

## Community/Supportive Services

The CCSA Community Awareness Banquet was established in 2000 to raise monies for scholarships given to graduating high school seniors and to recognize citizens who have made a significant difference in the community.

**The first CCSA Lifetime Community Awareness Award** was given to the (late) Rev. Dr. Claude William Black for a lifetime of serving the San Antonio Community.

### **2005**

**CCSA led efforts for various health initiatives on illnesses and diseases** that are killing our community. Brought partnership with CHRISTUS Santa Rosa HealthCare, as we as an organization addressed the issue of breast health/ cancer in African-American women by **bringing a mobile mammography unit into our community to make it convenient and affordable for women of color to receive their annual examination.**

In September 2005, **CCSA raised over \$100,000, in one evening, to help victims of Hurricane Katrina** when thousands were displaced to our city. We were there with open arms to provide food, shelter, and financial assistance during this time of despair. For those pastors who were displaced from their churches, **CCSA pastors opened their pulpits to pastors from New Orleans** that lost not only their church buildings, but personal possessions as well.

### **2007**

**CCSA sponsored a historic Community-Wide Back-To-School Prayer Service** because of the city of San Antonio's significant increase in violence and crime. Responded with the event to collectively petition the protective and guiding presence of God in the new school year. Community leaders and officials in support of this grand occasion attended the event. **The offering lifted that evening was given to a family whose child lost her life prematurely due to a random gunfire of gang-related activity.**

### **2008**

In the fall of 2008, CCSA, once again encouraging its community to exercise her right to vote, providing transportation to the polls, encouraging early voting at

the Claude Black Center, as the United States elected its first African-American President into the White House. In January 2009, the CCSA hosted its own “Community Presidential Inaugural Ball” in celebration of the election of the 44th president of the United States, Barack Obama.

## **2013**

February 1, 2013, Childress Memorial COGIC was destroyed by fire. **On March 1, 2013, CCSA, COGIC churches and the community teamed up for a historical fundraiser and collected \$102,000 to help with the rebuilding of Childress COGIC.**

July 20, 2013, CCSA along with the NAACP, and Baptist Ministers Union joined Rev. Al Sharpton, the National Action Network, and 100 cities across the country on the steps of federal buildings for the **Justice for Trayvon Payer Vigil and Rally showing again that we are concerned about the social well-being and civil rights of our beloved community.**

## **2014**

Held a **community Peaceful Protest March** in December 2014 for Mike Brown, Eric Gardner, Tamar Rice and others that experienced abuse from police officers.

**CCSA led the way in fighting for an African American Director at the Northeast Pre K-4 SA Center.**

## **2015**

Hosted a **community fundraiser for New Jerusalem Baptist Church** that was destroyed by fire October 13, 2014. CCSA in partnership with Baptist Ministers Union raised over \$43,000 during a musical benefit to support the rebuilding of New Jerusalem Baptist Church.

**Good Friday Worship Service culminated with our public offering raising \$4,279.99 toward President Obama’s initiative, “My Brother’s Keeper”, initiative focusing on saving young men of color across the city from high school dropout, incarceration, drugs and hopelessness. CCSA financially supported this effort to bring the total CCSA donation to \$6,000.**

## **2016**

**After learning that Flint, Michigan’s water was contaminated with toxic levels of lead, CCSA donated a truckload of bottled water to the residents.**