



> carpenter's place : month in review <



CYCLES FOR CHANGE

Ken is grateful to have a bike for transportation and exercise.



JOB SUCCESS!

Kira is happy she secured a full-time job!



EASTER EGG ART

Michael enjoyed making an Easter basket and coloring eggs in the art room.



FISH FRIENDS

Having fish is fun but cleaning is necessary! Thank you, Clinton and Jerome!



LUNCH SERVICE

CP Board members are happy to serve lunch to our guests.

LIVES ARE CHANGING!

Danny had a big month of goal achievements! He successfully completed the Rockton House program, obtained his driver's license, purchased a vehicle, and secured his own apartment! Way to go, Danny!



PIZZA, PIZZA, PIZZA!

Social outings to a restaurant are a special treat and this one to Giordano's was a real hit! It was made possible for our HMHAP housing guests by the generous donation of a gift card.



BUILDING SKILLS

Teresa won the Helpful Attitudes award in March. That spirit will take her far in moving ahead in life.



YOUTHFUL KINDNESS

Boylan Student, Anne Archer, did a Scavenger Hunt for the Homeless and donated a wide array of

needed items to Carpenter's Place.

ROAD TO SUCCESS

Ryan has been a guest at Carpenters Place for a mere six weeks but has already completed the necessary work to get a state id, LINK card and medical services. His drive to complete his life goals was rewarded with a gently used top notch bike, lock and light so Ryan can actively job search! Congrats Ryan!



+ MARCH BY THE NUMBERS +

27 obtained housing
18 secured employment (16 full-time)

KINDNESS MATTERS

The Random Acts of Kindness Club of Pecatonica Elementary made 20 fleece blankets for our guests in March and also collected personal care items. We applaud group leader Becky Gocken and the 110 kindergarten through 4th grade students in RAOK who prove Kindness Matters at Pecatonica Elementary!



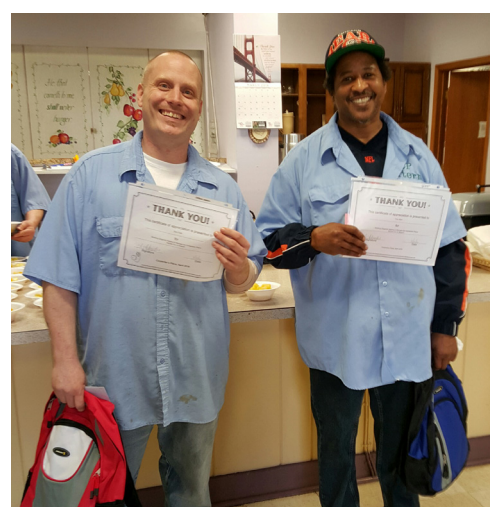
KEYS TO KNOWLEDGE

Students from Rock Valley College Global Small Business Incubator class created a library in the Permanent Supportive Housing Program. They also lead a Hot Topic Discussions twice per month during their time in the class.

WELCOME HELPER

Rockford University nursing student, Chloe Balabuszko (right) worked with CP case manager Jaimi at the dayroom sign-in desk.





GIVING THANKS

Guest Elton won the weekly Gratitude Drawing held in the dayroom and received a personal care bag of items and treats. The Gratitude board and drawing was developed to help promote positive guest behaviors of pitching in and helping with the daily activities of Carpenters Place. Congratulations, Elton!



ON THE HUNT TO HELP...

Brothers, CJ and Zach Couper, collected much-needed items for CP by doing a Scavenger Hunt for the Homeless. These Boylan High School students also worked at CP sorting books and helped compile a mail appeal. Thanks guys!

INTERNS OF THE MONTH

Troy and Dan did a WONDERFUL job co-managing the many activities of the CP kitchen all week during a staff vacation period. They served well over 400 guests breakfasts and lunches and kept the very busy kitchen organized and prepared for each day! They arrived early, had tremendous can-do attitudes and asked for help/guidance from staff when needed - all of the staff commented that they both did an absolutely terrific job.



TASTY CHICKEN!

"AWESOME" was the response received when asked what the guests thought of the Chick-Fil-A lunch. Big thanks to Anne Percy of Chick-Fil-A for arranging this wonderful donation!



SPECIAL GIFT IDEA FOR MOMS, GRADUATES, AND MORE!

The grateful spirits of our guests remind us to count our blessings everyday and inspired our "Count My Blessings" bracelet. Celebrate the special occasions of those you love with the gift of a Blessings Bracelet. Mothers' Day, Graduation, Confirmation, and First Communion are all right around the corner... All treasured moments to let those you love know you count them as a blessing in your life!



SWEET TREATS SERVED WITH A SMILE

Interns, (left to right) Dan, Troy and Ruben, prepared and served hand-frosted cinnamon rolls for our guests.

SPECIAL NEEDS

- Bleach
- 33-gal Garbage Bags
- Men's and Women's Shorts
- Backpacks
- Men's and Women's Walking/Athletic Shoes

A variety of bracelets are available. Complete with a gift bag, it's all set for a beautiful presentation. 100% of the sales go directly to the women's housing program. To order: email Kay at KayL@carpentersplace.org or call (815) 964-4105 ext 211.



IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO...

- Work on our Celebrate Success fundraising event.
- Accept donations of in-kind items.
- Help with laundry.

