

# APRIL

## > carpenter's place : month in review <



### ROAD TO SUCCESS

Larry, a US Army Veteran, is thankful to receive a Carpenter's Place 'Cycles For Change' bike. He plans to use it to reach appointments and increase his activity level. Congrats, Larry!



### BIG HELP

Raymond was a weekly winner of the Helpful Attitude award! We appreciate your helpfulness, Raymond!



### STABILIZING HER LIFE

Congratulations to Jenny who is successfully rebuilding her life. She has obtained stable housing and employment! Way to go, Jenny!



### GRATITUDE WINNER

It comes as no surprise to those who work with US Army veteran, Anthony, that he is a Helpful Attitude winner. The initiative is designed to highlight and reward guests who consistently pitch in to assist at Carpenter's Place! Congratulations, Anthony!



### COMFORTING COMPANIONS

Our guest, Michael, enjoyed a visit with three Comfort Dogs from Immanuel Lutheran Church.



### ART THERAPY

Patti (right) from Oak Street Health came to CP and did an art project with our guests. It was a good time for all to express their creativity.



### LESSONS FOR A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

For nutrition class, NIU student Andrea, did a cooking demo and the residents made their own nutritious mini pizzas. Yum!



### KEYS TO SUCCESS

Women's housing program guest, Michelle, prepared for her first mock interview. Determination and preparation are keys to success.



## April by the Numbers

18 secured employment  
(13 full time, 5 part time)



13 obtained housing





# • Collection Corner •



Daniel Gonzalez and Morgan Bell from the City of Rockford Community Action Youth Advisory Council brought in a large donation of supplies collected by students from Jefferson, Guilford, Belvidere, and Harlem High Schools. The positive power of youth is amazing!



BIG THANKS to Rachael Manning of Roscoe Middle School who collected greatly-needed backpacks and an assortment of supplies for our guests.



Pilgrim Baptist Church is a great mission partner! Jackie Mannery brought in items they generously collected for our Veterans Housing program.



## COLLABORATION WORKS!

Inez Harris (right) and April Adams from Milestone hosted an employment fair at Carpenter's Place. CP employment case manager Kevin was grateful for this opportunity!



## HONORING VOLUNTEERS

CP community engagement manager, Stacey McDonald (left) and AFP Rockford Chapter president, Denise Noe congratulated CP volunteers, Yvonne and Maynard Parker, as outstanding volunteers honored at the AFP Honor Your Own volunteer recognition event.



## SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

Thanks to the generosity of Rockford First, Kira and Michelle attended the Rockford First Women's Original Conference with case manager, Jaimi (right) and had a wonderful time!



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

John and Kenny had the pleasure in attending Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center Shakespeare experience at Court Street United Methodist Church. The production commemorated Shakespeare's 400th Anniversary and featured dynamic performances of theater, music, choir and dance. Thank you to the donors of these tickets for expanding the social experiences for Carpenter's Place Housing Guests!

## IN-KIND DONATION NEEDS

### For our day room...

Paper Towels  
Small Paper Plates  
Napkins  
Coffee  
Lysol  
Drink Mixes  
33 gallon Garbage Bags

### For our housing programs...

Twin Sheet Sets  
Silverware (forks, spoons, knives)  
Gently-used Pots and Pans

### Will you help feed the hungry?

Many lunch dates are available; May 26th & 31st, June 1st, 6th, & 9th. Or if you would like to plan further out, contact Stacey at (815) 964-4105 (ext 203). Thanks!