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APRIL

IN
REVIEW

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THE LITTLE THINGS...

A single mother and her teenage son arrived on the doorstep of the Family Services office with all their belongings in the car. They had nowhere to go and no money to pay for the hotel where they'd been staying. Mom feared that going into the homeless shelter would separate her from her son. Our Family Services' Case Manager jumped into action. She showed mom how our case management services could help her navigate through this tough time. Then, the Case Manager placed mom and son in one of Family Services' transitional housing units. Of all the program benefits, the one that brought mom to tears was the fact that now she could do the laundry and her son would have clean clothes for school. We often overlook how 'the little things' impact the homeless. This family is doing well, and now able to focus on other challenges with a safe place to stay.



A CLOSER LOOK: SUCCESS HOUSE TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM

Success House Transitional Housing Program is for single men who are employed or seeking employment. It is a safe, supportive, drug and alcohol-free environment of like-minded individuals who commit to supporting one another in achieving their goals for independent and positive lifestyles. Participants in the program may stay for 24 months while working towards independent living. During their stay, they must remain drug and alcohol-free. They meet regularly with a Case Manager and must attend financial training focused on budgeting, savings, and building credit. All new residents undergo a 30-day probationary period, during which they are evaluated on attitude and compliance with rules. Each participant contributes financially toward program costs.



MAKING AN IMPACT



Guest Brian is a shining example of the impact of our wrap-around case management model. Previously struggling with addiction and unemployment, he is now a resident in our Success House Transitional Program. Brian receives ongoing case management and completed the Career Readiness class gaining skills and preparing for the workforce. Currently, he is employed at Carpenter's Corner Thrift Store and working towards independent housing.

APRIL MILESTONES:

So much is happening in our Adult Homeless program:

572 breakfasts were served in April

1002 lunches were served in April

84 loads of guest laundry were done by volunteers

Family Services has been very busy this April:

16 families enrolled in Family Services (57 people)

141 case management sessions were held

MEETING THE NEED

GET TO KNOW...MIKE



Mike has been the Executive Director at CP for a year. He and his wife, Laura, have been married for 31 years, raising a beautiful daughter – Erin. Before pursuing a law degree, Mike was a music major and excels on the piano. His hobbies include gardening, boating, fishing, motorcycling and cooking to name a few.

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MAYNEEDS

- Men's Jeans: Waist sizes 30-38
- Men's shirts: XL-3XL
- Men's White T-shirts: XL-2XL
- Men's Belts sizes: 32-42
- Fingernail and Toenail Clippers

If you have any questions regarding our in-kind needs, please do not hesitate to reach out to Patti at PattiF@carpentersplace.org.

OPENMEALS

JUNE:

BREAKFAST: 5, 12, 14, 20, 21, 28, 30

LUNCH: 1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 20, 29

TO SECURE A DATE:

Email

PattiF@carpentersplace.org

or call Patti at 779-210-2970.

Become a Monthly Donor

Join REBUILD! The REBUILD donation program is a community of monthly supporters committed to caring for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Monthly donors are the backbone of Carpenter's Place, making it possible for us to plan, budget, and make decisions based on our available resources, ensuring we can continue rebuilding the lives of our guests. As a REBUILD member, you will make a meaningful impact on someone's life and provide hope and the tools for a better tomorrow.

With a few simple steps, you can set up automatic monthly donations. When setting up your account, indicate how you wish to make your donation, by credit card or through your bank account, by clicking the appropriate button on the form. Set up your account at:

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/CPmonthlygiving>



NEWS AND EVENTS



Thanks to a generous grant from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, most of the carpeting at our Railroad location has been replaced. Many volunteers gave of their time to help paint, making our facility more welcoming to those coming through our doors.



Over 70 people attended our annual Volunteer Recognition event on April 18th. It was a great time to say "thank you" to our volunteers and be able to spend a little time in fellowship with them. We are also very thankful to Mt. Olive for the use of their fellowship room.



Ladies in the Family Services Program were blessed to attend the 2-day Original Women's Conference at City First Church. It was an amazing girl's weekend with a God purpose. We were spiritually fed and had a great time of fellowship. Thanks City First Church!



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