

#### JAN/ FEB/ MARCH 2019

# **"Good Things Keep Coming" at Christian** Care

Unemployed for nearly a year because of a series of health issues along with the added burden of the financial strain on the family ultimately led Jim to enter Christian Care.

Once admitted Jim's focus turned to his health care needs. He started making doctor's appointments and regulating his medications became his priority.

Shortly after admission Jim was enrolled in the Veteran's Transitional Housing Program, and along with our community partnerships with other service organizations, Jim's search for an apartment began. They even assisted in paying his first months' rent.

Today Jim is enjoying his apartment and his new job, with his focus now on improving his relationships with his family. Reflecting back on his stay with Christian Care Jim said "the door is closing on one part of my life and opening back up on another. Good things keep coming."



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Christian Care has been in the news lately to talk about our services, programs, needs and successes. Are you staying connected with all that's going on? Follow us on social media to keep up-to-date with our events, activities, and exciting news stories.



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# **BECOME A BRIDGE BUILDER**

Christian Care is striving to build a bridge for those experiencing homelessness to get from living on the street and into stable, permanent housing. Become a Bridge Builder by becoming a monthly or ongoing donor to help provide food and shelter.

\$10/ month- Provides 3 hot meals

\$40/ month- Provides 1 night of shelter and 3 meals

\$280/ month– Provides a week of shelter and food

Check out our website to learn more and become a Bridge Builder today!

http://www.christiancareqc.org/donate.php



# What's Happening at Christian Care?

# New Fencing in the Backyard

Earlier this fall, the fence in Christian Care's backyard was damaged due to wind (thankfully no one was hurt). Fritz's Fencing and Decking came out and completely installed a new fence. The backyard is safe and looks great again, so come out to see for yourself!

### Christian Care Serves as Warming Center Again

Record lows and early snowfall in November had many people concerned about how to care for those with no place to go. Christian Care is once again serving as a warming center to provide extra shelter any time the temperatures get to 15 degrees or lower between 8am-7pm.



On January 18, come enjoy a delicious pasta dinner and support Christian Care at our **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**! Join us at Trinity Anglican Church (1818 6th Ave.) in Rock Island. Doors will open at 5:30 and we will start serving at 6pm. **Cost is \$15 for 1 plate of pasta and a glass of wine (\$6 for a 2nd glass)**. Tickets can be ordered at banderson@christiancareqc.org or by calling 309-786-5734.





Join us for the 6th Annual *Have a Heart For the Homeless Luncheon*, February 2, 2019 at Jumer's Casino in Rock Island. Christian Care is co-hosting this event with Humility Homes & Services as a means to raise awareness and funding in our efforts to care for those experiencing homelessness and poverty in our community.

Our featured speaker will be Linda Cook from the Quad City Times with entertainment by the Quad City Ukulele Club. Tickets are \$30/ person or \$230 for a table of 8. Come join us and help make a difference in the Quad Cities! Purchase tickets online at www.chritiancareqc.org,, or by calling 309-786-5734.

Thank you!

#### **Pancake Breakfast**



In October, Christian Care hosted a Pancake Breakfast at Trinity Anglican Church to help raise money for our shelter and meal site. Thank you to everyone who came out to join us! The pancakes were delicious, we had a lot of fun, and we raised money so we can continue with our mission to care for those experiencing homelessness and poverty right here in our community. Thank you!

### **QC Storm Chuck-a-Puck**

The QC Storm, our community's new hockey team, chose Christian Care as the designated charity for their game on Nov. 24. We were honored to receive proceeds for ticket sales, as well as undergarments and other donations as part of the "chuck-a-puck" program. Thank you QC Storm for your generosity!



### Night In a Box



This past fall, high school students from Cambridge spent a night in cardboard boxes to increase awareness about homelessness and to raise money for homeless service providers such as Christian Care. They donated money, milk, and food to help care for those experiencing homelessness and hunger. We are so thankful for their bold, courageous, creative, and generous spirits!

#### Thank You for Your Help!

Christian Care has been tremendously blessed by an outpouring of donations this past season from all different areas of our community! We were honored to be supported by gifts from the Rock Island Police Department (left), the Klemetson family, the Jones family, and the Deerbrook Neighborhood (center), along with Hopewell Elementary School (right). We also want to acknowledge the many churches, organizations, and individuals that provided us with wonderful donations. Thank you to everyone from our community who gave to Christian Care this season to help us care for those in need!









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#### Thank you volunteers!



We are thrilled to work with so many wonderful volunteers who serve at our front desk, cook and serve meals, speak at our chapel services, organize our donation areas, along with so many other projects and needs. During this holiday season, we are very appreciative of volunteers who gave of their time and energy to help us provide special meals and holiday celebrations for our community. We are especially thankful for the volunteers who serve year round with us to make sure the care and programs we provide are offered every single day. Thank you for making a difference!

## **Going Green**

Christian Care is GOING GREEN with our quarterly newsletters. If you wish to continue receiving a hard copy or wish to go green, please email Steve Gottcent at sgottcent@christiancareqc.org and let us know! We want to ensure you continue to receive our correspondence.







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