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BRUCE IS PAYING IT FORWARD

Bruce recently stopped into Carpenter's Place to ask about opportunities to 'pay it forward'. 14 years ago, Bruce utilized our services when he found himself homeless. Bruce was determined to change his life and began working with legendary case manager, Patty Q to establish a life recovery plan. He secured an entry level manufacturing position at the former Gunitite and worked his way up to shift supervisor. He then moved into an apartment and is grateful to Carpenter's Place for helping him with the deposit.

"You fed me when I was hungry and clothed me when I was without" said Bruce. He is now married, owns a home, multiple vehicles, and is hoping to get his CDL license in the near future. We are thrilled Bruce came back to share his successes with us!

MARCH MADNESS



Cassandra, a mother of three, drifted from shelter to shelter with her children prior to entering the Family Services Program in July of 2024. Fast forward to **March** of 2025 - Cassandra decided to stop the **Madness** and face her fears by taking advantage of the support and transitional housing services offered by our Family Services program. Cassandra is taking serious steps in changing her life so she can show up for her children whole heartedly. She started shedding the layers of "**madness**" that was hindering her progress and has started making the necessary steps to rebuild her life by obtaining full time and employment housing. Cassandra recognizes that life always has challenges, but she is up for facing those challenges as she remains focused on creating stability for her family.

CARPENTER'S CORNER ALPINE GRAND OPENING



The brand new Carpenter's Corner Alpine Thrift and More Store is off to a great start! The store holds over 30,000 lightly-used and priced-right items from clothing to couches, books, bed frames and bicycles, shoes, hats and household items. The store is the mark of an exciting new era for Rockford and Carpenter's Corner! It brings a much-needed new retail destination to southeast Rockford, but most importantly, the revenue generated all goes to benefit the Guests of Carpenter's Place! Many thanks to everyone who has shopped, donated, and supported both thrift locations!

APRIL OPEN MEALS



Volunteers say serving a meal to the homeless guests we serve is one of the most rewarding things they have experienced. Typically, we serve 60 for breakfast and 80-100 at lunch. The dates we need someone to serve a meal this month are:

BREAKFAST: 4, 7, 15, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 29, 30

LUNCH: 3, 11, 15, 16, 29, 30

To provide a meal, or make a monetary donation towards a meal, please contact Rani at RaniG@carpentersplace.org or 779-210-2975.

APRIL NEEDS LIST



Individual Bottled Water
Foot Powder
Deodorant for Men and Women
Jeans (sizes 32 and 34 waist)
Cough Drops
Coffee
Creamer
Men's Boxers (L and XL)

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