

2026



CARPENTER'S PLACE™
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MARCH

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DON'T GIVE UP BEFORE THE MIRACLE HAPPENS!

From homeless to housed, hopeless to hopeful, unemployment to employed: this is the story of Shamsa, whose light was dimmed and had no clue where to start. She came to Carpenter's Place drenched in fear and uncertainty of where her life was heading for her and her daughter. Escaping a toxic relationship and sleeping from couch to couch, Shamsa was determined to change the trajectory of her life and provide safety and stability for her family. Shamsa was accepted into Family Services Transitional Housing Program. Finally having a roof over her head and something she could call her own, she still struggled with feeling safe and getting back on track with her life as she once knew it. Working alongside her case manager, Shamsa put in the work and effort and was determined to show her daughter a normal life again. Shamsa submitted application after application until that feeling of hopelessness and discouragement slowly started to set in again. Well, God had other plans for her and an opportunity opened at the right time. Shamsa obtained full-time employment in a field where she already had experience and a strong work history. Today, Shamsa sees hope. What once felt like an endless season of struggle has shifted into a new chapter filled with promise. She can finally embrace the journey and path God has set forth. Her strength, courage, and determination are inspiring. Congratulations, Shamsa!



CAN YOU HELP SERVE A MEAL?



MARCH

Breakfast: 6, 11, 16, 27, 30

APRIL

Breakfast: 3, 7, 8, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 24, 29

Lunch: 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 21, 27, 29, 30

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

OUR FIRST EVER GOLF OUTING!

Join us for 9 holes of fun, fresh air, and fundraising for the homeless and families in crisis we serve!

To learn more details and for sponsorship information, contact Miranda at 779-770-2819 or mirandas@carpentersplace.org. Don't miss out on this super special outing and sudden death shootout!



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SAVE THE DATE



MONDAY
JUNE 22ND
2026

THE MAUH NAH TEE SEE CLUB

9 Hole Scramble and Shootout | 1pm Tee Off | Shootout at 4:30pm

All proceeds go to benefiting the homeless and families in crisis.

We're Rebuilding Lives - 9 Holes At a Time

BECOME A CP VOLUNTEER IN 2026!

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

- **Volunteer in the Kitchen:** This position helps to serve our guests as well as keep our kitchen clean and running smoothly. This is a perfect opportunity if you can give one morning a week.
- **Bingo:** This wonderful past time is always a hit with our guests. Grab your family or some of your friends to facilitate Bingo or another fun fellowship idea with those we serve.
- **Admin Help:** This could be anything from putting together gift bags for our guests to counting and organizing donations.
- **Musicians:** Do you have a musical talent to share with our guests? We love to have individuals (or their groups) come and share their talent with our guests.

For more information on volunteering, please contact Rani Griffis at RaniG@carpentersplace.org or 779-210-2975.



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 our guests with 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 our 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/09hJg7Ts>
- **Drop your shoe donations off at Carpenter's Corner**
from March 16 - March 27 and receive a coupon for 10% off your next purchase. (Stores located at 1715 Rural St or 2512 S. Alpine)
- **You may also make a monetary donation** and we will use those funds to purchase shoes. Please include "Holy Thursday" or "Shoe Drive" in the memo.

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

