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JANUARY

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CHRISTMAS FUN FOR EVERYONE!

Celebrating Christmas with the guests and families we serve is important to us at Carpenter's Place! The holidays are the perfect time to provide a warm hug and a helping hand to those we serve as we remember the true meaning of the season, the light of the world! We are filled with gratitude to partner with local businesses, individuals, churches, and organizations to maintain the magic of Christmas, even for those experiencing trying times in their lives. Many thanks to everyone who has supported CP in any way this season. YOU bring light to our world at CP!

GET TO KNOW MICHAEL!



Early December, Michael Maas joined CP as the new Director of Guest Services. He comes with over 15 years of nonprofit experience. He previously worked at GIFTS Men's Shelter in Janesville, WI as the Director of Programming and Life Recovery House. Prior to that, he was the Administrator of Active Aging Programs covering a seven-county service area for Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota. He is a certified Mental Health Coach and certified Professional Life Coach through the American Association of Christian Counselors. He holds an AA Degree in Theology and a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management & Leadership with an emphasis in nonprofits. Michael is the father of two, as well as a proud grandfather to three grandchildren. Michael is excited to continue his work with the homeless at CP. One of his favorite quotes is "We may not be able to change the world, but we can change the world for someone."



FILL OUR PAPER PANTRY



Each day, Carpenter's Place serves around 100 guests two meals and a snack, as well as coffee and water throughout their day. This means that we use a LARGE amount of disposable dinnerware and silverware. As you can see, currently our paper pantry is nearly EMPTY. Will you help us build our pantry back up? We need paper or styrofoam:

- Cups • Plates • Bowls
- Napkins & Paper Towels
- Forks and Spoons

Items can be dropped off at 1149 Railroad Ave, Rockford, IL or ordered directly from Amazon (Here's our wish list: <https://a.co/edeHXC3>) and have it shipped to us. We would greatly appreciate your help!

JANUARY OPEN MEALS



Volunteers say serving a meal to the homeless guests we serve is one of the most rewarding things they have experienced. The dates need someone to serve a meal this month are:

Breakfast: 6, 7, 17, 20, 21, 22, 29, 31

Lunch: 6, 14, 27, 29, 30, 31

Typically, meals are prepared for 60-80 guests for breakfast and 80-100 guests for lunch.

To provide a meal, or make a monetary donation towards a meal, contact Rani at RaniG@carpentersplace.org or 779-210-2975.

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HOSTED INCREDIBLE COLLECTIONS!



Burritt Winners 4H Club



Owen Blue Bonnets 4-H Club



Rockford Ice Hogs & Rep Maurice West