

OCTOBER

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THE PERFECT FALL OUTING

Visiting Edward's Apple Orchard for the first time was a great fall treat for three of our housing program guests. The guys really enjoyed the doughnuts. Degerious was amazed seeing the goats, chickens and baby calf. He had never seen animals like that before. He loved looking around the store and seeing the caramel apples, that he also had never seen.



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Women in our housing program focus a lot of time and energy on financial management. Volunteer, Lynn Olsen, meets with each one weekly/monthly to make a budget. What a blessing!



ARTS & CRAFTS

Rockford University nursing student, Taylor, (left) enjoyed time in our art room with guests.



QUILTED COMFORT

Pat Oleson and Kathy Nelson delivered beautiful, warm quilts made by the Bethlehem Lutheran Quilters. Your gifts of time and talent are deeply appreciated.



HEALTHY HABITS

Rockford University nursing students, Corey and Amanda, facilitated a focus group for our guests on the important topic of nutrition.



TEAMWORK WORKS!

Charlene (left) of the Women's Housing Program, got a cart to transport groceries and laundry and it needed to be assembled. Mike (center) from our Vet Program put it together for her. Case manager, Samantha, applauds their cooperation and teamwork!

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6 Guests secured employment (4 full time)

11 Guests obtained housing



STRIKE!

Homer and Chris share an apartment in our Employment Housing and last month got to share a morning of bowling and great fun.



INTERN OF THE MONTH

Juan is happy to cut up fruit donated by the Loves Park Rotary. What a treat! He works hard in the kitchen and is very deserving of the October "Intern of the Month" recognition! Thank you, Juan, for all you do!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Ed Blanchard presented Carpenter's Place Business Manager, Jennifer Tipping, with two new Lenovo ThinkCentre Computers from Rockford Toolcraft, Inc. We are very grateful for this generous donation!

GIVING THANKS

{Each month we ask our guests what they are thankful for and below are their thoughts of gratitude for October}

Life...me still being here and my boyfriend

Deeandre...my wife....thankful for the Lord...

I'm blessed that I woke up to see another day...

I love you, God...thank you for love...

I am so thankful for God...my husband..

Hope....my right mind....my family...

Christmas Giving

Adopt a Homeless Guest for Christmas and provide the only gift they'll receive this Christmas. Wish list provided.

Adopt the child of one of our guests and provide a toy or clothing item to be given to a child by their parent who is unable to purchase a gift for them this Christmas. Wish list provided.

Join our 12 Days of Christmas. Provide breakfast or lunch, offer a small gift, or provide music to our daily homeless guests.

Provide a Holiday Dinner for guests in one of our housing programs. Group sizes range from 3-14 adults.

Email Kay to confirm interest: KayL@carpentersplace.org

DONATION NEEDS

- Men's deodorant (all out)
- Men's boxers (all sizes)
- Men's pants size 30 to 36
- Gallon-size zip lock bags
- 33-gallon garbage bags

DONATION DROP-OFF HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:00pm

OPEN LUNCH DATES

November 7, 8, 16, 30

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