

2018

DECEMBER

CARPENTER'S PLACE MONTH IN REVIEW



HELPFUL HANDS
Teron earned a Helpful Attitude Award and got special thanks for setting up our Memorial Service.

BIRTHDAY SMILES
Celebrating December birthday girls, Lisa and Miranda!

SET-UP VOLUNTEERS
Santa's helpers, Linda, Jen, Rachel, and Kris of WISE Bible Study did the set up for Alberta's gift day.

REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS

We gathered together to remember the 45 homeless men and women who passed away in our community during 2018. Thank you to all of our friends (two and four-legged) who attended this special memorial.



CHRISTMAS B-I-N-G-O
The Sylvester Family (Holly, Nancy, Jim, and Marcy) carry on the tradition of Christmas Eve Bingo that is much loved by our guests.

ALBERTA'S ANGELS
Alberta (front right) and her Christmas Angels blessed our guests with a wide array of gifts!

CELEBRATING HELPFULNESS
Salute to our Helpful Attitude winner, Lisa!



FROM EMPTY TO FULL!
Thank you for the tremendous outpouring of support for our request for boots. From individuals to businesses - the community came together to fulfill a real need. Because of YOU our guests will have warm and dry feet this winter!



Barb Kohl and her tennis buddies generously provided a bountiful Italian lunch.



WIM (Women in Motion) Chris, Mary, Bobbi, Karen, Maleeah, and Ginger from Klaas Financial delighted our guests with a pulled-pork lunch.



The Women's Housing Program residents were treated to a Christmas lunch at Hoffman House courtesy of Kay Strand. Socializing, many laughs, and goodie bags completed a great time together.



John & Mindy Stadel, joined by "Santa's Helpers," made pancakes, eggs and sausage on site and also served pastries, fruit and juice. YUM!



Notre Dame summer intern, Kate (front right) returned with her mother and brother to serve breakfast during Christmas break. CP intern buddy, Lindy (front left) joined the family to serve our guests.



Barb and Faye (standing; above) of the American Association of University Women provided a delicious dinner for our Women's Program participants.



Joy, Jayne, Angie and Clint of Grace Lutheran provided lunch and holiday cheer!



Mercy Health staff provided a delicious lunch for a large, hungry crowd of guests.



Stacy, Joe, Frank, Ann, and Tiana of the Winnebago County Chairman's Office provided a hearty lunch for hungry guests.



College students, Gabriela, Amin, and Abby prepared and served a holiday meal for our PHP housing program residents. A good time was had by all!

Holiday Meals



December Donations



Haley and Anne of Maray Drive Kindercare delivered gifts from their staff and families. Guests were thrilled to receive a travel coffee mug, chap stick and pair of socks.



Elen of Atrium senior living delivered coats and winter wear collected by staff and families of the residents.



Elf Connie, of First Covenant Church handed out small gifts to the guests at lunch.



For his 9th birthday, Felix sent CP's needs list to party invitees, asking them to buy for CP instead of him. He was quite successful, and happy to help others!



Payton, age 11, asked Santa for 2 things: Lindor chocolate for herself and hygiene items for Carpenter's Place. Santa granted her wishes.



An incredible donation of more than 1,000 diapers from Savant Capital Management pushed us over our #GivingTuesday goal of collecting 5,000 diapers for our new family program!



Kegels Harley Davidson offered "Photos with Santa," and the 'price' was a donation for CP. The collection of items was huge and greatly appreciated.



Kishwaukee Valley A.B.A.T.E. (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education) members presented a generous donation to Patti of CP.



J.L. Clark President, Bob Morris, presents a grant award check to CP Executive Director, Kay, as staff of both organizations join in the celebration.



(pictured above) Elf Ginger, of Dickerson & Nieman, distributed gifts to all the guests, and D&N staff served lunch.



Northern IL Corvette Club members Dennis, Leon and Donna presented a generous check to CP staff, Patti (right).



Will, Westin, and Celina filled shoe boxes with personal care items for our guests.



Staff of Rock River Valley Blood Center collected and delivered a generous donation of items.



(pictured left) Angeline, Ashley, Heidi and Ashley of Total Home Health Care brought in a huge collection of needed items.

CURRENT NEEDS:

FOR THE BABIES
Baby bath tubs
Full-size baby shampoo and baby wash

ADULT NEEDS
Thermal long underwear (XL, XXL)
Ski-type gloves (larger sizes)

HOUSEHOLD NEEDS
Paper napkins
Individual tissue packets
Air freshener spray
33+ gallon garbage bags

Donations can be dropped off at Carpenter's Place Monday through Friday from 8:00am - 4:30pm. Thanks!

BY THE NUMBERS
In December, our guests achieved the following results:
11 secured employment; 7 full-time and 4 part-time; 11 obtained housing!

Families in our new program are working!
In December, **five moms and one dad secured employment; 3 full-time and 3 part-time.**

OPEN MEAL DATES IN JANUARY

BREAKFAST:
Wednesday, Jan 9th
Monday, Jan 14th
Monday, Jan 21st
Tuesday, Jan 22nd
Tuesday, Jan 29th
Wednesday, Jan 30th

LUNCH:
Tuesday, Jan 8th
Tuesday, Jan 15th

TO SECURE A DATE >> Contact Carol at 815.964.4105 x.203 or email CPengagement@carpentersplace.org

Musical Moments



Berean Christian School choirs and band shared their musical talents to fill the air with Christmas.



The YMCA Retired Men's Chorus sang Christmas favorites and had a "guess that tune" game with Denny on the trombone.



Brooke, Larry, and Kyle shared their musical talents, singing songs of the season.



Tania Nicholson provided Christmas music to bring joy to our world at CP.



Chip Messner kicked off the 12 Days of Christmas with a special guitar performance of holiday favorites.