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OCTOBER

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FIGHTING ON BEHALF OF OUR AGING GUESTS

Ed, age 72, entered our Permanent Supportive Housing Program in June of 2010. At that time he was homeless, struggling with alcohol addiction and had a history of depression, but with the support of CP staff, Ed has thrived over the past decade. However, aging affects us all, and recently Ed's case manager Sue noticed that his forearm was swollen and the skin was starting to crack open. She convinced Ed to go to the ER, where he was ultimately admitted and thereafter transferred to a nursing home for care. After two weeks, the home planned to discharge Ed, but Sue knew that Ed was not able to live independently, so Sue appealed the planned discharge. In the meantime, Ed developed pneumonia and was re-hospitalized in critical care on a ventilator. Sue worked with the nursing home social worker to ensure that upon release, Ed would be placed in an assisted living facility that could meet his ongoing medical needs. An update on Ed shows him doing well in his new home. This past summer, he also connected with his son Brian, whom he hadn't spoken to in over five years. So many blessings!



A CLOSER LOOK: PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM

CP's Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PHP) provides housing and intensive case management services to 10 Chronically Homeless Adults. Chronically homeless adults often have multiple challenges that have led to their persistent homelessness, such as mental illness, substance abuse problems, or a dual diagnosis; and developmental disorders. With the supports provided by CP, our PHP guests, like Ed (above), achieve the stability needed to address these challenges and live full, productive lives.



A DETERMINED GAL!



Tara came to the CP Family Services Program in Spring, having lived in her car which she could no longer afford. Because of her determination to improve her situation, she recently obtained a position as a Home Healthcare Provider and purchased a vehicle. Congratulations Tara!

SEPTEMBER MILESTONES TO SHARE

Adult Services:

- **1** adult obtained housing
- **5** adults secured employment (3 were full-time)

Family Services

- **1** family moved into our transitional housing program.
- **3** adults secured employment (1 full-time).

MEETING THE NEED

GET TO KNOW...ROB



Rob Wiener started as the Employment & Education Coordinator in February. He and his wife, Liz, both worked for Michigan State University Extension before coming to Rockford from the UP. Rob is really enjoying getting to know the guests at Carpenter's Place, and finds great fulfillment in

helping them find jobs, improve employment skills, and pursue educational opportunities. It is also important to Rob to be a good listener.

OCTOBER NEEDS

- Men's Boxer or Boxer/Briefs (sizes L and XL)
- Q-Tips
- Men's Deodorant
- Women's Deodorant
- Lotion (travel Size)
- Coffee
- Powdered Creamer
- 8 oz disposable coffee cups
- Paper Towels

If you have any questions regarding our in-kind needs, please do not hesitate to reach out to Patti at PattiF@carpentersplace.org or call Patti at 779-210-2975.

OPEN MEALS

NOVEMBER:

BREAKFAST: 3, 6, 7, 8, 13, 15, 20, 21, 22, 29

LUNCH: 1, 2, 6, 14, 15, 27, 29, 30

TO SECURE A DATE:

Email Mandy at MandyB@carpentersplace.org or call Mandy at 779.210.2975.

To make a **DONATION**, visit: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/cpdonate>.

BECOME A CP VOLUNTEER!

Volunteers are important to the work we do at Carpenter's Place. Have you thought about becoming a volunteer? Here are some wonderful opportunities:

- **VOLUNTEERING IN THE KITCHEN:** This position helps to serve our guests as well as keep our kitchen clean and running smoothly.
- **PROVIDE AND SERVE A MEAL:** We serve breakfast and lunch each weekday to our guests and are always looking for individuals, churches and businesses to provide a meal (and serve if able).
- **HANDYMAN:** From our main location to the various buildings we own, we are looking for one or two people to help with small projects or needs.
- **BINGO:** This wonderful past time is always a hit with our guests. We are always looking for groups to facilitate Bingo or other fun fellowship ideas with those we serve.
- **LEADER:** Share your faith by leading devotions, a bible study or a small group.

We would love to hear from you. Contact Mandy at MandyB@carpentersplace.org or 779.210.2975.



COMING SOON

Planned Giving Seminar

Join Danielle Burza-Smith, partner attorney at Estate Law Partners, LLC, and Carpenter's Place board member.

Discover how you can make a lasting impact for a greater cause.

Learn about innovative strategies, tax benefits, and empowering stories that will ignite your passion for philanthropy.

Together we can create a better future.

November 7 • 11:30 am -1:30 pm
Stockholm Inn • 2420 Charles St., Rockford IL
Register by calling 779.210.2981

Carpenter's Place will host

STEPS TOWARDS CHANGE

Steps Towards Change, a walk and empty bowl fundraiser, brings to light the challenges experienced by the homeless. For the homeless, rebuilding your life can seem like a thousand mile journey, but it begins with one step. We will walk as a symbol of encouragement to keep putting one foot in front of the other in order to move forward. The Empty Bowl part of the fundraiser serves as a reminder of the widespread issue of hunger among the HOMELESS.

Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 pm
At Carpenter's Place

Registration and info: <https://cpwalk.cbo.io>



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