



CHRISTIAN CARE

By providing safe shelter, support, and resources, Christian Care empowers the homeless to make positive changes in every aspect of their lives.

APRIL/ MAY/ JUNE 2019

Christian Care Offers Hope and a New Outlook on Life

William experienced homelessness for the first time in his life earlier this year after leaving an abusive relationship. He grew up witnessing his mother being abused and, after finding himself in an unhealthy relationship as an adult, knew he needed to stop the generational repetition that often occurs with children who experience domestic violence.

When William left the apartment he shared with his abuser, he found himself living in a car until he heard about Christian Care from a relative. He was able to move in just one day after making his initial crisis call. William had a lot of anxiety, feeling very down and depressed about his circumstances: just the thought of going into a shelter can be overwhelming, intimidating, and scary. But he had the additional challenges of limited income and significant health issues.

William had never been to a homeless shelter before but expressed feeling at ease almost immediately upon entering Christian Care. He said, "The staff at Christian Care gave me hope and a new outlook on life." Through case advocacy, William found the determination and tools he needed to become self-sufficient again. Despite being in and out of the hospital several times during his stay, he found a job and is in the process of securing permanent housing.

William said, "Overall, Christian Care has made me stronger, more confident, and a happier person." He said the advice he would give to other people in his situation is: "Don't dwell on the past. Don't let things that have happened in your life discourage you. Everything happens for a reason and it is possible to overcome even the toughest obstacles in front of you."

We are very proud of William. His tenacity and perseverance have put him back on the road to self-sufficiency.



TRIVIA NIGHT 2019

Christian Care is gearing up to host our annual Trivia Night on **Friday, May 31, 2019** at CASI (Center for Active Seniors) located at 1035 W. Kimberly Rd, Davenport. Tickets are \$10/ person or \$80 for a table of 8.

Doors open at 6pm with Mr. Trivia beginning at 7pm. Raffles, mulligans, and more! Come with a theme for your table, and best theme wins a prize!

To order tickets, contact Becki at 309-786-5734 or banderson@christiancareqc.org. Or go to:

<http://www.christiancareqc.org/events.php>



What's New at Christian Care?

Welcome New Staff

Christian Care is delighted to welcome several new staff members:

Brandi Anderson– Client Advocate

Teresa Fitzgerald– Wilcox– Resident Services Coordinator

Jessica Pruis– Client Advocate

Brandi Sivels– Food Services Coordinator



Welcome to the team!



**Mark Your
Calendar**



Shop and help support Christian Care!

Stuff, Etc. in Davenport has chosen Christian Care for its Charity Umbrella Program! Bring a voucher at time of purchase on April 5, 6, and 7, and Christian Care will be blessed in 10% of your pre-tax purchase.

To get a copy of the correct voucher, please contact Steve at sgottcent@christiancareqc.org.

Be sure to mark your calendars for these exciting events coming up with Christian Care! Or follow along on the events page of our website at:

<http://www.christiancareqc.org/events.php>

May 31– Trivia Night

August 24– Donor Appreciation Picnic

October 19– Pancake Breakfast

February 8– Have a Heart 2020



Thank you!

Volunteers

Volunteers play a vital role in the mission and the success of Christian Care, and we are so thankful for all of them! In 2018, more than 500 volunteers gave approximately 3000 hours of their time serving in a variety of roles. Volunteers help staff our front desk, provide chapel services, cook and serve meals, work in our clothing room, offer leadership on our Board of Directors, and so much more. Thank you for all you do!



Have a Heart For the Homeless 2019



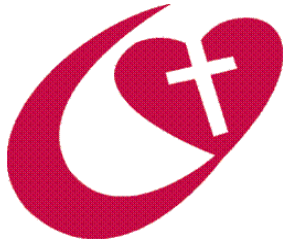
In February, Christian Care co-hosted the 6th annual Have a Heart For the Homeless luncheon at Jumer's Casino. This event served as an opportunity to raise awareness about homelessness in the Quad Cities, while also raising funds to help support important services and programs that offer care. Roughly 150 people participated and helped us raise over \$7000. The money we raised will go directly towards ensuring that we continue to provide services for those in the community who are vulnerable and less fortunate, just as we have for over 100 years.

Thank you to all who came out to help support Christian Care!

Thank You for Your Help!

Once again Christian Care has been richly blessed by so many generous donations coming in from throughout the Quad Cities Community. We were honored to receive gifts from Trinity Anglican Church (left), Christ Church (center), and Calvary Church of the Quad Cities. We also want to acknowledge and thank the many wonderful organizations, churches, and individuals that supported us with gifts this past quarter. Thank you to everyone who gave to Christian Care to help ensure we can continue to provide for people experiencing homelessness and poverty.





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“Chip In” for Christian Care!



The John Deere Classic is once again kicking off its *Birdies for Charity* campaign, and it’s never been easier to “chip in” to help make a difference! Call us or e-mail us at banderson@christiancareqc.org to request a pledge form. Then simply make a one-time flat donation OR pledge one cent or more per birdie you think will be made during the John Deere Classic this year. Be sure to put Christian Care as your charity and #1390 as our bird number! Completed forms can be dropped off at Christian Care located at 2209 3rd Ave, Rock Island, or mailed directly to Birdies for Charity, 15623 Coaltown Rd, East Moline, IL 61244.



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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