



2018 march

CARPENTER'S PLACE MONTH IN REVIEW



ROLLS AND ROLLS

Big thanks to Angie of Grace Lutheran Church of Loves Park! She first coordinated providing meals at CP, then heard of our need for toilet paper and led a charge that resulted in church members donating 562 rolls!



STACKS OF GENEROSITY

Youth Pastor Ryan and Outreach Pastor Aaron of Maywood Evangelical Free Church delivered 8,000 plates donated during their "plate drive." Sounds like a Guinness Book of World Records contender!



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

St. Edward Catholic School Student Council members, parents and teachers delivered items collected for CP. The driving force behind this kind generosity? "We wanted to give back to the community." Goal achieved!



SWEET DONATION

Girl Scout Makayla, Troop 1372, led a campaign to donate GS cookies to CP. She said she has seen homeless people and wanted to help them. This was a sweet way to do that.



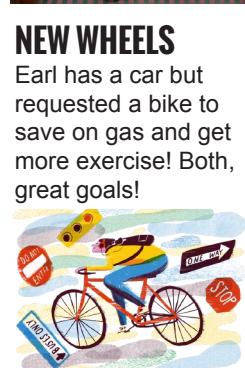
HAVING FUN WITH EASTER CRAFTS

PHP (permanent housing program) residents proudly display the Easter eggs they colored.



SAVINGS TO SUCCESS

When Doyle's truck could no longer get him to work, he was able to purchase a car because he had faithfully built his savings. He shared his faith and gratitude for all God is doing with him! It is our privilege to have such a great guy in our housing program.



NEW WHEELS

Earl has a car but requested a bike to save on gas and get more exercise! Both, great goals!



ARTFUL EXPRESSIONS

Joan of our Women's Housing Program, proudly displays a beautiful art piece she created in our Art Room to give her Mother for Easter.



NEW HOUSING

Ronald beams in his new apartment! Moving from our transitional housing program into a permanent place is a great milestone.



DURING MARCH . . . 22 GUESTS SECURED EMPLOYMENT (17 FULL-TIME & 5 PART-TIME)
14 GUESTS OBTAINED HOUSING!



TEAMWORK PROVIDES COMPASSION AND FOOT CARE

On Holy Thursday, 53 of our guests received wellness foot care, and a new pair of tennis shoes and socks! We are deeply grateful for the kind groups from OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, Orthollinois, Field Fastener, and Beef-A-Roo for coming together and sharing their knowledge, kindness, and generosity. It's active and involved community partners like this that keep our mission going.



ORGANIZING INTERN

Tom, an intern from our housing program, works hard each week sorting and organizing donations; so helpful!



LEARNING TO BUDGET

U of I Extension Service staff presented "Plan, Shop, Save" to help our guests make healthy food choices on a budget.



FAMILY RECONNECTING

April, of our Women's Housing Program, is flanked by her parents, Rev. Mike and Crystal Johnson who came from Salem VA. While here, Rev. Mike led devotions and touched our guests with his heartfelt message.



NEW FLAG HANGS PROUDLY

Thanks to Bob Theroux, a new flag flies proudly at our Vet House.

<< ANSWERING THE CALL

Manpower employees heard we were in need of meals and decided to do something about it. They and their families prepared and served a bountiful breakfast! We thank you for your generosity and kindness.

**OPEN
APRIL
BREAKFAST
DATES.**

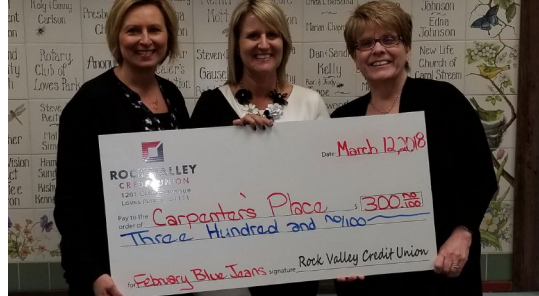
CAN YOU HELP?

MON, APRIL 9
WED, APRIL 11
FRI, APRIL 20
MON, APRIL 30

**CALL 815.964.4105
TO ARRANGE A DATE**

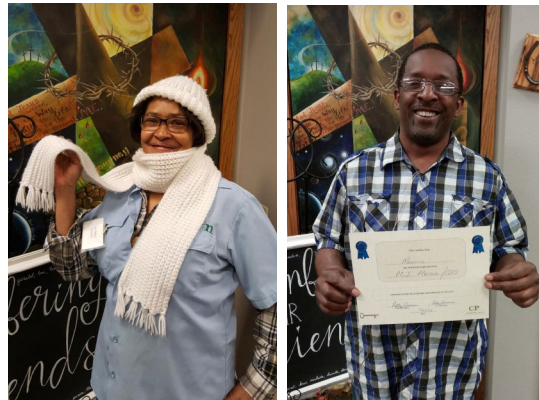
**CURRENT
NEEDS**

- Men's Jeans (Sizes 30" to 34" waist)
- Women's underwear (Size 6)
- Spray Air Freshener
- Spray Disinfectant
- Liquid Cleaner (Lysol or Pinesol)
- Body wash; full size
- Conditioner; full size
- Coffee Creamer
- Sweet-n-low packets
- Coffee stirrers
- Hot sauce
- 6" disposable plates



CHECK PRESENTATION

Tanya and Lori of Rock Valley Credit Union present Kay (R) with a donation raised through Jeans Day Fridays in February.



CRAFTING SKILLS

Women's Housing resident, Michelle, models a beautiful hat and scarf she crocheted; a skill her grandmother taught her. She also makes purses, leggings and blankets for family and friends! Beautiful!

NEW JOB SUCCESS

Maurice, after only 2 weeks at CP, secured a job! He is very proud of his important accomplishment! We wish him the best of luck in this new chapter. Congratulations on your achievement, Maurice!



MEAL SERVICE

Cross and Crown Church members faithfully provide lunch every other month. The sloppy Joes & delicious sides were a hit with our guests.



REBUILDING A LIFE

Six years ago, case manager Patty gave Bruce a pair of boots he needed to get a job. In March he visited to share his success: maintained a job for 6 years, reunited with family, bought a house, is engaged, obtained a driver's license, joined a credit union, purchased a vehicle, and got greatly-needed dental work completed. Amazing update!



GENEROUS WOMEN UNITE

Sharon, Fern, and Linda of SM & SF Women's Auxiliary presented Jennifer (L) with a check. They also personally donated needed items.



GREAT WAY TO START THE DAY

Pastor Don, Barb, Dave, and Pennie of Winnebago United Methodist Church served warm smiles and a hearty breakfast to guests at CP.