



A Year of Impact & Transformation



From Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

In 1916 Guy Rodgers founded the Rock Island Rescue Mission to give aid to the unfortunate, who were without funds, a home and in a sense stranded. October marked the 104th year serving those in need. This year I had the privilege of visiting with two of Guy's grandsons, and was able to show them what we have been able to do in supporting their grandfather's legacy. I would like to take just a few minutes to share with you what I was able to share with them.

We converted the current staff dorm into a six-bed residential dorm that allowed us to provide an additional 2,190 nights of shelter, increasing our capacity by 17%. In an effort to meet a community need not offered on the Illinois side of the Quad Cities, our next project is to determine cost & deliver a shower facility for non-residents. My hope is to report on the success of this program next year.

In addition to serving over 37,000 hot meals & coordinating the Mobile Food Pantry with local partners serving approximately 870 family members, we launched a Food for Families Program. Although we are starting out small, we are making sure that anyone experiencing food insecurities has options available.

The last thing I will mention is our nomination for the 2019 Citizen of the Year under the category of organizations. What an amazing feeling to be recognized by the citizens of our city for our work serving the community. I am also very happy to say that not only did we win the category but we were selected the overall Citizen of the Year and Grand Marshall of the Labor Day Parade.

As you review this report, you will see the impact that a community that cares can have when we come together in support of a common goal, empowering the least, the last and the lost. I feel such gratitude to be able to lead this team. I am truly grateful to everyone who helped make 2019 a success.

Franklin D. Roe, Jr.

Two New Board Members Joined Our Team

Carrie Crossen
Blackhawk Bank & Trust



Bruce Peterson
Navarro Canoe Company



Bridge Builders Making an Impact



Bridge Builders is a community of financial Christian Care partners striving to help us build a bridge for those experiencing homelessness get from living on the street into safe, long-term housing. **57 Bridge Builders** provided **351 nights of shelter** and **1,052 meals**.

Partnering to End Veteran Homelessness

We know that ending veteran homelessness is possible, as over 75 communities across the United States have met the federal criteria and benchmarks. Christian Care is honored to work alongside the Veteran's Administration and community partners to make this a reality in our community. All five of our Quad City mayors signed proclamations to end veteran homelessness by the end of 2020.

Addressing Food Insecurity

Food for Families

In 2019, Christian Care implemented a Food for Families Program to get food into the hands of those in our community who need it most. This program provides the ingredients for several healthy meals for 2-3 individuals.

We utilize current resources which means there is no additional cost to the agency for the program.



Mobile Food Pantry



Christian Care has partnered with RiverBend Food Bank and Trinity Anglican Church to host a monthly fresh produce mobile food pantry throughout the summer of 2019. We fed an average of 64 individuals and 174 families each month. In addition, we gave out over 5,500 lbs of food through the program, providing over 4,500 meals.

Backyard Vegetable Gardens

Food insecurity and maintaining healthy eating habits is extremely challenging for low-income families and those experiencing homelessness in our community. Seven vegetable gardens in our backyard are helping to alleviate this problem. On average, our vegetable gardens harvest 300-400 lbs of fresh produce annually with 100% utilization in our community meal site.



Community Meal Site



We served just over 37,000 meals to our community including 31,211 to men, 5,185 for women and 792 to children. In 2019, 260 days had at least one meal provided by our Bring and Serve volunteers.

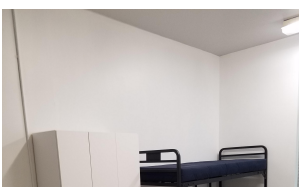
"The Best Way to Find Yourself is to Lose Yourself In the Service of Others."

- Mahatma Gandhi -



We are so blessed to have an army of volunteers passionate and committed to our mission and work. In 2019, **1,962** volunteers gave over **4,626** hours of their time to Christian Care. Every year we celebrate our volunteers with a luncheon and recognition. Our mission would be not possible without you.

Dorm Room Addition



In July 2019, Christian Care converted a staff room into a dorm room allowing us to increase our bed capacity from 36



to 42 and offer an additional 2,190 nights of shelter a year.

Special Events

2019 Have a Heart for the Homeless Luncheon

Co-hosted by Humility Homes and Services, the event was held at Jumer's Casino & Hotel. Linda Cook from the QC Times was the guest speaker. It was a huge success raising almost \$14,000 for the two agencies in the fight against homelessness!



Donor Appreciation Picnic

For the second year in a row, Christian Care hosted a Donor Appreciation Picnic in 2019. We provided a fun meal along with a sense of community and partnerships for our donors. We also gave tours of our facility, along with stats and stories to demonstrate our impact.



Rock Island's Citizen of the Year!



Christian Care was selected as Rock Island's 2019 Citizen of the Year and Organization of the Year. This was a wonderful honor and a tribute to our century plus of serving the community. Along with the award, Christian Care served as the Grand Marshall of the Labor Day Parade.

Cambridge High School Night for the Homeless

It has become a yearly tradition for Cambridge High School (Cambridge, IL) to host a Night for the Homeless in which they raise money and supplies for Christian Care. Students also take part in a handful of events to educate themselves on the struggles faced by those in our community experiencing homelessness.



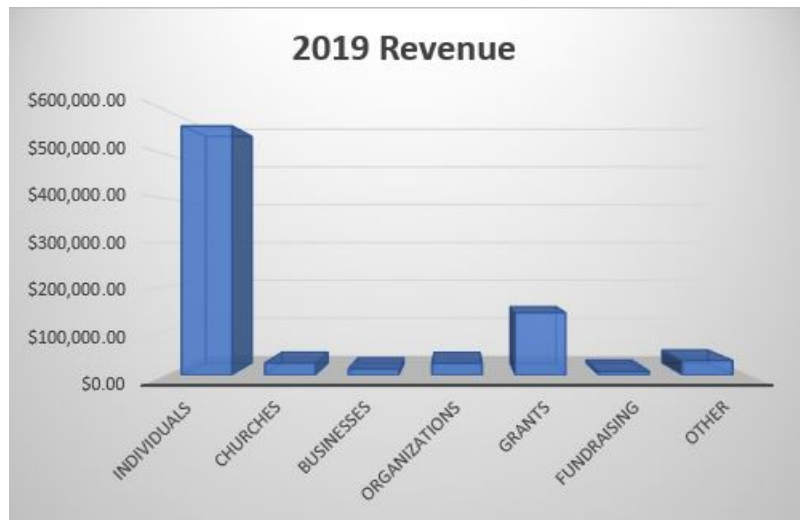
#GIVINGTUESDAY™



Giving Tuesday is a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Each year, Christian Care chooses a different project to either raise money or "do good" for someone else. This year we chose to encourage giving with the incentive of watching the Executive Director take a "pie in the face" from one of his staff. We raised almost over \$2,000 and had a great time!

FINANCIALS

REVENUE:
\$813,142



EXPENSES:
\$494,655



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