

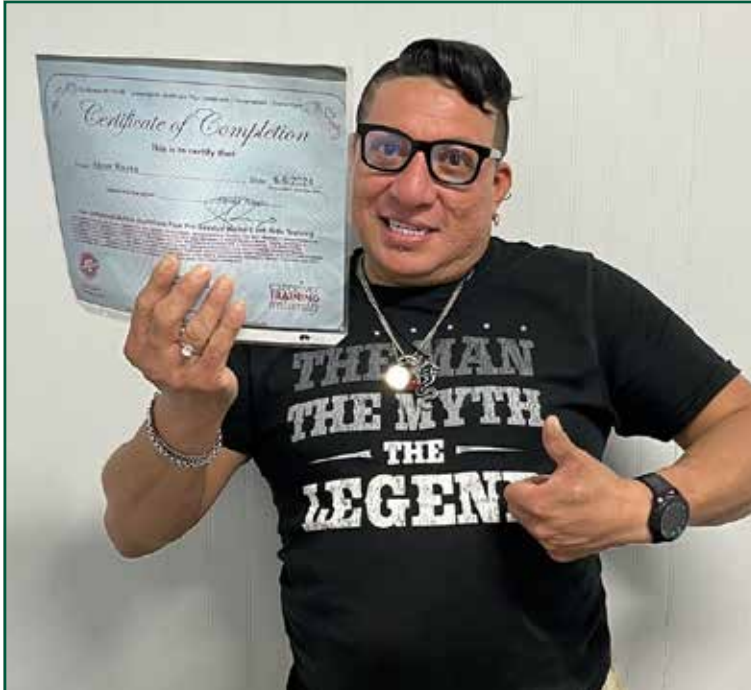


CARPENTER'S PLACE™
PROVIDING THE TOOLS FOR REBUILDING LIVES™



AUGUST 2024

Inspired by Christ's compassion, **CARPENTER'S PLACE** offers direction with accountability to people with broken lives, helping them find peace with God, themselves and their communities.



MAKING YOUR DREAM A REALITY

Abner has had a long journey of ups and downs in the past few years. He has struggled with health issues, deaths in the family, and trying to find steady employment. Despite all of this, Abner maintained a dream of someday becoming a caregiver, so that he could help others as a way of giving back to the many people who have helped him in life. Abner worked extensively with CP employment specialist Rob to take the first step toward making this dream a reality. He obtained certification as a home care aide, which is the first step toward a career in caregiving. Great job Abner!! Rob says that despite all of Abner's struggles and setbacks, he could always see something in him, and knew he would one-day achieve this dream.



NEVER GIVE UP

SAY HELLO to **Chasidy!** During Chasidy's time as a CP Family Service participant, she has struggled with employment and childcare. For many months, Chasidy had worked diligently on her job search, completed multiple interviews only to not be the recipient chosen. Chasidy did not give up. Through her hard work and determination, we are happy to share that Chasidy has secured full-time employment and she loving her new position. She also has obtained childcare so that she is able to work. Way to go Chasidy!!



A NEW CHAPTER

John became involved with Carpenter's Place in spring 2023. It was apparent from the start that he was ready to take the steps needed to get his life back on track. In June of that year, John was accepted into CP's vet house program. He was very diligent in working regularly with CP's employment specialist, applying for jobs, fulfilling his internship hours at CP, and taking care of all his other obligations for the program. In spring of 2024, John got a job with Salvation Army. The job was, unfortunately, short-lived, as John encountered some health problems that landed him in the hospital. Finally, in summer of 2024, John landed a full-time job at an area manufacturer, and with his health problems in check, is ready for this life-changing opportunity. Here John is pictured hanging up his CP internship uniform for the last time. We will all miss him, but are excited for his new chapter in life.



GETTING TO KNOW... **MIRANDA**

Miranda initially joined Carpenter's Place in 2016 supervising the dayroom and doing part time case management. She then moved to the administrative office and began learning about Fund Development. She quickly fell in love with the

relational nature of the work and the generosity of those who care so deeply about the vulnerable populations in our community. Since then, Miranda has worked for The University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford and Remedies Renewing Lives in similar roles. In 2021, she obtained her Master's Degree in Nonprofit Management, is now the Vice President of the Rockford Area Chapter of Association of Fundraising Professionals and is an adjunct professor of Public Relations at Rock Valley College. Miranda and her husband Andrew enjoy the precious but fleeting time with their dog, Jackson and their daughter Vera that they welcomed in May.

JUNE NEEDS

- Large Print Bibles (King James Version)
- Individual tissue packets
- Cereal (Family Size boxes)
- 1 ply toilet paper
- Bottled Water Cases
- Rain Ponchos
- Men's white ankle socks
- Men's white crew socks
- Men's Jeans (all sizes)

For a complete list of current needs (and to order directly), please visit our wish list on Amazon: <https://a.co/f0yhWao>



OPEN MEALS

AUGUST

BREAKFAST:

2, 5, 6, 12, 14, 16, 20, 21, 23, 28

LUNCH:

1, 5, 7, 13, 20, 26, 29, 30

TO SECURE A DATE:

Contact Rani at 779.210.2975 or RaniG@carpentersplace.org



SHOP AT THE CORNER

1715 Rural Street • Rockford
Hours: Mon-Fri 9-7p • Sat 9-6p



TRANSPORTATION A STEP FOR SUCCESS

Transportation is one of the biggest challenges for homeless adults trying to rebuild their lives. A reliable bicycle provides a mode of transportation to work, appointments, and support meetings. Through our Cycles for Change program, guests like Steven (pictured) have an opportunity to earn a bike (along with a bike light and lock).

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Donation of a bike: Drop it off at Carpenter's Corner Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- You can make a monetary donation to help pay to keep bikes safe for our guests. We purchase lights and bike locks, as well as do any necessary repairs. Your funds can help!

CARPENTER'S PLACE

Celebrate Success

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

(Doors open at 11:00 am)

Tebala Event Center

7901 Newburg Road, Rockford, IL 61107

Tickets online at

<https://cbo.io/tickets/cs24/Community>

Lunch provided by GreenFire –

Dessert donated by Nothing Bundt Cakes

For more information, please contact Patti at PattiF@carpentersplace.org or 779-210-2970.



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