

# CARPENTER'S PLACE

Providing the tools for rebuilding lives.

**SEPTEMBER 2015**  
In Review



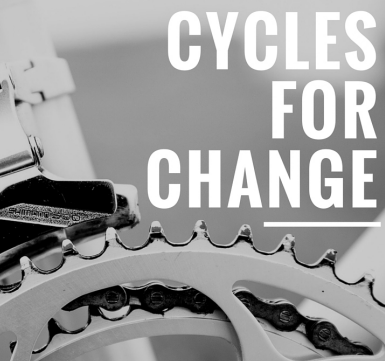
## PROPELLING TO A BRIGHT FUTURE

Claude received a handsome bike, helmet, and lock/chain from our Cycles For Change bike program, just in time to begin a new job near Cherryvale Mall. His response? "This is the best thing that has happened to me in a long time; I can't wait to show my friends!" Congrats on your new job and wheels, Claude!



## HELP US COLLECT 25 BICYCLES IN OCTOBER

A lack of transportation is one of the biggest challenges for our guests. A reliable bike provides transportation to work, necessary appointments, and support meetings. We are in urgent need of new or gently-used bicycles. To learn more, visit our website: [carpentersplace.org](http://carpentersplace.org)



## SUCCESSFUL ALUM

Earl stopped in to let us know he has been working full time for close to a year, has his own apartment and is doing fantastic! Congrats, Earl!



## GOOD TIMES

Four of our Permanent Supportive Housing residents went to Portillo's and Volcano Falls as a reward for being active participants in an 8-week nutrition class taught by NIU student, Kaitlin Gray.



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Duey Hoff of Dickerson and Nieman Realtors presented a generous donation from their recent golf-outing proceeds to Cathy Barsema, our Director of Guest Services. We are very grateful to these realtors who know well the importance of our housing programs.



## A SPECIAL MOMENT

Kevin, (left) our Employment Program case manager, attended the Salvation Army luncheon and met the speaker, Chris Gardner, who went from homelessness to being a Wall Street legend, and authored the book, *The Pursuit of Happyness*.



## CAT TALES...

Joining our team of comfort pets is Louie Armstrong, the first cat among a lot of dogs! He was warmly received by all.



## GARDEN BOUNTY

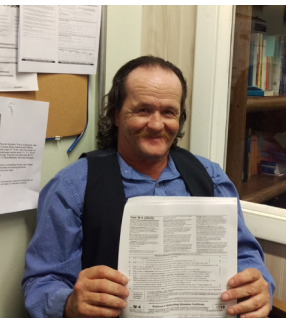
Just a small sample of the beautiful produce this year at Rockton House!

## ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

Ron (a former truck driver) in our Permanent Supportive Housing program obtained his DL and will be back driving soon. Congratulations!



Our HMHAP program launched a book club and the participants are thrilled!



## JOB SUCCESS!

John accepted a job at Omi and was so excited he walked back to Carpenter's Place to share the good news with his case manager. Joy shared is joy doubled!



## WHO KNEW?

The okra plant produced this beautiful flower! What a lovely surprise in the Rockton House garden!



## ALL SMILES HERE

Howard is excited to show off his new smile after receiving much-needed dental work.