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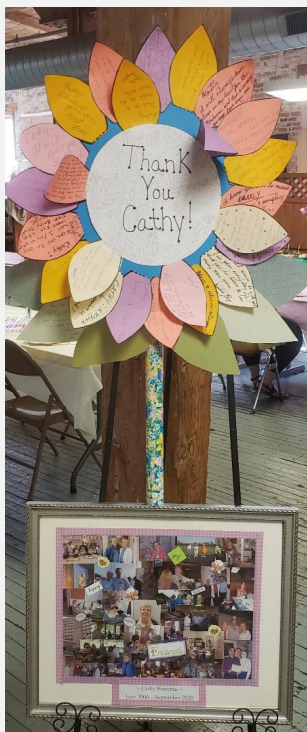
Carpenter's Place Month In Review

CELEBRATING CATHY'S RETIREMENT

Twenty years ago, Cathy Barsema and her husband, Al, founded Carpenter's Place. In her role as Director of Guest Services, Cathy faithfully served our homeless guests, and taught others to do the same.

On September 30, staff gathered to celebrate her outstanding service and wish her well in her retirement. Cathy leaves a legacy of excellence and commitment to the CP mission. The CP Board and staff will be steadfast in carrying that forward.

Due to COVID restrictions, we were not able to host an open-house for this special occasion. If you'd like to send a card of good wishes to Cathy, please mail it to Carpenter's Place, 1149 Railroad Avenue, Rockford 61104 and we'll forward it to her.



Retirement
Only Means it is
Time for a New
Adventure ☺

THANK YOU, CATHY!

With a Garden theme, guests individually presented Cathy with flowers, and wrote notes of gratitude on pedals to create a "Flower of Thanks."



READY TO ROLL

Michael was very happy to receive a bike, helmet, lock and light. Transportation is a real key to success!



ON THE MOVE

Cynthia was happy to help her case manager, Nate, unload lamps and furniture for her apartment.



CELEBRATE SUCCESS (VIRTUALLY)

2020 marks a very big milestone for our organization — our 20th anniversary! This year has turned out to be a teacher of many things, and adaptability tops the list. As many of you know, we were unable to gather in-person for our annual

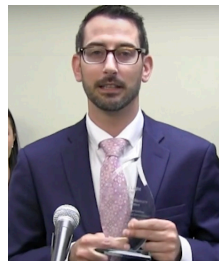
Celebrate Success luncheon. But never fear; we adapted! We transitioned to a virtual format, and hosted our first online event. We learned a lot, and are grateful for all of our supporters and sponsors who stuck with us through all the adjustments.

As much as things changed, the most important things remained the same. We were still able to celebrate the successes of our guests, honor community leaders, and talk about the future of what's to come. During our virtual event, we heard heartwarming stories from guests whose lives were changed with the help of our services. We also made an announcement about an exciting new project: ThriftPLUS! The fun part about the new virtual format is if you missed the launch on September 21, you can visit our website and re-watch the event any time. Visit www.carpentersplace.org/cs-2020 and click play.

During the past 20 years, the following milestones have been achieved by CP guests in our case management program...

4,000+ homeless adults have obtained housing

2,500+ homeless adults have secured employment



GUIDING LIGHT AWARD RECIPIENTS

To acknowledge our gratitude for their steadfast guidance, comprehensive communication, and extraordinary support during COVID-19, the following community leaders were honored at our virtual event: Thomas P. McNamara, Mayor of Rockford; Dr. Sandra Martell and Staff, Winnebago County Health Department; Frank Haney, Winnebago County Board Chairman (accepted by Stacy Mullins).



SECURED A JOB AND READY TO WORK

David proudly holds his CP Job Certificate to celebrate securing a full-time job. He chose to salute in honor of his father who was in the Air Force.



NURSING STUDENTS VISIT CP

Outfitted in PPE, NIU nursing students served breakfast and lunch and also led a game of health care bingo for our guests.



TOOLS FOR TRANSFORMATION

James was grateful to receive a beautiful silver mountain bike through our Cycles For Change Program. And we are grateful to James for his help with daily cleaning chores.



A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Case manager, Tina, was happy to gather items for Tony's move-in to CP transitional housing. Welcome home, Tony!



GETTING READY FOR WINTER

Looking ahead to cooler weather, our Family Services staff distributed coats, hats, scarves and gloves to 47 children in our program.

BOX LUNCH

George was grateful to receive a delicious "box lunch" provided by our terrific service partners at Crusader Community Health.



SEPTEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THOSE IN OUR CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

9 guests obtained housing
7 guests secured jobs; 5 full time

HELP PROVIDE A MEAL...

October open dates...

BREAKFAST: Mon. 10/19, Wed. 10/21, Fri. 10/23, Tue. 10/27, Wed. 10/28, Fri. 10/30

LUNCH: Thu. 10/8, Tue. 10/13

November open dates...

BREAKFAST: Mon. 11/2, Tue. 11/3, Wed. 11/11, Mon. 11/16, Tue. 11/17, Wed. 11/18, Tue. 11/24, Wed. 11/25, Fri. 11/27, Mon. 11/30

LUNCH: Tue. 11/10, Thu. 11/12, Tue. 11/17, Fri. 11/27, Mon. 11/30

To secure a date please contact Teresa Lantz, at CPengagement@carpentersplace.org or 815-964-4105 ext 203.

October Needs

ADULTS

- Wallets
- Backpacks
- Jeans 30 – 38 (32 length)
- Thermal underwear M – 3X

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Shaving cream
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Liquid hand soap

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Liquid cleaner and bleach
- 33-gallon garbage bags
- Laundry soap
- Fabric softener sheets
- Air freshener

CHILDREN

- 4T-5T boys Pull Ups

FOOD/KITCHEN

Note: due to COVID restrictions, we cannot use large containers of condiments that are touched by many; therefore, we now need individual packets

- Individual Creamers (liquid or powder)
- Individual Sugar
- Individual packets of hot sauce, ketchup, mustard, mayo
- Sandwich bags (do not have to be zip type; fold-over is fine)

