

2021

MARCH

CARPENTER'S PLACE MONTH IN REVIEW



COLORING EASTER EGGS

Coloring eggs is a fun part of Easter! John Heins (above), his wife Connie and folks from Cross and Crown Lutheran Roscoe and St. Paul Lutheran Beloit provided 312 hardboiled eggs for our families to decorate. The success of that endeavor shows in these smiles!

CHICKEN LUNCH DONATION

Stephanie (left) of Central Christian Church delivered a great lunch of chicken and sides that Raymond, Richard, and Donnell were happy to help bring up to the kitchen.



CELEBRATING PATTY!

It was our joy to give a well-deserved retirement tribute to Patty Quinn who joined CP first as a volunteer and then became an extraordinary case manager. During her 14 years with us, Patty launched our Veterans' Housing Program, advanced our Women's Housing Program to new heights, and motivated literally thousands of our homeless guests to succeed in reaching lofty goals. She put her heart into everything she did and always went above and beyond to serve the souls who come to CP each day. Patty will be greatly missed but her spirit will forever inspire us. We wish you all the best!



EASTER BASKETS FOR FAMILIES

Building holiday traditions is an important part of our Family Services Program. Easter baskets were delivered to 24 families for 66 children! May Our Risen Lord bless each one.



CRITICAL NEEDS LIST DONATION DROP-OFF

What a blessing! Jennifer and Vernon dropped off much-used, always-needed supplies including plates, bowls, plastic utensils, cups and coffee. Thank you!



DONATED MASKS

Sandra, an employee at Kohl's on State Street, worked with her manager to donate 400 face masks to CP. Our guests are grateful for this donation.



CARE PACKAGES

We received a special donation of female care bags from Heather and her three beautiful girls, left to right: Ryan, Molly and Sydney. These kind, generous and very practical gifts are greatly needed and appreciated by the women we serve.

MARCH MILESTONES

Homeless adults in our Case Management Program achieved the following milestones in March:



4 guests obtained housing



8 guests secured employment (6 full-time)

OPEN MEAL DATES FOR MAY



We serve breakfast and lunch to our guests Monday through Friday. We have many openings in May! To inquire about a specific date, connect with Patti.

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READING: A BUILDING BLOCK FOR SUCCESS

Connie Heins provided enough books for every child in our Family Services Program to receive one on their birthday. She is an avid reader and believes reading is very important for children. We agree!



CUPCAKE DELIVERY

What a "Sweet" blessing! Liz Malone of Halo Cupcake donated cupcakes to CP. We are thankful to our case manager, Rebecca, for making the connection.

LIVE THE GOSPEL

Pastor Heewon Kim and church member, Charlie Halston, from New Life UMC brought in a delicious breakfast of biscuits, cinnamon rolls and more. Living the Gospel teaching to "feed the hungry" is put into practice every day by wonderful community partners.



BRIGHT START

Dan Derry of our Young Professionals Board delivered cereal, milk and fresh bananas from the group. Crystal, our Director of Guest Services, was happy to receive these healthy breakfast items.

NEEDS FOR APRIL

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Bleach
- Cleanser
- Glass Cleaner
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Pine Sol or other floor cleaner

GUEST NEEDS

- Backpacks and/or Duffel Bags



For a complete list of needs visit www.carpentersplace.org/donations/critical-needs-list/

Mail-in donations are always wonderful. If you plan to deliver in-person, please coordinate with Patti: 815-964-4105 ext. 216 CPengagement@carpentersplace.org



HOLY THURSDAY FOOT CARE EVENT

Our Holy Thursday Foot Care Event was a great success. OrthoIllinois' Dr. Kelly John and OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Podiatry Residency physicians and medical students provided foot care for guests of Carpenter's Place today during Holy Week leading up to Easter. The annual tradition models Jesus' efforts to wash the feet of his disciples, as told in the Bible. The team washed guests' feet, trimmed nails and provided any necessary referrals for follow-up foot care. Each guest also received a new pair of shoes and socks. Over \$5,000 and hundreds of pairs of shoes were donated for this year's event!

Pictured above in the group photo: (L to R) Front row: Kelsey, Dr. Kelly John, and Ashley Smith. Back row: Josh, Aaron, Ragusa, Austin and Angie.



ONE OF MANY...

Seeing our need for new shoes for our Holy Thursday Foot Care Service, Greg Beaufils arrived with a large assortment of shoes. Judy was happy to accept his generous donation!



WOW!!! THANK YOU FOR THE SHOES!

We are immensely grateful for all of the donations of shoes we received ahead of our Holy Week Foot Care Event. The success of events like this are in big part possible because of an incredible outpouring of community support. Thank you, thank you!



FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM UPDATE FOR MARCH

- » 1 family (1 adult, 2 children, 1 expected) moved into our first Family Services Program Apartment Building
- » 3 Heads of household secured employment (all full-time)