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ROCK RIVER JEEPERZ CHILI COOK-OFF

Hot Chili on a frigid day...what could be better? On Feb 15, Rock River Jeeperz picked the perfect day to serve up a hot, heart-warming, mouth-watering Chili Cook-Off, with six spectacular chilis for our guests to taste test. Our Board member Tami's special corn muffins were the perfect complement. The Jeeperz (a local club composed of Jeep enthusiasts), along with our staff and volunteers made it a fun, festive occasion – the perfect recipe for the winter blues. Thank you, to all who volunteered and attended to make the day so special!



HOLY THURSDAY SHOE DRIVE

Much like our guests, Jesus walked miles in his shoes each day as he spread his message. To commemorate Jesus' journey, each Holy Thursday we provide each of our guests a new pair of walking shoes, along with socks and foot powder. If you are able to donate new walking shoes or foot powder, your support would mean the world to our guests.

- *Men's size 9 - 12 are the most needed shoe size*

Here's how you can donate:

- Drop items off at Carpenter's Place, 1149 Railroad Avenue, Rockford, IL 61104 Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 4 pm or Friday from 8:00 am to 2 pm.
- Order through CP's Amazon wish list and have it delivered directly to us (please include a gift receipt so we know who made the donation). Here's the link: <https://a.co/2kiKZLL>
- From April 1st – April 11th, you can drop your shoe donations off at Carpenter's Corner (1715 Rural St or 2512 S. Alpine – both in Rockford) and receive a 10% off your next purchase coupon.
- If you prefer, you may also make a monetary donation and we will use those funds to purchase shoes.



**For more information, please
contact Patti Floyd at 779-210-2970.**

WELCOME, MICHELLE!



We are excited to welcome back Michelle Croft as our new Homeless Dayroom Specialist. From 2017 to 2021, Michelle worked at Carpenter's Place as the morning receptionist. This time around, she comes to us with a lot of experience, including the receptionist at Remedies Renewing Lives' mental health program. When she saw CP was looking to fill a position in the dayroom, she felt it would be a good fit, already knowing so much of what the role would entail. When she is not working, Michelle loves spending time with her family. She also shares that "The best treat for me is cuddling with my dog, Bizzy, and watching black and white movies." We are happy to have Michelle back at CP and looking forward to seeing her grow in her new position.

CARPENTER'S CORNER ALPINE GRAND OPENING!



Photo by Rock River Current

"Thrifting Never felt so good!"



**Join us for opening day at
Carpenter's Corner Alpine!**

MARCH 14, 2025 9AM - 8PM

**2512 S. ALPINE RD
ROCKFORD, IL 61108**

MARCH NEEDS LIST

Adult Program:

- Individual Bottled Water
- Foot Powder
- Cough Drops
- Reading Glasses (any strength)
- Coffee
- Creamer
- Men's Boxers (L and XL)
- Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

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>

MARCH OPEN MEALS

Typically, we serve 60 for breakfast and 80 at lunch. The dates we need someone to serve a meal this month are:

BREAKFAST: 3, 4, 17, 18, 19, 21, 26, 31

LUNCH: 3, 6, 11, 14, 18, 24

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