

# Lives are Changing at CP in March 2013

## Sweet Donation...

In mid-March, a gentleman came to the front desk to donate 4 bags of white sugar, an item from our Critical Needs list. He had been the recipient of a 10-ride bus pass from CP and just wanted to give back!

Probation Officer, Rose Dusing, called to thank CP for our housing and support of an Immanuel House guest. Rose has seen a huge improvement in his demeanor in just a month and a half, which she attributes to his involvement with CP.

**Congratulations to Carpenter's Place housing guests Ryan and Jeremy for graduating from the Mission's Life Recovery Program!**



More than 60 people attended the CP luncheon on March 13th, and we received \$640 from bracelet sales! The next luncheon is June 12.



On March 13, the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless' (CCH) state network sent 110 community leaders to Springfield to talk to 30 legislators about protecting state funding for emergency and transitional shelters and the homeless prevention program. Mike and David, two CP guests, attended and represented us well.



CP Guest, Eddie, earned his GED in March!



As part of our Global Youth Service Day, the youth group of First Covenant Church held a "Scavenger Hunt for the Homeless" and collected a ton of items from our needs list. They are the first of many groups participating in Global Youth Service Day projects; your group is welcome to join us!

## FIRST QUARTER STATS

Guests securing  
stable housing: **63**  
& employment: **18**

THANK YOU for  
making a difference!

MEET HAMILTON:  
New Pet Therapy Dog



## FROM THE ARTROOM...



DEAR DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, STAFF + PATTY,  
  
I, BRIAN RAYMOND AM HAND WRITING THIS LETTER OF MY PERSONAL GRATITUDE FOR ALL THE SUPPORT, FOOD, CLOTHES, FURNITURE, SERVICES PROVIDED TO ALL THE HOMELESS, JOB SEEKING PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT CITY OF ROCKFORD ILLINOIS.  
  
IF IT WASN'T FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY CARPENTER'S PLACE I WOULD REMAINED HOMELESS TO THIS VERY DAY! THOUGH MY JOURNEY IS STILL ON GOING, IT IS A RELIEF TO KNOW THAT THERE IS PLACES LIKE CARPENTER'S PLACE WHERE I AND OTHERS KNOW WE CAN GO TO GET A HELPING HAND THROUGH OUR PERSONAL HURRICANES. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE NOT ONLY FOR ME BUT ALSO THE COMMUNITY AND WHAT YOU WILL DO IN THE FUTURE... A HEART FILLED THANK YOU!  
  
THANK YOU PATTY FOR NOT ONLY THE HELP BUT ALL THOSE SMILES AND WARM WORDS OF COMFORT AS I WENT THROUGH AND STILL SAIL THROUGH MY STORM!

