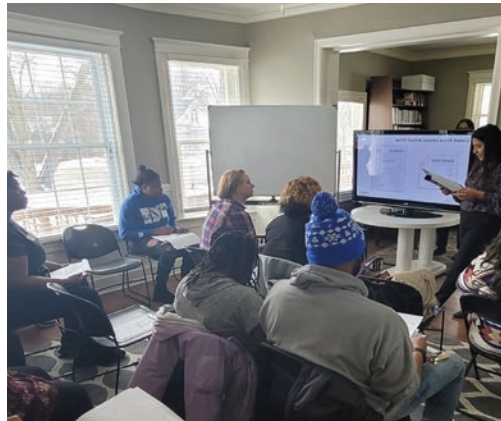


2023

# JANUARY

CARPENTER'S PLACE MONTH IN REVIEW



## FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT FOR FAMILIES

Midland Bank facilitated a 4 week series on Financial Empowerment to those in our Family Services Program. Each class had a minimum of 10 participants! This wonderful learning opportunity was a collaboration between United Way of Rock River Valley, Midland Bank and CP's Family Services Program.

## AWESOME SUPPORT!

Our friends at Members Alliance presented Nancy (center), Director of Development and Outreach, with a check, as well as numerous items they collected. We love our community partners!



## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Thanks to wonderful donors, CP was able to assist Dawone and Steven with furniture as they secured a place to call home. What a blessing!

## KoC WARMING HEARTS

Martha, Karen, Tom, and Kenny from St. Bridget's Knight of Columbus served a wonderful winter meal of hot oatmeal and yogurt.

## FEBRUARY NEEDS

- » Travel Size Hand Lotion
- » Travel Size Shampoo, Conditioner and Body Wash
- » Travel size toothpaste
- » Men's Large, XL, XXL, and 3X Heavy Winter Coats
- » Heavy Winter Gloves
- » Gift Cards (food/retail store for guests)
- » Trash bags (55 Gal and 33 Gal)

If you have any questions regarding our in-kind needs, please do not hesitate to reach out to Michelle Diwo at [Michelled@carpentersplace.org](mailto:Michelled@carpentersplace.org).

## OPEN MEALS

### FEBRUARY:

**BREAKFAST:** 13, 15, 20, 21  
**LUNCH:** 15, 21

### MARCH:

**BREAKFAST:** 3, 6, 7, 8, 13, 20, 21, 22, 29, 31  
**LUNCH:** 1, 3, 6, 14, 15, 30, 31

### > TO SECURE A DATE:

Email [Michelled@carpentersplace.org](mailto:Michelled@carpentersplace.org) or call Michelle Diwo at 779-210-2983.



## A MEXICAN FIESTA

Leadership Rockford from the Rockford Chamber of Commerce brought along lots of smiles and energy as they served a delicious Mexican lunch.

## VIVA CHARLES!

Not only is Charles enjoying a wonderful Mexican feast, but also a cupcake in honor of his January birthday!!



Kelly Whitham  
Director, Retail Operations

Carpenter's Corner, the long-awaited retail project of Carpenter's Place, is just days from becoming a reality. The new store will provide additional financial support for our services to homeless adults and families in crisis.

Over the past 24 months, we had help from our extraordinary Board of Directors and Young Professionals Board, along with other faithful volunteers to help make this dream a reality. We can't wait to see you at the Corner!

## GRAND OPENING

*Save the Date for*

### CARPENTER'S CORNER THRIFT AND MORE

- > Official Grand Opening  
Friday, March 10!
- > 1715 Rural St., Rockford, IL  
(formerly Hilander)
- > Doors Open at 9 am
- > Bargains Galore
- > Fun for the family



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR GUESTS

Carpenter's Corner Thrift and More has brought employment opportunities for 4 of our CP guests! One of those guests, Chris, has been working hard taking in donations in preparation of our grand opening.

### DECEMBER MILESTONES:

Guests in our Case Management Program achieved the following milestones:

- 3 guests secured housing
- 2 guests obtained employment (1 full-time)

Family Services Program successes during December included:

- 3 family members obtained employment (1 full-time)



### 'NEW FRIENDS' RETURN

Sweet Millie, a golden retriever, gets lots of love from a guest while her owner, Teri, looks on. We are so excited to have our New Friends Pets back visiting at CP!