

# DECEMBER

> carpenter's place : month in review <



## COMFORTS OF HOME

Being without a home for many years, Bernard delights in having a comfortable couch in his new apartment.



## GREAT START TO THE DAY

The Moore family provided breakfast for our guests this holiday season.



## CHRISTMAS JOY ABOUNDS!

Marc was thrilled with his present at our Permanent Supportive Housing Christmas party. Christmas music, pizza, homemade cookies, gifts, stockings, and fun with friends made it a night to remember.



## DONATION OF GOODS

Dr. Nguyen of MercyHealth delivered an amazing donation of needed items.



## SONGS OF THE SEASON

Todd Enneking led the ladies of our Women's Housing Program in singing Christmas carols after they enjoyed a wonderful homemade meal provided by Todd and his friend, Karen Courtney.



## WARM FEET ARE HAPPY FEET

Members of Warm Feet Mission gave socks to each guest at Carpenter's Place.

## REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS...

Fr. David Beauvais and Pastor Rebecca White Newgren led community members in a service that remembered the men and women who died while homeless in 2016. The SecondFirst Church choir, with organ and guitar accompanists, added beautiful music to the service, and a candle was lit as the name of each deceased guest was read.

## URGENT NEEDS...

- Warm Winter Boots
  - men and women, all sizes needed
- Jeans
  - all sizes up to 36 waist needed
- Hot Sauce
- Butter or Margarine



## SUCCESS PARTNERS

Doris Hicks (R) and Brick Logan of the Northern IL Corvette Club presented a generous donation to CP Executive Director, Kay Larrick.



## GIVING SPIRIT

Dana Busker of Concordia Lutheran delivering the gifts from her students.

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BY THE NUMBERS**

**9** guests gained  
employment  
(6 full time; 3 part time)

**14** guests obtained  
housing





## LITTLE SANTA'S HELPERS

Dana Busker's kindergarten class at Concordia Lutheran adopted the daughter of a Carpenter's Place guest for Christmas. They brought in gifts, worked with 4th grade friends to wrap them, and everyone made her a card.

## HELPFUL ATTITUDES AWARD

Anthony is always extremely helpful and a natural for winning our Helpful Attitudes Award. Congrats, Anthony!



## CHRISTMAS EVE BINGO

Holly, Jim and Nancy Sylvester take a break from calling BINGO and distributing gifts. This Christmas Eve tradition for their family is one our guests thoroughly enjoy.

## DECEMBER INTERN

Alex was very happy to be named Intern of the Month. He earned this award through his excellent work keeping our donation room in order.

## FRIENDS VOLUNTEER TOGETHER

Alberta James (first row, left) and her Santa friends gathered to distribute a wide array of gifts to our guests.



## PARTNERS MAKE CHANGE POSSIBLE

Dana Kiley, Michelle Comstock and John Rose of CoyleKiley Insurance Agency delivered a huge amount of items donated by their staff.

## STARTING THE DAY RIGHT

A bountiful breakfast buffet was provided for our guests by (L to R) Deana Carlson, Ardene Mosley, Steve Letsinger, Torrie Gullikson, Kim Gaffney, Michael Gaffney, and Ryan Bergquist.



## FAMILY TRADITION OF GIVING

Once again, the Merwin family shopped for food and supplies for our guests as the Christmas gift requested by their parents. What a beautiful tradition!

## SUCCESS HOUSE CHRISTMAS

(L to R) Nick, Bill, Dave, and Homer of Success House gathered for a Christmas celebration complete with great food, fellowship and gifts. Unfortunately not all the guys could attend because they were working. However, it's a blessing ALL Success House residents are employed!