



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

# OCTOBER 2024

Inspired by Christ's compassion, Carpenter's Place offers direction with accountability to people with broken lives, helping them find peace with God, themselves, and their communities.



## DETERMINATION BRINGS SUCCESS

After his release from Prison, Albert Williams found himself homeless and hungry. Determined to change the trajectory of his life, Albert was ready for a new start when he arrived at Carpenter's Place. He was grateful for the services he received, especially case management. Albert put his mechanical knowledge to use and started his own HVAC business. Now, he is also a plumbing journeyman for UA Local 23 and even works on light electrical jobs. His goal in life is to "Be a beacon of hope to the next guy", which he has already started doing as a new volunteer at Carpenter's Place.

## STRONG FAITH MADE IT POSSIBLE

Ashley is a young mother of three children. She recently transitioned out of a homeless shelter after being there for several months. In March, Ashley's family entered into Carpenter's Place Family Service Program. Ashley's strong faith in God motivated her to press forward. Her determination paid off as she recently completed her GED requirements and will be walking the graduation stage next month to receive her diploma! Ashley plans to continue her academic journey and will begin college in the Spring of 2025 to earn a degree in business. Ashley's determination and partnership with her Family Services case manager has been instrumental in providing a safe and stable home for her children, gaining employment, and becoming more financially independent. Congratulations, Ashley on all your accomplishments!



*On a typical day, meals are prepared to serve 60 guests for breakfast and 80 guests for lunch.*

## HELP NEEDED - SERVE A MEAL

### OPEN OCTOBER DATES

Breakfast: 7, 15, 16, 23, 25, 30

Lunch: 7, 8, 15, 28, 30

### OPEN NOVEMBER DATES

Breakfast: 1, 5, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 27, 29

Lunch: 6, 7, 12, 19, 20, 25, 28, 29

*To provide a meal or make a monetary donation toward a meal, please contact Rani at 779-210-2975 or [RaniG@CarpentersPlace.org](mailto:RaniG@CarpentersPlace.org)*



# GET TO KNOW... LIZ

## DAYROOM MANAGER

Liz joined Carpenter’s Place in August as our Dayroom Manager. She brought with her a background in substance abuse and was a mental health professional for many years. Her passion is working with those in need and being a listening ear. Liz is dedicated to helping those who want to help themselves. Liz is a strong believer that recovery is possible and people deserve a second chance as long as they are trying to better themselves. While her position requires her to be strict with the guests at times, she does it all out of love. Carpenter’s Place and the guests we serve are lucky to have Liz on the team!

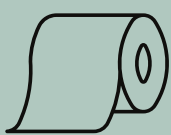
# GIVING GUITARS TOUR COMES TO CP

As a part of his ‘Giving Guitars’ tour that visits homeless shelters around the United States, Country Music Artist and Grammy Nominee Steven Cade visited Carpenter’s Place to put on a concert for our guests. At the end of the concert, Steven also kindly donated a signed guitar for guests to use. Steven partnered with Brent Yates, author/founder of Aion, to raise awareness of the importance of music as a tool in the healing process by donating guitars to inspire those in need. Steven shared: “Music changes lives and the guitar is such a powerful tool. Music is healing and allows you to express your stories and brings joy.” To close out his visit, when asked by a guest, Steven prayed over all the individuals in attendance who are seeking help at Carpenter’s Place. Thank you, Steven for sharing your time and talent!



# OCTOBER NEEDS LIST

- Women’s and Men’s Deodorant
- Individual size toothpaste
- Individual Tissue Packets
- Men’s White Crew Socks
- Shaving Cream
- Scott 1000 1-Ply Toilet Tissue
- Men’s Jeans (all sizes)



For a complete list of current needs, please visit our Amazon wish list: <https://a.co/f0yhWao>  
(Orders from the wish list can be sent to CP directly!)

# happy SOCKTOBER!

Help us collect crew socks for the homeless all month long!



Donations can be dropped off to Carpenter’s Place (1149 Railroad Ave Rockford, IL 61104) or contact Rani to schedule a pickup at 779-210-2975 or [RaniG@CarpentersPlace.org](mailto:RaniG@CarpentersPlace.org)