

# 2019 february

## CARPENTER'S PLACE MONTH IN REVIEW



### A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Welcome to CP housing, Reggie! Happy to have his own room and keys to his home, Reggie is working hard to gain employment.



### HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE DAY

As part of the Rockford Christian High School's Annual Service Day, students, Qin and Austin, joined teacher, Kelli to bless us with gifts of time and talent, organizing donated items and serving lunch. We thank them for their generosity!



### BREAKFAST SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Serving breakfast and representing the YMCA Retired Men's Group are Dick, Tyler (grandson of member) and Fred.



### BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday, James! An important part of our housing programs is celebrating birthdays. James is happy to be opening cards and gifts.



### JOB SUCCESS

Congratulations, Richard! Working with our employment program, Richard secured a job, and as part of our Rides to Success program, he received a bus pass to get to work until he receives a pay check to purchase one.



### HELPFUL ATTITUDE AWARD

Warmest thanks to our February Helpful Attitude winner, Anthony! He eagerly helps when needed!



### DELICIOUS, HOT BREAKFAST

Jan Hale and other members of Christ on the Rock Church, Huntley delighted our guests with hot-off-the-griddle pancakes, sausages and fruit.

# OPEN MEAL DATES



## MARCH

### OPEN BREAKFAST

Monday, March 11th  
Monday, March 18th  
Tuesday, March 19th  
Wednesday, March 20th

### OPEN LUNCH

Tuesday, March 19th

If you can help, please call Miranda at 815.964.4105 ext. 218, or send an email to [CPengagement@carpentersplace.org](mailto:CPengagement@carpentersplace.org)



**STEPS TO SUCCESS**  
Bravo, Douglas! It's a wonderful achievement to secure a job!



**VALENTINE'S DAY TREATS**  
Austin, Regina, Linda and Lisa enjoyed decorating and eating Valentine's Day cookies. Loving thanks to Sue and Scott Garwick who provided the homemade heart cookies, frosting and sprinkles. Fun and tasty!



**JOB INTERVIEW PREP**  
Teron looked professional and sharp for his mock interviews. "Well-spoken and mannered, great thinker and problem solver" were qualities noted by his interviewers.



**HOUSING PROGRAM SUPPORT**  
Cheers to Marvelous Melinda (standing) who delivered a delicious homemade dinner, and delightful goodie bags to the women in our housing program on a record-breaking cold night!



**SHOE DONATION**  
Dave stands proudly by the first batch of shoes purchased for the beautiful Maundy Thursday Foot Care Event at Carpenter's Place. We are actively seeking out donations of new shoes and socks for this event on April 18th. To learn more about how you can donate, visit our website. Thanks!



**WARM COAT COLLECTION**  
Lori Perkins of Rock Valley Credit Union (right) delivered an abundant donation from their February coat collection.



**FULL-TIME JOB SECURED**  
John is set for success! He secured a full-time material handler position, and received a pair of steel-toe boots from our Work Gear program.



**LAST MINUTE MEAL SERVICE!**  
Rasmussen Student Nursing Organization members, Amanda, Natalie, Kelly, and Brittany saved the day by volunteering to fill a next-day open breakfast date! They brought biscuits and gravy, granola bars, hard boiled eggs, apples, milk and orange juice. Our guests were very grateful!

**CURRENT NEEDS LIST**

- FAMILIES**
- Children's underwear, boys & girls (sizes 4 -10) new, please
  - Children's socks, boys & girls (sizes 2 - 12) prefer new
  - Family-appropriate card games
  - New or gently used high chairs or booster seats
- ADULTS**
- Men's boxers (sizes M, L, XL)
  - Umbrellas
  - Rain jackets
  - Men's and women's 4x/5x clothing
- FOOD**
- Restaurant size cans of vegetables or fruit (106 oz)
- PERSONAL CARE ITEMS**
- Full-size body/hand lotion

**FEBRUARY MILESTONES**  
In February, those we served achieved these milestones:

- Homeless Adults:** 11 men and women obtained housing, and 7 secured employment, 5 full-time.
- Families:** 3 families obtained housing (3 parents, 7 children, and one baby due in May) and 3 parents secured employment; 2 full-time!