N_TlXro1J2jOb-C4v8d38zTbihGo=&c=pQLFHtPHpzqF5YDJKt7DvFWiqO2HJzJPufil3PRQCuwzLc7-iHcR2Q==&ch=U_4LdPznwouucEyq6j7wggYNe4QeQmgJ3g3p3noZUgEWtiCGZBwuOA==)·     To avoid additional handling and exposure, we can’t accept any nonperishable food items from our community. The Caring Place can purchase food in bulk at a reduced rate from the Central Texas Food Bank. You can donate at [www.caringplacetx.org/donate](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001dK2CzaFI-K9S6dJkUiSLsSkUj-RwTXcZjgzyShf4NckpzdR6VKYk8bfKRVqzWb1H_2Pj1F61VKQ9wqw6ismc1jCgNediEQDX6wJunVgEjNwhw-OAoVL_qdWDvkdOdvqnn0khaXX9jGaqyFUoQ7kdikRgGAPGHJUT&c=pQLFHtPHpzqF5YDJKt7DvFWiqO2HJzJPufil3PRQCuwzLc7-iHcR2Q==&ch=U_4LdPznwouucEyq6j7wggYNe4QeQmgJ3g3p3noZUgEWtiCGZBwuOA==) or create a Facebook fundraiser benefiting The Caring Place. (Listed at Georgetown Community Service Center dba The Caring Place on Facebook) You may also send checks to P.O. Box 1215, Georgetown, Texas, 78627. [**Shop AmazonSmile**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001dK2CzaFI-K9S6dJkUiSLsSkUj-RwTXcZjgzyShf4NckpzdR6VKYk8ahK1Spw4akXDLCg3W4JD6HTTJpEFOWrNak-sTA0BU58bBof1cNo5Gw7iym21ubQTFJ3UY3HFMI7z90yzN7TxK1H4qbMisJRgAwe5vmeL1GwFeOrocH6-Ao59JnRI7OSwlFrntnJnA9fgGRv75L_-nJR10LmHN5LPA==&c=pQLFHtPHpzqF5YDJKt7DvFWiqO2HJzJPufil3PRQCuwzLc7-iHcR2Q==&ch=U_4LdPznwouucEyq6j7wggYNe4QeQmgJ3g3p3noZUgEWtiCGZBwuOA==)·     Online shopping is more popular than ever. Please use the AmazonSmile platform to do your online shopping and designate The Caring Place as your nonprofit. .5% of your purchases will benefit The Caring Place. You must use the AmazonSmile platform for every purchase. [**Link your Randalls Remarkable Card**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001dK2CzaFI-K9S6dJkUiSLsSkUj-RwTXcZjgzyShf4NckpzdR6VKYk8ahK1Spw4akXVnZYYg5WZGBbA7n-jsQYNDU9ANjIBJCO0ZJ6NPFb5U9NM4POareGJcrHpVn4_8MVXB-JlmKyp6X9NCOfz8A0u4T5PL_hmxJ2Vz6t7gTupG-lWMq5q_KH6tGZDLR3MiRUyp3vi3xThYk=&c=pQLFHtPHpzqF5YDJKt7DvFWiqO2HJzJPufil3PRQCuwzLc7-iHcR2Q==&ch=U_4LdPznwouucEyq6j7wggYNe4QeQmgJ3g3p3noZUgEWtiCGZBwuOA==)·     If you are shopping at Randalls for your essentials, please ensure that you have selected The Caring Place as your nonprofit. 1% of your purchases will benefit The Caring Place. The Caring Place’s account number is 13870. The Good Neighbor program form can be found online and should be returned to the Randalls courtesy booth. [**Give to the City of Georgetown’s Good Neighbor Fund on your utility bill**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001dK2CzaFI-K9S6dJkUiSLsSkUj-RwTXcZjgzyShf4NckpzdR6VKYk8RgQDV8mS4n6IIbtZ9rgSsVjL3sQYkMltz2dkEEZLeF-XsY_nMwL4z2bcxKG7eijFOqvZ7ltANiHzWVpcES6_IUK0t2C8D3VP2i3zCzbTPfX98drEJlvWV5oiQSOWN7YXtjIvyRJPConJe6Vi4OX6iOGoCkI8LCwjg==&c=pQLFHtPHpzqF5YDJKt7DvFWiqO2HJzJPufil3PRQCuwzLc7-iHcR2Q==&ch=U_4LdPznwouucEyq6j7wggYNe4QeQmgJ3g3p3noZUgEWtiCGZBwuOA==)·     The City of Georgetown sponsors the Good Neighbor Fund, a program to assist eligible Georgetown Utility customers who are having difficulty paying their utility bill. Voluntary contributions from customers like you fund this program, which is administered by The Caring Place on behalf of the City. Contributions can be made to the fund by paying the total due on your utility bill, plus one dollar. You are also able to make a monthly pledge, which will be billed to your utility bill, and can be cancelled at any time for those families paying their bill electronically. You can enroll in this program by simply checking the box on your utility bill each month and writing the check for $1 more, or by completing the pledge form on-line at the City’s website. **Hold on to those item donations**·     While The Caring Place can’t accept item donations right now, once stores are operating again, it will be imperative that the stores are stocked with items to sell. The Caring Place thrift stores more than cover the organization’s operating expenses, so that 100% of monetary gifts directly impact neighbors in need. With the stores closed, The Caring Place is losing its primary revenue source. **Share**·     It's critical that you share. Share our Mission, share how friends can help and share how neighbors can receive help in these uncertain times. You can find The Caring Place active on various Social Media platforms and even in your e-mail inbox. Let's make sure The Caring Place has the capability to care our way through this together. **ABOUT THE CARING PLACE** Since 1985, The Caring Place has provided for the basic human needs of all people in our community in a welcoming, respectful and caring way. Through two thrift stores, The Shops at The Caring Place and Second Helping, both in Georgetown, the organization is able to pay all operating expenses to serve a growing community. All monetary and food donations directly benefit neighbors needing assistance with food, utility, rent, transportation or medical assistance. The Caring Place is a community-based and community-supported organization. For more information on The Caring Place, visit [www.caringplacetx.org](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001dK2CzaFI-K9S6dJkUiSLsSkUj-RwTXcZjgzyShf4NckpzdR6VKYk8YoM3otdv-sas_b3DaO4x8kd8eys-PruDekndqda1kKSqgoVmoZ8Vq9517owra6O_6c6xVxBuqG6wiHpt9V8lWFquO-fNGIgUQ==&c=pQLFHtPHpzqF5YDJKt7DvFWiqO2HJzJPufil3PRQCuwzLc7-iHcR2Q==&ch=U_4LdPznwouucEyq6j7wggYNe4QeQmgJ3g3p3noZUgEWtiCGZBwuOA==).  Items in red are clickable links. |

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