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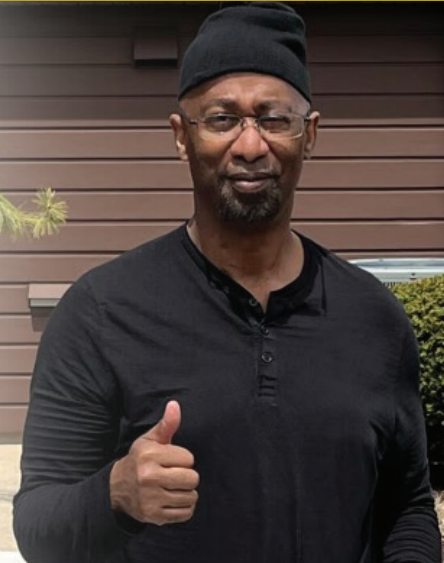
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JUNE

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HARD WORK PAYS OFF

Ron has struggled with mental illness, homelessness, and joblessness for some time. Instead of giving up, he made the decision to get his life back on track. Ron devoted much time meeting with CP's employment and education program coordinator, creating a new resume, practicing interviewing, and just talking through many things. Today Ron's hard work and persistence paid off. He has signed a contract to start a full-time job as a machinist at Concentric AB in Rockford!



A CLOSER LOOK: VETERANS' TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

In 2008, Carpenter's Place purchased a nice brick ranch house to use for our Homeless Veterans' Transitional Living Program. Homeless U.S. Veterans who gave of themselves to defend our freedom now have the opportunity to rebuild their lives in the safety of a good home. With the strong support of Carpenter's Place case management, they are regaining their self-confidence, pursuing educational goals, securing employment, and rebuilding relationships with God, their family, friends, and the community. As with all CP transitional housing programs, this house is a safe, supportive, drug and alcohol-free environment. Participants in the program may stay for 24 months while working towards independent living.



MAKING AN IMPACT



Chasidy came to our Family Services Program during a time when she was faced with challenges that threatened housing for her and her 3 children. Chasidy continues to work through her challenges with ongoing intensive case management. As a result of Chasidy's willingness to confront her struggles head on, she has obtained employment at Carpenter's Corner Thrift Store as a full-time employee, giving her the ability to better provide for her family and maintain housing.

EMPLOYMENT MILESTONES:

Employment is a big step in rebuilding lives. Over the past year, both our Adult Homeless Program and Family Services Program have achieved the following results:

- 31** adults secured full time employment; and
- 14** adults secured part time employment.

MEETING THE NEED

GET TO KNOW...JANE



Jane McGhee is the Director of Guest Services at Carpenter's Place. Jane relocated from Chicago in 2021, bringing a wealth of experience serving the homeless. Jane and her husband Brian reside in Rockford and have been

blessed with seven children and eleven grandchildren. They also serve as foster parents to teen boys. Jane is also an avid artist who finds joy in various creative endeavors, particularly painting. She finds immense fulfillment at Carpenter's Place helping unhoused guests create transformative change in their lives.

JUNE NEEDS

- Men's Jeans: Waist sizes 28-38
- Men's Shorts (sizes 28-38 waist or S-XL)
- Women's Shorts (all sizes)
- Men's & Women's T-shirts
- Men's Reading Glasses (Prescription 1.00 – 3.0)
- Sun Block
- Adult Backpacks
- Sleeping Bags
- Sugar
- Bath Towels

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

OPEN MEALS

JULY:

BREAKFAST: 3, 4, 7, 10, 12, 18, 19, 26, 31

LUNCH: 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 18, 19, 31

TO SECURE A DATE:

Email

MandyB@carpentersplace.org

or call Mandy at 779-210-2975.

To make a **DONATION**, visit:

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

Donation Support

We're thankful for your donations, which have such a meaningful impact on individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Here are two additional ways to partner with us:



Walmart Round Up

With Walmart Spark Good Round Up, customers can round up their purchases to the nearest dollar and donate the change to their favorite charity every time they shop on Walmart.com or the Walmart app. In the Walmart App go to Account and Giving & Impact, select Carpenter's Place as your charity of choice. Each time you shop using the app your purchase will be rounded up to the nearest dollar and a donation sent to us.



Thrivent Choice and Thrivent Action Plans

We're proud to be a Thrivent Choice®-enrolled organization. Through Thrivent's programs, we are eligible to receive grant dollars, fee-free donations, and support from Thrivent Action Team service projects. Thrivent clients who have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please keep us in mind. To learn more about Thrivent's membership benefits and generosity programs visit: thrivent.com/generosity.

NEWS AND EVENTS



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS

We are happy to share that Carpenter's Place was awarded \$5,000 from the Community Foundation IYWT Board. The In Youth We Trust Board is a group of high school aged youth that work with the Community Foundation to award 2 grants each year. The grant we received is for programs run by adults that help youth. The funding is for the Family Services End of Summer Back to School Bash.

SAVE THE DATE
CELEBRATE SUCCESS:
OPENING DOORS

Wednesday, August 23, 2023
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Tebala Event Center

*"We must open the doors of opportunity.
But we must also equip people to walk through those doors."*
– Lyndon B. Johnson



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