



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



JUNE 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.

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY AND DETERMINATION



Alex and his family came to Carpenter's Place Family Service Program about a year ago, homeless and unemployed. He experienced challenges with obtaining and maintaining employment due to the lack of childcare and stable housing. Alex's determination to be a provider for his family was enough motivation for him to accept employment guidance from his case manager. Alex worked closely with his case manager and was able to get assistance with creating a resume, dress attire, and access to job fairs and hiring lists. Alex and his family are currently living in Carpenter's Place transitional housing. They were able to secure childcare, and he has been employed for two months. The power of community along with Alex's tenacity and desire to change the trajectory of his life has put him on a path to being successful. Alex is determined!



A HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR SAVANNAH!

Budgeting and saving is a part of every person's life at some point, and that holds true for those in our housing programs. **Savannah**, who is part of our permanent housing program, has struggled over the years to manage her money. However, with hard work and determination, she has stayed true to a budget and set a goal to save for the purchase of a love seat for her apartment. While each person in our housing program is provided with furniture, Savannah wanted very much to be able to purchase something new for herself. She worked hard on saving and was able to purchase a beautiful love seat at Carpenter's Corner. What an accomplishment!!



DARRION'S TENACITY PAYS OFF

Darrion came to Carpenter's Place in December totally motivated, and looking for case management support for his journey. He had already worked with the City's Single Point of Entry,

had been approved for SSI, and applied for housing through Rockford Township and other means. Darrion continued coming to CP on a regular basis, while working on his goal of securing housing. He achieved that goal, moving into an apartment on February 1, 2024. After working some service hours in March, he was able to pick out some furniture at Carpenter's Corner. He also had community support with furniture donated by St. Bridget's and Holy Family Churches. A new CP employee was sitting in on his case management session and was so inspired by his determination, she gave him two end tables she was no longer using. Darrion is a great example of how hard work and persistence pays off. He continues to be active in case management, setting new goals for himself. Way to go Darrion!



GETTING TO KNOW... **ANNALISE**

Annalise joined Carpenter's Place in April as our Kitchen Manager. Because of her love of cooking, she attended culinary school for a short time and has since continued to work on

expanding her baking and cooking skills. Annalise also started a home baking business a couple of years ago. Having found herself homeless for a few years with her first born, she has found great joy in helping others now. Annalise has 2 children, Kaleah and Kehlani, who tell her she is the best cook in Rockford! Whenever the need arises, she enjoys coming up with meals and snacks that the clients enjoy.

JUNE NEEDS

16 oz disposable bowls
Large disposable plates
Napkins
1 ply toilet paper
Men's white ankle socks
Women's white ankle socks
Men's shorts (all sizes)
Plastic Rain Ponchos

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



OPEN MEALS

JUNE

BREAKFAST:

12, 17, 18, 19, 21, 26

LUNCH:

11, 18

JULY

BREAKFAST:

1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 16, 17,
19, 24, 26, 29, 30

LUNCH:

1, 3, 9, 16, 17, 22, 29,
30, 31

TO SECURE A DATE:

Contact Rani at 779.210.2975
or RaniG@carpentersplace.org



TRANSPORTATION IS A SUCCESS NEED

Thanks to so many wonderful donations, we were able to give out several bikes in May, including for Terrance and Oscar (featured). Transportation is one of the biggest challenges for homeless adults working on rebuilding their lives. To hear more about how you can help keep this program going, please contact Patti Floyd at PattiF@carpentersplace.org or 779-210-2970.



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Save the Date

Wednesday, August 14, 2024
11:00am - 1:00pm

Tebala Event Center
7910 Newburg Road
Rockford, IL 61107

Watch for more information soon.



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