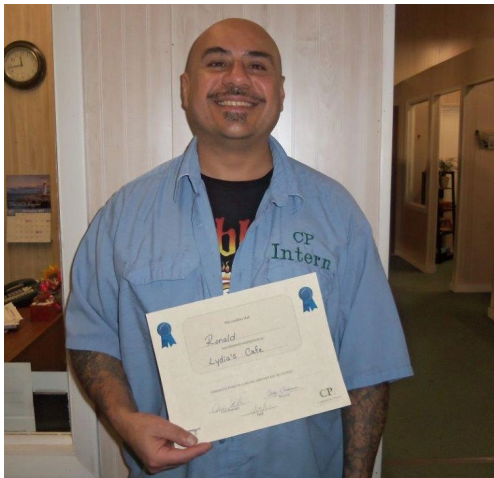


2017 DECEMBER

MONTH IN REVIEW



EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS

Ron proudly displays his Job Certificate as he celebrates securing employment.



VAN LOAD OF LOVE

Girl Scouts of No IL Creekview Service Unit did a Scavenger Hunt for the Homeless and collected over 75 bags of food and personal care items.



THE GIFT OF BLESSINGS BRACELETS

Rockford Bank and Trust employees were treated to a Blessings Bracelet through the kind generosity of RB&T Board chair and CP Board director, George Ralph.



WARM SLEEPING BAGS

Our friends at Community of Christ Church collected money and bought 10 warm sleeping bags on Black Friday.



VETERAN'S HOUSE CHRISTMAS

Once again, 'Santa' Shyam Singh made Christmas special for our Veteran's House residents. Everyone agreed the food was delicious, and the company and conversation were great!



CHRISTMAS ANGELS

This crew, fondly known as Alberta's Christmas Angels, joined forces to distribute a wide array of gifts to our guests. Front row, far right, is crew leader, Alberta.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas is a time for sharing fun and that's what our PS housing guests did as they enjoyed a holiday Swedish Soul Fusion meal provided by our generous donor, Sandy. The excitement of opening gifts from special "Santas" followed.



FESTIVE BREAKFAST

Winnebago County Chairman Frank Haney, Sheriff Gary Caruana, and county staff served lunch to our guests, looking festive in their Santa and Gingerbread aprons. (L-R) Stacy, Julia, Frank, Gary, Joe, and Ann.



GIFTS FOR OUR GUESTS

Medical Records Department staff of Mercyhealth Hospital provided fun and practical gifts for our guests. Word find books, pens, stocking hats, Chapstick and candy delivered by Tracy, Linda, and Judy were a big hit.



SPECIAL DONATION

Julie Cook Ramirez of SecondFirst Church presented CP executive director, Kay, with a check from the proceeds of their amazing "Home for Christmas" handbell concert and lasagna dinner.



REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS

On the winter solstice, the longest night of the year, we gathered to honor and remember the lives of homeless men & women who passed away in our community during 2017.



STUFFED STOCKINGS!

Owen Blue Bonnets 4H Club members made stockings for our guests. Home Depot of Machesney Park generously donated 70 sets of Hot Hands to add to the granola bars, candy and other goodies.

2017 *By the Numbers* > **158** guests secured jobs! (121 full time) **181** guests obtained housing!

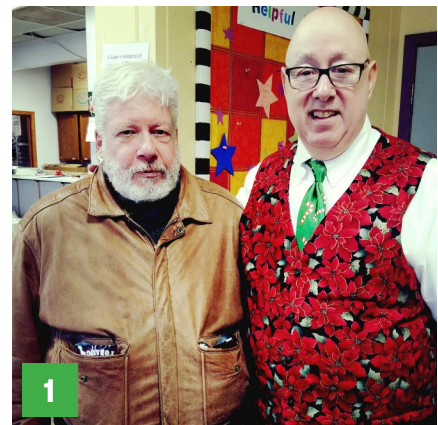


GIVING TREE DONATIONS
Mike delivered a huge donation from employees of Pearson and Stenstrom who had taken a tag from their giving tree and bought needed items to bless CP.

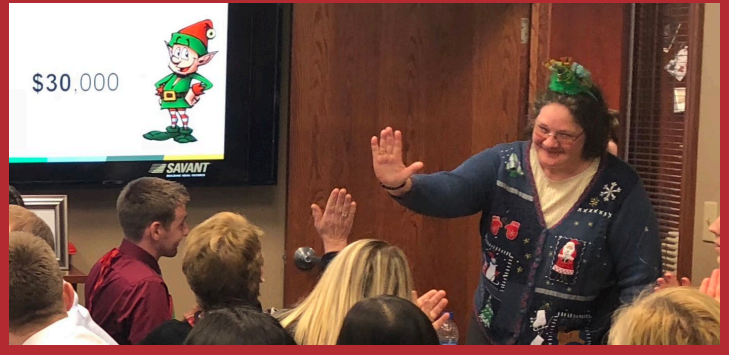
BREAKFAST DELIGHT
Thanks to the Boelte Family for serving a hearty breakfast of sausage, eggs, toast, and fruit!

FAITH INTO ACTION
Putting faith into action, the wonderful women of W.I.S.E. Bible Study volunteered a day to serve "wherever needed" and got quite a work out helping with holiday projects, serving lunch and more!

✨ The Magic of Music ✨



INCREDIBLE TEAM WORK!
The "elves" of Savant went over-the-top with creativity, kindness and generosity! They adopted CP as their charity, divided staff into teams, and launched 68 different ways of raising funds and having fun. The final donation topped **\$30,000!** Applause and appreciation for this AWESOME community partner!



1. Craig (L) was one of the guests who enjoyed Christmas songs performed by Chip Messiner (R) of The Bull.
2. Tania Nicholson played acoustic guitar and sang Christmas favorites for the guests to enjoy during lunch.
3. Karen, from Westminster Church, provided beautiful music as her church friends served lunch.
4. The YMCA's Retired Men's Chorus entertained guests with music, jokes and a rousing game of 'Name that Tune.'
5. Over 100 students from Berean Christian School collected items AND provided music for our guests. Choir members and band ensemble shared their special gifts of time and talent.



HOLIDAY MEAL
Ronald and Earl from CP housing were very thankful for a delicious holiday meal provided by Stephanie and Friends, and gifts from other Christmas friends.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS
Chad Anderson and Abbi Balk of Greater Rockford Auto Auction presented a generous check and Walmart gift card to help move our mission of rebuilding lives forward. Being adopted by this great company was a true blessing!

HOLIDAY B-I-N-G-O
The Sylvester family (Nancy, Jim, Marcy, and Holly) delighted our guests with their annual BINGO game and bounty of gifts.

CP SUPPORT
Andrew, of SwedishAmerican Case Management, presented a generous donation from department employees to Patti.



< HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS
Welcome home! Eldra and Craig are set to begin 2018 in Success House, our employment housing program. Their great attitudes and work ethic will take them far!



SUCCESS ABOUNDS!
Bill and Robert ended 2017 as successful graduates of our employment housing program. Hard work, determination, and budgeting resulted in them being able to secure their own apartments. Congratulations, gentlemen!

