

2017 **FEBRUARY**  
MONTH IN REVIEW



**FURRY FRIENDS BRING COMFORT**

Amanda enjoys a visit with Sue and Mr. Louie Armstrong, the big friendly cat of our New Friends group.



**CYCLES FOR CHANGE**

Cassandra is set to take off for success on her new bike. Thank you to everyone who donates bikes and funds for the Cycles for Change program.



**SHOWCASING TALENTS**

Our talent show was an opportunity for Marie to share her outstanding voice, as she sang from the heart. Alex is in the background, relaxing after his great performance.



**FRIENDS VOLUNTEER TOGETHER**

Friends since grade school, these generous ladies share their love and service to others by providing lunch to our guests on a regular basis.



**SOCIAL OUTING**

Ready to eat! Guests in our Permanent Housing Program gather outside Golden Corral where they enjoyed a special dinner treat! Great time to socialize and try new foods.



**ARTS & CRAFTS**

Valentine's Day is a great opportunity for fun crafts!



**FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION**

The Knights of Columbus from St. Bridget Church have a great time faithfully serving breakfast to our guests each month.



**EMPOWERING WOMEN**

Big thanks to Pastor Annie Davis (2nd from left) for sharing an uplifting message on Valentine's Day with our Women's Housing program guests. Loving and respecting ourselves, as children of God, is a life lesson to be remembered.

# URGENT NEEDS

- Coffee
- Powder Drinks
- Butter or margarine
- Pancake Syrup
- Can openers
- Gallon size can opener
- Shower curtain liners (plastic)
- Small plates
- Light bulbs (60 and 75 watt)
- Men's Jeans  
Sizes 32, 34, 36 waist

Donations can be dropped off at Carpenter's Place Mon - Fri: 8:30am - 4pm. Or, call Stacy to make special arrangements: 815-964-4105. Thanks!



**WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!**  
Karla Moore made serving breakfast a fun family affair.



**REUNITE WITH FAMILY**  
Dean, boarded a bus to St. Petersburg Florida for a long overdue visit with his brother, Max. Family fun is the best!



**TRANSPORTATION SUCCESS**  
With his bike from our Cycles for Change program, Dave will be able to get to work more easily, and enjoy the spring weather!



**HOT-N-READY PIZZA!**  
The IKON staff is set to serve fresh, hot pizza for our guests' lunch!



**SWEET DONATION**  
Yowza! Cathy and Troy admire the fabulous fruit arrangement donated by Shirley Syverson for the enjoyment of the guests. It was a huge hit!



**KIDS COMMITTED TO SERVICE**  
Students from Rockford Christian showed their commitment to service while working at Carpenter's Place this month. Their energy and efforts were greatly appreciated.



**TEAMWORK WORKS!**  
Cathy, Director of Guest Services, gladly jumps in to serve lunch to our guests.

**EMPLOYMENT UPDATE**  
Last month we shared that Tiara completed mock interviews. We are now thrilled to report she has secured a full-time job!

**DURING FEBRUARY...**  
13 GUESTS SECURED JOBS; 8 FULL-TIME!

11 GUESTS OBTAINED HOUSING



**TALENT SHOW FUN!**  
Case managers Emily, Samantha, Carina, Miranda and Patty share their skills and style in the guests and staff talent show.

**PUPPY FRIENDS**  
New Friends faithful pup, Max, and "mom" Cathy spreads sunshine wherever they go.



**LUNCH WITH A SMILE**  
Brooke Road United Methodist Church volunteers serve smiles with the delicious lunch they prepared.



**COLLEGE INTERN**  
NIU student, Kaitlyn, is doing an internship with us this semester. Her joy is contagious among guests, volunteers and staff. What a blessing!