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MAKING A SPLASH WITH FAMILY SERVICES

For the past several months, "home" for some families meant a cramped room at the shelter, unstable housing, and the constant, heavy question of what comes next. But today, thanks to the Rockford Park District, our families were able to enjoy a hot summer day "diving in" at the pool. Each family was able to splash in the excitement of family time and questions about their individual circumstances were left at the front gate.

So often, providing the children we serve with "typical" childhood and family experiences is one of the most important things we can do for them. As they adjust to a new life through working with Carpenter's Place case managers, we want to make the transition the best it can possibly be!



KATHERINE'S JOURNEY TO SUCCESS

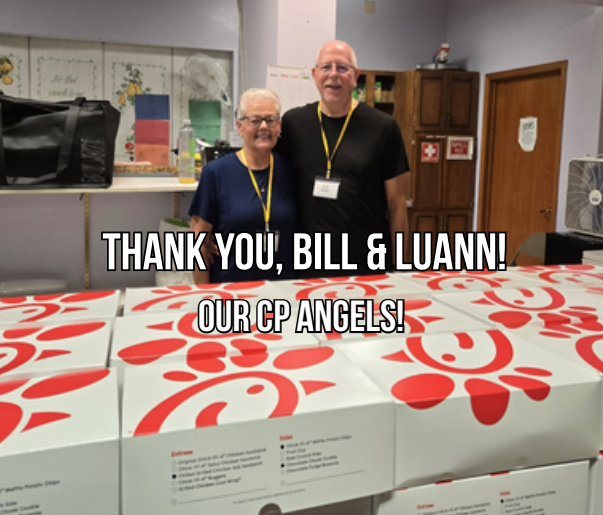
Katherine's journey is one of perseverance and determination. After facing several personal challenges in life, she remained focused on rebuilding a stable future for herself and her family. With the support of her husband and the motivation of being a devoted mother to her son, Katherine never gave up on her goal of returning to the workforce. She spent time actively searching for employment, demonstrating patience, resilience, and a positive attitude throughout the process. Her persistence recently paid off when she accepted part-time employment. This opportunity marks an important milestone in her journey, allowing her to regain confidence, contribute to her community, and continue building a brighter future for her family.

Katherine's story is a reminder that setbacks do not define a person's future. Through hard work, determination, and hope, she has taken meaningful steps toward achieving stability and personal success.



YOUTH VOLUNTEERS ROCK!

Carpenter's Place was blessed this month by two special youth groups. Christ UMC held their annual youth workcamp in which youth are sent out to various locations to volunteer, including CP. This awesome group did a variety of projects for our guests! Then, another youth group from Haslett Community Church in Michigan played Bingo with our guests! This group came to us through a program called Service for Learning. It is such a joy to see youth understanding the need to serve!



CAN YOU HELP PROVIDE A MEAL?

SEPTEMBER

Breakfast: 1, 4, 7, 9, 15, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 29, 30

Lunch: 7, 8, 11, 15, 29

OCTOBER

Breakfast: 2, 5, 6, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 28, 30

Lunch: 5, 7, 9, 20, 21, 29, 30

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



ANNUAL CELEBRATE SUCCESS LUNCHEON: ROOTED IN GRATITUDE SEPTEMBER 22

Nurtured by volunteers and community partners, Carpenter's Place has grown strong and served the increasing needs of thousands of adults experiencing homelessness and families in crisis. Rooted in gratitude, we're now branching out higher than ever. Please join us in celebration, gratitude and the sharing of success stories from yet another remarkable year!

Register now at carpentersplace.org/celebrate26!

CURRENT NEEDS

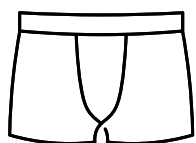
This month, we need your help stocking our shelves!

We are completely out of Men's Boxer/Briefs!

We are in need of size Small, Medium, Large and XL.

Donations can be dropped off at Carpenter's Place [1149 Railroad Avenue, Rockford], or you can order from Amazon and have it shipped directly to us.

Our full Amazon Wish List can be found at: <https://a.co/OdOMReFB>



CANCER FREE!

Last month marked a truly monumental milestone for Jeff, a long-time guest in our Permanent Supportive Housing Program. It is a blessing that he celebrated one year of being cancer free! Jeff was very grateful for the support and guidance from his Case Manager, Sue, while on his journey through treatment. He expressed his immense gratitude for all the support received from Carpenter's Place and how vital it has been to his healing and stability. The blessings did not stop there! After several setbacks and attempts, Jeff received the life-changing news that his Social Security application had finally been approved. Jeff is excited to start a new chapter in his life. It is time for Jeff to do more than just survive - it is his time to thrive!

Blessed!