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

SEPTEMBER

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A grateful mom and her children get ready to head back to school!



This family feels blessed to have family services support!



Family Services Case Managers, Joy and Corey provide backpacks filled with school supplies!



These girls are geared up and ready to take on a new school year!

CLASS IS BACK IN SESSION!

Starting a new school year is a mix of big feelings: a lot of excitement, a dash of nervous energy, and a whole lot of fresh potential. Family Services Program understands the mix of emotions this time of year brings for families dealing with homelessness. We take pride in easing the pressures that both parents and children face every year by providing them with backpacks, school supplies, and clothing for a fresh start. For students, the first day brings a clean slate full of new friendships to build, subjects to master, and memories waiting to happen. For parents trying to manage challenges of homelessness, it is sometimes bittersweet and a reminder of how fast time moves. Our case managers encourage families to trust the process, embrace the morning hustle, and give themselves plenty of grace along the way. It is going to be a fantastic year!



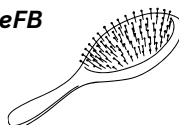
ANNUAL CELEBRATE SUCCESS LUNCHEON: ROOTED IN GRATITUDE SEPTEMBER 22 - TEBALA EVENT CENTER

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 LIST:

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



- Hairbrushes
- Cough Drops
- Individual Kleenex
- Shampoo (Gallon Size)
- Body Wash (Gallon Size)

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.



CAN YOU HELP PROVIDE A MEAL?

OCTOBER

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

Lunch: 1, 5, 7, 20, 21, 26, 30

NOVEMBER

Breakfast: 2, 3, 11, 16, 17, 18, 20, 30

Lunch: 2, 3, 4, 5, 17, 18, 23, 30

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

GARY - OUR HELPFUL GUEST

Guest Gary has been busy cleaning out the fish tank in our dayroom, ensuring a clean environment for our beautiful fish. Having a fish tank provides powerful mental and physical benefits, including lowering stress and better heart health.

Who knew?! This fish tank holds years of joy for our guests. We have had many fish come and go, but the smiles on our guests always remain! Thanks for all your work Gary – you are a star!!



MICHELE MADE IT HAPPEN!

This past spring, Michele was staying in motels. However, when her money ran out, she was forced to start sleeping outside. From the day she came to Carpenter's Place, she worked hard every day seeking out housing. She had a notebook where she listed all her contacts and followed up on a regular basis. Michele never gave up. She took advantage of every opportunity and kept striving towards her goal with a positive attitude and a smile on her face. Just two months after coming to Carpenter's Place, she informed her case manager of her housing interview downtown. She went to the interview and by June of 2026 she moved into her new apartment where she is truly happy. Michele is proof that hard work and a positive attitude will always provide positive results!

JANE AND HER LOVELY LAUNDRY

Jane is just one of the many volunteers that can be found helping out around Carpenter's Place! Jane, along with a couple other dedicated ladies, volunteer to ensure our guests have clean clothes each week. Laundry services are one of the most critical things we offer at CP, as our guests typically only have a few items of clothing they rotate. Jane acknowledges the importance of having clothes you can feel good and clean in. Coupled with our shower services, our laundry services keep our guests feeling good about themselves. Other volunteers at CP help with anything from organizing donations, data processing, leading devotions in the chapel, or doing arts and crafts with our guests. There are so many opportunities to use your personal skills and talents. We are grateful to Jane and all the volunteers that grace the halls of CP!

