

CARPENTER'S PLACE

Providing the tools for rebuilding lives.

AUGUST 2015

In Review



GIVING THANKS

On August 12th the men of Rockton House shared a traditional "Thanksgiving" meal with all the fixins. It was a reminder that our blessings are abundant year round, and therefore so should our gratitude be.

STYLED FOR SUCCESS!

Paul is very happy local beautician, Tracy, volunteers her time at Carpenter's Place to cut hair. A professional stylist is always able to boost one's self-esteem.

Looking good, Paul!



STORY OF SUCCESS

The highlight of our Celebrate Success event was hearing from Michelle, a former guest who truly embodies the success we were celebrating. She shared the circumstances that led her and her husband to becoming homeless, their experience at Carpenter's Place, and their subsequent years of gainful-employment, home ownership, and positive community involvement. A standing ovation applauded her success!

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BY THE NUMBERS

20 obtained housing



16 gained employment (9 full time)



Numbers made possible through Carpenter's Place case management program.

It was an honor to celebrate our 2015 award winners at our Celebrate Success event, commemorating 15 years of SUCCESS!



CORNERSTONE AWARD
Keith Irons with executive director, Kay Larrick



ANGEL AWARD
Nancy Halverson with founder, Al Barsema



HELPING HANDS AWARD
Drs. Roger and Pamela Schmidt with case manager, Carrie Bohling



BENEFACTOR AWARD
Jody Goff and Julee Cranfill on behalf of their uncle, Merrill Johnson, posthumously, with board director, John Sentovich.



GUARDIAN AWARD
Rockford Rescue Mission



DRIVING SUCCESS AWARD
Pat Bachrodt with co-founder, Cathy Barsema



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Jennifer Davis (left) and Deanna Halvex (right) from GKN, presented a generous check to Carpenter's Place executive director, Kay Larrick. The funds are designated for bus passes for our guests in housing. Transportation is a true key to success, allowing our guests to apply for jobs, go for interviews, reach doctor appointments, and take care of other business matters. We deeply appreciate our business partners like GKN! Together we're ending homelessness, one person at a time.



TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

Amy Wiegert (left), Carol Last, and Kent Kohlbacher of Northwest Bank showered Carpenter's Place with an extraordinary donation of brand new household items! The employees at their branches collected everything from can openers to pots and pans! These are deeply appreciated by our homeless guests as they joyfully set up an apartment.



JOB SUCCESS!

Dexter got a new job at Red Robin.

