

NOVEMBER

> carpenter's place : month in review <



TINY PEOPLE, BIG RESULTS

Dana Busker's Concordia Lutheran kindergarten class turned October into Socktober, collecting 315 pairs of socks for our guests! This month they adopted a child of one of our guests for Christmas. We applaud Dana for teaching the power of kindness through hands-on projects.



LUNCH IS SERVED

CP Board directors Frank Perrecone, Ken Buss, Kathy Kwiat-Hess, Jim Derry, Henry Close, Fr. Beauvais, and Pastor Rebecca White Newgren served lunch to our guests.



TURKEY DINNER

A generous family provided our Permanent Housing Program guests with a delicious Thanksgiving dinner, complete with pumpkin pie. The guys were very grateful and really enjoyed the holiday get-together.



CARE AND PREVENTION

Offering flu shots on-site is a prevention effort our guests appreciate.



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Travis gratefully secured housing in November. Along with household items, he received a poinsettia to help him decorate his home for Christmas. Congratulations, Travis.



POSITIVE CHANGE

No more sleeping in his car for Earl. Now in a CP housing program, he is looking forward to positive life changes in our housing program. Congratulations, Earl!



LOVING CUDDLES

Case manager, Samantha (left) visits with Martha the Comfort Dog and Megan.



CONGRATS!

William won our Helpful Attitudes Award in November. Way to go, William. Thank you!

11 << Guests secured employment (10 full-time)
Guests obtained housing >> 25



TRIMMED UP

Richard received quite a transformation. Shown above is the before, during, and after of his haircut process. Looking good, Richard!



POSITIVE LIFE CHANGES

Ted lived in our employment program housing, Success House for 20 months. During that time, he maintained employment, attended budgeting class, built a savings, and has now moved into his own apartment, walking distance to work. Way to go, Ted!



COLLABORATION WORKS!

With the combined efforts of local agencies, Airforce Veteran Michael and his wife Diane have a place to call home for the holidays! Congratulations on your new home, and thank you for your service to our country, Mike!



DAY OF SERVICE

It was a joy to have Delicia Harris, Youth Minister at Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, and her group of high school students spend a day of service and learning at Carpenter's Place.



BUSINESS PARTNERS

Warmest thanks to Rockford Systems' staff who collected and delivered an extraordinary collection of greatly-needed supplies and a donation check to move the mission of Carpenter's Place forward!

VETERAN HOUSING

On Thanksgiving Eve, US Army Veteran Mike gives the "thumbs up" as he graciously accepts furnishings for his new apartment. It took a while for this day to come, but Mike never ever gave up! Congratulations Mike, and thank you for your service to our beloved nation!



SENIORS ROCK!

The residents of Siena on Brendenwood organized a bread sale as a fund raiser for Carpenter's Place. Kay gratefully received the proceeds from (L to R) Staff Christine Bailey and Karen Carlson with resident Margaret Roling.



STUDENTS HELP THE HOMELESS

Through a Scavenger Hunt for the Homeless, Honenegah High School Students collected an amazing amount of donations; a 4-year high for this faithful, energetic group!



CHRISTMAS DECOR

Bette Shockey (left) and Dave Kohl joined CP guests to decorate for Christmas.



INTERN OF THE MONTH

We are so appreciative of David who is a guest in our permanent housing program. He continues to donate his time, organizational skills and bright attitude to assist with our donations area and all other tasks where we need help.