

SOS Newsletter

winter 2019



JOB FAIR Feb. 22 10am - 2pm

SOS Job Fair

This **FREE** event will bring job seekers and employers together to discuss new job opportunities. Employer booths are available at no cost.

Job seekers can attend Job Readiness workshops every 15 to 30 minutes, have your resume reviewed by HR professionals from MCSHRM along with practice interviews. There will also be a blood drive and a free food market.

Employers: Register with Shirley Jensen: Shirley@societyofsamaritans.org
Call SOS at 281-259-8452 with any questions.
50 employer booths available.

Thank you to our sponsors: City of Magnolia & Texas Renaissance Festival. The Job Fair will be held at West Montgomery County Community Center, 31355 Friendship Drive, Magnolia, TX. ❤️

Enter to Win A Basket!

Customers please visit our **Resale Shop** before Feb. 14th and register to win a basket of merchandise including a crystal candleholder on a brass base, a rose covered box of note cards plus a beautiful picture frame with roses & much more! Gift Basket valued at \$40 resale. ❤️



Out with the old & in with the new!

By Linda York

It is such a blessing to see our loyal customers continue to visit our shop & make purchases. Over 80% of each dollar we collect goes to the SOS Food Pantry off Friendship Dr. in Magnolia!!

Here we are in 2019 "out with the old & in with the new"! Let's do just that by using the following ideas to "recreate" your home using some of the items you already have & adding a few "new-to-you" decor items for example:



1. Let's make a new look in your living room by checking throughout your home for inspirational items such as brightly colored throw pillows & rugs; pictures on the wall & decor pieces. Rearrange your furniture at an



angle or switch out chairs or an ottoman from another room. See the before & after pictures that "prove" how you can go from Winter to Spring colors while enhancing your mood from blue to BRIGHT! It is bound to make you SMILE

& put a "Spring" in your step!!!

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH 2019, 9AM - 12PM



SOS & friends JOB services

Targeted Plan & Your Calendar

- Review Current labor market information (LMI)
- Assess needs and employment skills, to create a targeted job search plan
- Problem Solving, Self Esteem & Work Ethics for career advancement

Join us to connect with a Job Mentor & enter to win a \$20 Gas Voucher.

Call 281-259-8452 for more information



THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH 2019, 9AM - 12PM

Guest Speaker Jill Silman Chapman, SPHR, SHRM-SCP
Senior Performance Consultant, Support Services, Traditional Employment

The Do's & Don'ts of Social Networking & Job Search

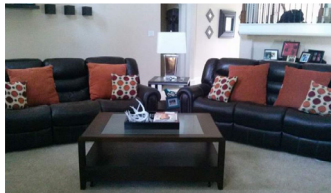
Use social media to land a new job by showing off your skills and experience in a personal way.

Workforce Solutions **Sharpening Your Interviewing Skills**

Out with the old & in with the new!

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You can make a few "seasonal changes" in the guest bath by exchanging the Winter decor & brown towels for Spring colors & white towels, add a lavender fragrance plug in or diffuser to complete the



refreshing new look!

Come see our latest arrivals of FASHION JEWELRY!!



We have pieces for every occasion. These rhinestone necklaces are show-stoppers.

They will look fabulous with your "Valentine dinner for two"; Mardi gras gown; Prom dress; & Mother's Day Special gatherings!!



We have the perfect jewelry piece for the Houston Rodeo, work, church, shopping & more!! New pieces are donated to us daily by our gracious donors & displayed for sale!!! Come find

the perfect piece for your special occasion!

We look forward to seeing you soon when you come in to FIND YOUR HIDDEN TREASURE"!!!! ♥



Sucessful "Share your Holidays"

SOS partnered with Montgomery County Food Bank for the ABC13 "Share Your Holidays" to bless Magnolia & the surrounding area residents with over 440 Christmas Food "Baskets".

Thank you to all NCL, MCFB, and SOS volunteers that "weathered" the chilly air and rain! And a special thank you to all those that donated non perishables, made & tied ribbons on quilts and blankets, sorted out donations collected and

delivered from Brookshire's, Arlan's Market, Whole Foods Market, and Magnolia's elementary schools,



Magnolia's First Baptist Church, Magnolia Church of Christ, Tomball Potpourri and so many others! Thank you. ♥

Where are your clothes made?

by Janet Robb

Where are your clothes made? Is it Bangladesh, China, Egypt, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Vietnam, the USA?

Okay, China is a given. But who comes in second? According to an article in the Houston Chronicle by Leonid Bershidsky, the two largest suppliers to the U.S. are China and Vietnam. The article also reported that executives who participated in a study expect more than half of the clothes they source to come from "nearshoring" in 2025. This means much of the production for Western countries will move from Asia to markets in the U.S. or to neighboring countries. Some designer clothing makers have already moved production back home.

But mid-priced and lower-priced clothing makers don't see this move as an attractive strategy. They have to constantly look for a compromise between a low production cost and a short time to market. Right now it takes about 30 days by sea from Asia. Speeding delivery to market is an increasing necessity and consumers are also concerned about low wage and high environmental cost of offshore production. Besides that, the Asian clothing market is growing and the companies in China, Vietnam, and Bangladesh will want to deliver products to market in their own neighborhoods, creating a shortage of clothing destined to Western buyers.

With cheaper freight and lower duties, it becomes less expensive to produce a pair of jeans in Mexico than in China for our U.S. market. Automation can drive down the cost in Western countries. Did you know it takes an average of 19 minutes to sew a pair of jeans? McKinsey thinks robotics can cut that time by 40% to 90%; distressing the jeans can go from 20 minutes to 90 seconds. Right now it's too early to see tags in your clothes saying "Made in the U.S.A." But instead look for "Hacho en Mexico" or "Hacho en _____", naming a Central American country.

("Hacho en" is Spanish for "Made in")

SOS office furniture upgrade

Thanks to Newsco International Energy Services, Christmas came a little early, in the form of an upgrade on SOS office furniture! Santa even sent his best elves, Adult & Teen Challenge Magnolia Campus to help. Thanks to Pct. 5 Constable's Office for helping with furniture move too.

Thank you to everyone who pitched in to get this refresh started! ♥



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SOS GIVING CENTER

Saturday 10-2
603 Little Twig,
Magnolia, TX

SOS RESALE SHOP

Tuesday thru Friday: 10-5pm
Sat.: 10-3; closed on Mondays
17661 FM 1488, Magnolia, TX

FAMILY SERVICES & FOOD PANTRY

Hours: M/W/F 10-2 and T/TH 10-4
31355 Friendship Dr # 500, Magnolia, TX