

# CARPENTER'S PLACE

Providing the tools for rebuilding lives.

DECEMBER 2014  
In Review



## Christmas Dinner

Shyam and his friend Shittu brought Christmas dinner and dessert for the Veterans and they enjoyed many hours of fellowship and fun – the Veterans always have so much fun when Shyam and Shittu come over for Christmas – as he has done so for several years – it truly is a lively, fun and international conversation had by all!



## Rockton House Christmas

The residents at Rockton House were treated to a festive and joyful Christmas Dinner. Lyn Deitering and Carrie Schneeman provided a delicious Christmas dinner for the Rockton House guys.

## Serving Those That Served

The Veterans hosted a Christmas dinner party honoring Bob and Sharon Theroux. They prepared a special dinner with all the trimmings and presented them with a framed picture highlighting the many times the Theroux's have graciously given of time, energies and monies to make their Christmases so very joyful and bright!



## Ho. Ho. Ho!

Once again, Alberta and her friends became Santa for the day and distributed an array of wonderful gifts to our guests in the dayroom. The surprise and gratitude were fun to witness!



## Holiday Spirit



(Above) CP case managers getting into the holiday spirit with festive sweaters. Looking good!

(Left) Rockton House Christmas tree decorators. Beautiful job guys!

## And the Award Goes To...

Roger Reithmeier (immediate past president of CP) was the recipient of the 2014 Excalibur Award! We're grateful to Roger for his gifts of time, talent and treasure to Carpenter's Place and applaud his city-wide service to other organizations!

## GUESTS GIVING BACK

Amazing to most....several guests give cash donations to Carpenter's Place once they are employed. This season one successful guest who remains housed and employed after leaving our program 9 years ago, brought in a check for \$50 and said, "If you had not been here to help me, I am sure I would still be on the streets drinking." Another who has remained stably housed for five years brought in a check for \$200. The third guest has had his own apartment since 2008, works part time and frequently donates gift cards. In December he knew of the Double Dollar campaign, so took \$500 out of savings and brought in to CP, saying, "If you had not helped me, I do not know where I would be now. Use this money to help more." They are paying it forward.

## The Amazing Spirit of Giving

Through the kind generosity of many groups and individuals, our 60 guests in CP housing had a Christmas dinner and a gift under their tree for Christmas. In addition, other generous supporters provided special meals and gifts for our guests in the dayroom throughout the holiday season.



## Fun Christmas Eve!

Jim, Nancy and Holly Sylvester, with their friend Debbie Kerr, played Bingo with our guests on Christmas Eve and provided wonderful prizes and gifts for all!

## IN DECEMBER...

**23** guests secured employment;  
**12** full time.  
**19** gained housing!