

2020

MARCH

Carpenter's Place Month In Review

More than any other year, March came in like a lamb and went out like a lion. This front page captures happy moments from the first part of March before COVID19 changes. The back page reflects our new normal with no volunteers on site, social distancing between guests we serve, reduced staff at CP, some staff working from home, and intense sanitizing. To learn more about changes we've made, please visit our website www.carpentersplace.org. Thank you for your continued prayers and support during this global health crisis.



PIZZA FOR BREAKFAST!
Gail, Ginger and Linda of Dickerson & Nieman served breakfast pizza, a guest favorite, on March 3.



CREATIVE FUNDRAISING
Kathy and Jen from SwedishAmerican CCU presented Patti, CP director of development (center,) with the proceeds raised through a fun staff contest. Staff prize: all holidays off for the year! They are in our hearts and prayers now for perfect health and safety.



PAPER PRODUCTS
(L to R) Tanya, Darlyne and Lori presented a huge collection of paper products from Rock Valley Credit Union to CP executive director, Kay. Not knowing at the time, they helped prepare us for the upcoming shortages.



FROM KIDS, FOR KIDS
Danielle Prisby delivered cozy children's pajamas donated by the Montessori Private Academy and organized by the Kindergarten Club. The kiddos in our Family Program will be delighted!



< LUNCH WITH A SIDE OF SMILES :)
On March 3, Barb and Wilma of Community Bible served sloppy joes, chips, brownies and beautiful smiles to our grateful guests.

LANDSTAR TEAM SERVES >
As one of the last meals served by volunteers before COVID19 guidelines, Landstar team members Heather, Chris, Wendy, Jeff and Gregg delighted the guests with pulled pork, chips and brownies.



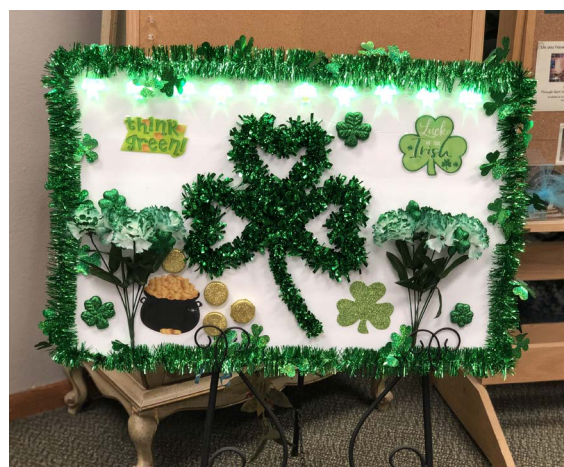
Ashlie, Alice and Jackie taking part in the art project.



Pat, Jackie, Patty, Ashlie, Alice and Kay gathered to chat before dinner.

ROLE REVERSAL

Kay Strand recruits Womanspace members to provide dinner for our Women's Program House Meeting each month. On March 3, in honor of all the dinners they organized over the years, a wonderful Italian meal was prepared by Patty, our Women's Program manager, for Kay and Pat of Womanspace to enjoy with the ladies. Following, Pat led the ladies in creating beautiful necklaces.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY SPIRIT

The luck of the Irish was ours when Gene Little created this festive sign for our lobby!



TAKING CARE OF OUR FISH

In good times and bad, Clinton carefully cares for our fish.



A BIKE FOR MOBILITY AND EXERCISE

Chris was happy to obtain a bike; riding is always faster than walking, and still great exercise.



A HOME OF HIS OWN

Jonathan was full of gratitude as he settled into his room in our Vet Housing Program. No better time to have a place to call home, and stay home!

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For the safety of all, we are not accepting in-kind donations at our Railroad Avenue location. However, essential needs continue. If you are willing to order and ship any of the following from Amazon or your favorite store, we will be very grateful:

- > **MEN'S JEANS 32, 34, 36 (32 LENGTH)**
- > **BOXER BRIEFS M, L, XL**



MARCH MILESTONES FOR FAMILY SERVICE PROGRAM

- > 29 families received services: 36 adults; 77 children and 1 baby on the way
- > 2 families moved from a shelter into housing (2 adults, 2 children)
- > 3 families improved their housing situation by moving into a more stable or improved housing area (5 adults, 10 children)
- > 3 families were provided furniture
- > No family members obtained employment. Several lost jobs due to Covid19
- > 287 Case Management Sessions

MARCH MILESTONES FOR ADULT HOMELESS SERVICES

9 obtained housing
8 secured employment; **4** full-time



SOCIAL DISTANCING

So grateful to Marcus (L) and Melvin! With no volunteers on site, these great guests enthusiastically complete critical cleaning chores every day.

ALTHOUGH VOLUNTEERS CAN'T BE ON SITE, WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO THOSE THAT DELIVERED DELICIOUS MEALS FOR OUR STAFF TO SERVE OUR GUESTS.

- Black and Jones Law Firm
- Brooke Rd United Methodist
- Carpenter's Place Board of Directors
- Carpenter's Place Young Professionals Board
- Central Christian Church
- Dickerson & Nieman
- Eric Tanner
- Faith Community Church Women's Ministry
- Karla Moore
- Kathy Walls
- Mark Sudderberg, CoyleKiley
- Maywood Evangelical Church Men's Group
- Middle Creek Church
- Mt. Olive Church
- Sai Group/Shyam
- Saint Rita Catholic Church
- Westminster Church

Thank you!



ON A ROLL

"Now I can get to my job in five minutes," said Billy enthusiastically as he received a bike, helmet, light and lock from our "Cycles For Change" Program.