2025



FEBRUARY

PROVIDING THE TOOLS FOR REBUILDING LIVES



FAITH MADE IT POSSIBLE

Earlier this year, we shared Ashley's story. She is a woman of faith, who is determined and has worked very hard to overcome challenges that have hindered her progress. Ashley has now graduated from the Goodwill Good Grads Program and had the pleasure of participating in the graduation ceremony where she received her GED diploma. Ashley's academic dreams have not stopped there! She is officially enrolled at Rock Valley College where she will earn a degree in business. Since Ashley has been in Carpenter's Place Family Services Program, she has taken advantage of all the support we have to offer and works closely with her case manager to ensure that she meets her goals. Ashley has shown she can do *anything* she puts her mind to! She will tell you, "With God on your side anything is possible". Her strong faith is a testament to all her accomplishments.

PERSISTENT AND CONSISTENT



2023 brought many challenges for Joey. After working in manufacturing for years, he found himself unemployed. Later that year, him and his wife separated, which left him homeless. He then found out because of something he did when he was young, he could not obtain a driver's license, which further complicated his situation. While having a meal at a local restaurant, one of the employees told him about Carpenter's Place, and the rest is history!

Joey now shares how coming to Carpenter's Place has given him back his dignity. He says getting a nice meal, clothing and lots of support from case managers was key. His driver's license is reinstated and he is feeling very optimistic for the future. He worked with CP's employment case manager and has submitted many job applications. His goals are to gain employment, and find his own place to call home.

PARTNERS IN HEALTH FOR THE HOMELESS

Just what the doctor ordered: vitally important healthcare for our guests! UW Health's Mobile Health Unit is arriving just in time to bring muchneeded healthcare, at no cost, to our guests! Every week, the Mobile Health Unit , staffed by medical professionals, will make a 'house call' at Carpenter's Place, providing a host of healthcare services that are critically important during these challenging winter months. It's truly a 'blessing on wheels'!

Thank you, UW Health!



FEBRUARY OPEN MEALS



Volunteers say serving a meal to the homeless guests we serve is one of the most rewarding things they have experienced. Typically, we serve 60 for breakfast and 80-100 at lunch. The dates we need someone to serve a meal this month are:

BREAKFAST: 7, 12, 19, 21, 26, 28 **LUNCH:** 5, 6, 11, 14, 18, 19, 24

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

FEBRUARY NEEDS LIST



Adult Program:

Coffee Women and Men's Deodorant Toothpaste (individual size) Toilet paper (1 ply ONLY please) Cough drops

For a complete list of current needs (and to be delivered directly to us), please visit our wish list on Amazon: https://a.co/fOyhWao