

2019 DECEMBER

CARPENTER'S PLACE MONTH IN REVIEW



CHRISTMAS GATHERING

The Christmas gathering of our Permanent Housing Program guests included delicious pizza, pasta and salad donated by Salamone's North and gifts provided by our generous Santa donors. A great time was had by all.



GENEROUS SUPPORT

We extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who generously supported us on #GivingTuesday by purchasing something from our Amazon wish list.



WELLS FARGO PLAYS SANTA

Warmest thanks to the Wells Fargo financial advisor Santas who provided mountains of gifts for the parents and children in our Family Program.



DONATION DROP-OFF

Leon, Barbara and Donna delivered a generous donation from the Northern IL Corvette Club.



GIFT OF WARMTH

Stacey Vaughn and his daughter, Jennifer, collected and delivered 169 blankets!



ABUNDANT DELIVERY

Andrea and Amber joyfully delivered a mountain of gifts from Field employees for our guests.



BOOK CLUB BUDDIES

Book Club members Jane, Donna, Cathy, Kathy, Jean and Cindy provided a delicious breakfast casserole and muffins for our guests.



BIRTHDAY MILESTONE

Such a joy to celebrate the 70th birthday of faithful volunteer, Mattie. Cathy, CP Director of Guest Services, presented a card signed by our grateful guests.



GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS

Yvonne and Maureen delivered a bounty of gifts from RVC Continuing Education Department.

OPEN MEALS IN FEBRUARY

BREAKFAST

Mon. Feb 10, Wed. Feb 19 & Wed. Feb 26

LUNCH

Mon. Feb 3, Wed. Feb 5,
Thurs. Feb 6 & Tues. Feb 11

FOR MORE INFORMATION
call Teresa at 815-964-4105 x. 203

JANUARY CURRENT NEEDS

- Stick deodorant
- Shaving cream
- 33-gallon garbage bags
- Air freshener
- Pine Sol-type cleaner
- Men's wallets
- Adult backpacks
- Diapers: sizes 4, 5 & 6
- Pull ups



Heidi and Deanna display hand-crocheted afghans lovingly made by Womanspace member, Jane Gustafson, for the eight ladies in our Women's Housing. Thank you, Jane! The ladies love them!



Marianne, Deanna and Heidi of our Women's Housing gather with Nancy (blue sweater) of Womanspace to enjoy a delicious meal she prepared for their monthly meeting.



The Women's Housing Program Christmas Luncheon was once again beautifully orchestrated by Kay Strand of Womanspace. Noted as a "phenomenal gathering," by case manager, Patty, the ladies were thrilled with the luncheon and gifts, and honored to have Pat, Elaine, Executive Director of Womanspace, and Kay (seated) join them for the festivities.



WARM FEET

Case manager, Rebecca, shares the joy of Alfred after he received a pair of new winter boots.



GIANT CHRISTMAS TREE

BIG THANKS to Dave & Lynn Morlan and Sue & Scott Garwick who assembled the beautiful 12-foot tree donated by Field to Carpenter's Place.



DONATION OF NEEDED ITEMS

CP Executive Director, Kay was thrilled to receive a generous check and abundance of needed items from Walterscheid Powertrain Group. Warmest thanks!



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE BINGO

In loving memory of Jim Sylvester, friends Deb and John joined Nancy (wife) and Holly (daughter) to carry on the family tradition of Christmas Eve Bingo and gifts for our guests.

FAMILY SERVICES IN DECEMBER

- > Serving: 25 families (33 adults and 68 children); 493 case management sessions
- > 1 family (1 adult and 4 children) obtained housing
- > 2 heads of household secured full-time employment

Thanks to our "Super Santas" who blessed our families, 527 Christmas gifts delivered!



CELEBRATING KIRK

Dressed for success, proud and grateful, Kirk stands with his case manager, Patty, CP donors Mary Lou and Bob McLaughlin and CP Executive Director, Kay to celebrate securing his Permanent Resident Card!

DURING DECEMBER

Adults in our case management program achieved the following:

14 guests obtained housing

8 guests secured employment



GENEROUS HOLIDAY DONATION

Christmas came early when JL Clark management team members delivered a generous donation to CP Operations Manager, Jennifer.



CHRISTMAS MEAL WITH FRIENDS

Our HMHAP housing Christmas event was wonderful! A beautifully-lit tree, carols playing, and hot cocoa brewing set the stage for a delicious chicken dinner provided by Shyam. The group had International roots: Matt (US), Sito (Nigeria), Shyam (India), Scott (US) and Kirk (Bahamas). They discussed how universally a positive attitude, consistent effort, humor and enjoying what you do are keys to success.