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CARPENTER'S PLACE™

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AUGUST

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HE NEVER GAVE UP!

After going through a painful divorce, guest Mike Burton (seen on the right with Employment CM Rob) fell into a deep depression. His life spiraled out of control, and he ended up homeless. For the next 18 months, Mike worked on rebuilding his life. Mike spent a lot of time contemplating what he wanted to do next in life, knowing that he eventually wanted to get back into the working world (he's driven forklifts for over 30 years).

In early June, Mike participated in CP's quarterly job skills course, and the spark was lit! Mike polished up his resume, practiced interviewing, and started searching for jobs. Before long, Mike landed a full-time job as a materials handler with Modern Advanced Manufacturing in Rockford.

Mike went through the most difficult period of his life, but he never gave up. Through tenacity, patience, and determination, Mike has found a job that he loves, and is excited about the next chapter in his life.



A CLOSER LOOK: MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

The CP Mental Health Housing program began in December 2009, designed as a transitional housing program for homeless guests with mental health diagnosis who desire to make a positive change in their lives. Carpenter's Place strives to make the program a safe and supportive home-style environment of like-minded guests, who commit to encourage and support one another in their goal of achieving an independent and positive lifestyle. Carpenter's Place provides support, guidance, and training as needed to enable housing guests to gain strength and stability. The goal for guests is to obtain their own individual, private housing and become productive, independent members of society within 24 months of entering the program.



SUMMER BASH CELEBRATION



On July 27, we held our annual Back to School Summer Bash for our participants in the Family Services Program. It was a fun filled afternoon of fellowship, with games, entertainment, and a cookout. Each child received a backpack with school supplies, clothing, and other items. Each family received a care package with laundry supplies, toiletries, and other essentials.

The Family Services team also use this as an opportunity to educate the families about community resources. We had a presentation from RPS 205 FIT program (Families In Transition), for families experiencing homelessness. Bev Pomeroy from the LIVE R.E.A.L Foundation shared information about the opioid crisis and Narcan training. Thank you to all of our donors, including the Community Foundation IYWT Board, who helped make this event possible.

YEAR-END MILESTONES

From June 2022 through July 2023:

- **671** Homeless adults came to CP for services
- **33** Families were active in our Family Case Management program (39 adults and 70 children).

We continue to see a surge in homeless adults and families. Our prayer is that we are able to be the hands, feet and heart of Jesus when they walk through our doors.

MEETING THE NEED

GET TO KNOW...NANCY



Nancy joined Carpenter's Place in November 2022 as the Director of Development and Outreach. Prior to coming to Carpenter's Place she helped fund projects at Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois and McHenry County CASA. Nancy feels blessed for the opportunity to use her time, talent and gifts to improve the lives of those around

her. She is a life long resident of Rockford and still lives less than ten miles from her mother, four siblings, and two sons. Her greatest passion is serving as a Volunteer Director for Camp Rock Forward, a camp for children in foster care.

AUGUST NEEDS

- Baby Wipes
- Diapers: Sizes 6 and 7
- Men's Disposable Razors
- Men's Deodorant
- Toothpaste (travel size)
- Lotion (travel Size)
- Adult Backpacks
- 8 oz Disposable Cups
- Sugar
- Paper 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

SEPTEMBER:

BREAKFAST: 1, 5, 11, 13, 18, 19, 20, 27, 29

LUNCH: 6, 12, 25

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>.

LEAVING A LEGACY

August is Make-A-Will Month, a reminder to create a will or update your current one. Every adult needs a will regardless of age or how many assets they have. Your will is an important and powerful document: it ensures that your belongings end up where you want them to go while providing your family with peace of mind and instructions during a vulnerable time. A will is also a powerful way to leave a legacy and contribute to the lives of people in your community. By leaving a gift to a nonprofit organization or foundation, also called planned giving, you help ensure that the work you care about continues.

To learn more about a Planned Giving gift to Carpenter's Place contact Mike O'Connor at 815.964.4105. Look for information about our upcoming Legacy Gift seminar on November 7th.

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NEWS AND EVENTS

Have you gotten your tickets yet?

CELEBRATE SUCCESS

Please join us in celebration of 23 years of service and success, changed lives, and the extraordinary partnerships helping open doors as our guests make their journey forward.

Wednesday, August 23 • 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tebala Event Center • 7910 Newburg Road, Rockford, IL 61107

Doors Open at 11:00 am • Program Starts at 11:30 am

Individual Ticket \$45 • Table of Eight \$360 • Table Sponsorship \$500

Reserve your tickets online at www.carpentersplace.org



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