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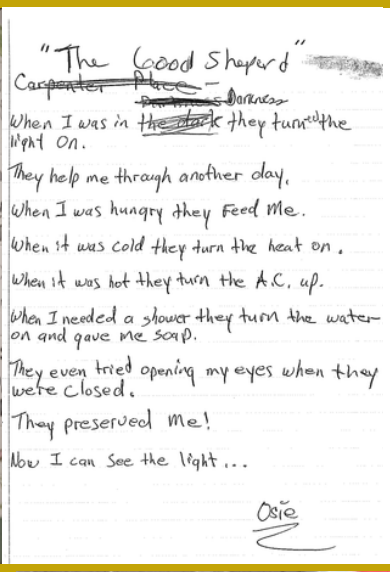

"The Good Shepard"
Carpenter Place ~~Darkness~~
When I was in ~~the dark~~ they turn on the light on.
They help me thrugh another day.
When I was hungry they Feed Me.
When it was cold they turn the heat on.
When it was hot they turn the A.C. up.
When I needed a shower they turn the water on and gave me soap.
They even tried opening my eyes when they were closed.
They preserved Me!
Now I can see the light...
Osie

OSIE'S SUCCESS STORY

Osie is a former CP guest who stops by often to check in with staff and say the morning prayer before Breakfast. He was homeless off and on for 15 years and started drugs and alcohol when he was 17 years old. Now, he says he sees the light and has been changed by the Lord! He has had stable housing for 5 years and has been clean and sober for almost 5 years as well! He now spends his days working for a cleaning company and is an usher at his church. He wants to share his story to help inspire others who may be struggling and let them know that they too can change their situation and be delivered from homelessness and addiction. Thank you, Osie for shining your light for the guests at Carpenter's Place and reminding everyone what some help from CP's wonderful case managers and a lot of dedication can do! He even wrote a letter to us, as seen on the left!

MARSHE'S NEXT CHAPTER

At a young age of 21 years old, Marshe suffered tremendous loss and had to jump right into adulthood. After losing her mother in July of 2026, Marshe had very difficult decisions and choices to make while trying to grieve the passing of her mother. Where will she live? How will I make it on my own? These were the questions that went through Marshe's head, all the while having to take care of the unfinished tasks that came along with losing her only parent. Though there were some tough days ahead for Marshe, she did not give up or give in. Marshe pushed through these difficult times and wanted something better for herself, something that she knew her mother would be proud of. With the help of CP case managers, Marshe is now making wonderful progress toward building a brighter and more stable future! After recently moving into transitional housing in August of 2026, Marshe has reached another important milestone by successfully obtaining a job. Moving into transitional housing is a significant step toward achieving stability and independence, and with this new opportunity, Marshe is continuing to make positive changes in her life and working toward a future filled with greater possibilities. Her journey is a reminder that success does not happen all at once. ***Every milestone is worth celebrating!***

CAN YOU HELP FEED OUR HOMELESS GUESTS?

NOVEMBER
Breakfast: 16, 30
Lunch: 5, 9

DECEMBER
Breakfast: 1, 7, 9, 18, 21, 29, 30
Lunch: 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 22, 30

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

A GUEST EXPRESSES GRATITUDE

Vernon, known affectionately as BoBo by staff and friends, has been a longtime guest at Carpenter's Place. Throughout the years, he has overcome many struggles, including serious health concerns, while demonstrating remarkable resilience and determination. While spending time in our dayroom, BoBo shared his appreciation through his creative drawings and writings for staff members. We are so thrilled to share that BoBo has secured housing (his words of thanks were captured in this drawing). The staff at Carpenter's Place are incredibly proud of BoBo and all he has achieved. We congratulate him on this accomplishment and wish him every success and happiness in the future.

IN ALL Things GIVE Thanks

WINTER NEEDS DRIVE

Winter is hard on the homeless we serve.. and Carpenter's Place does everything we can to ensure everyone stays safe and warm..
but we need YOUR help!

From November 1 through November 13, we are collecting new winter boots, warm winter gloves, and stocking caps. Then, we will have a winter giveaway event before thanksgiving.

Here are 3 ways you can give:

1. Purchase boots, hats, and/or gloves and drop them off at Carpenter's Place (1149 Railroad Ave - Rockford, IL)
2. Use the following link to purchase directly from Amazon and have it shipped to us (PLEASE include a gift note so we know who it is from!) https://a.co/00lm64tG
3. Send a monetary donation and earmark if for "Winter Needs"

HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

November 14 - November 22

Carpenter's Place is blessed to have such a wonderful community supporting our mission to rebuild the lives of homeless individuals and families in crisis.

THANK YOU FOR HAVING A HEART FOR THE HOMELESS!

HOLY FAMILY BLESSES CP

Once again, Holy Family School has blessed Carpenter's Place with a HUGE donation of socks! Each year, they hold a "Socktober" collection for all ages. From the children in our Family Services program to the adults in our dayroom, there will be lots of warm feet and thankful guests this winter!! Thank you, Holy Family students, staff, and families!!

GRATITUDE - FOR YOU!

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we want to remind our supporters what a blessing you are to Carpenter's Place staff and guests. ***You keep our mission moving!***