



# CHRISTIAN CARE

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

**2022 Quarterly Newsletter: October, November, December**

*Give the Gift of*  
**GIVING**  
**THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**



## ONLY 12 WEEKS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

### Looking to do good this Holiday Season?

Help us give the gift of Christmas to our residents this Holiday Season. We are looking for Secret Santa's for our residents- we would like to provide them with a memorable Christmas. We will be hosting our Resident Christmas Party for the men and women of our shelters on December 14th at the Butterworth Center and Augustana will be catering.

We are looking for donations of backpacks and or gift cards. Our goal is to provide each resident with \$25 in gift cards and a backpack. All donations are appreciated, you can call Frank at (309) 786- 5734 for more details.

*All Donations must be dropped off before December 13, 2022.  
Gift Card Denominations we would prefer (\$5.00-25.00)*

### Other Ways To Give This Holiday Season:

- Sign up to bring and serve a meal, contact [PPowell@christiancareqc.org](mailto:PPowell@christiancareqc.org)
  - Interested in doing Bring & Serve on a Holiday? We will host a holiday buffet for the community on Thanksgiving and Christmas. We would greatly appreciate donations of cooked dishes or volunteering.
- Monetary Donations
- Make In-Kind Donations of Coats, Hats, Gloves, Long Underwear, Food, Cleaning Supplies, Paper Products, Laundry Soap.

## UPCOMING

### EVENTS

*Follow us on Social Media for Updates!*

#### **October 22nd:**

Pancake Breakfast at Trinity Church 8-11AM

#### **November 29:**

Giving Tuesday

#### **December 17:**

Frigid Feet: A Walk in the Shoes of the Unsheltered  
Details TBA

#### **February 11:**

Have a Heart for the Homeless



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2. Open Link

# Christian Care Happenings!



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## "WHEN I CAME IN I HAD NO IDEA WHAT MY FUTURE WOULD BE..."

Meet Robert- he was a resident at our mission. He was recently blessed enough to find housing. Robert has a cheerful attitude that is infectious.

"I, Robert Sanders want to say how thankful I am for Christian Care. Christian Care gave me a place to lay my head and food to fill my belly. But, also the kindness and resources to help me achieve my goals. When I came in I had no idea what my future would be waiting to be approved for disability and with all of the help and warm hearts I was approved within two months. So then, the processing was next. With all of your help and attention to details, we did it. It is 100% the love from your hearts that made this gift from God such a great blessing. Thank you for making me a part of this family here"

Robert is very happy to have found housing and we are excited to see what his future holds.



## Completed Projects

We have been grateful to be the recipient of grants to help fund much needed projects. We were able to replace the front steps and the porch at Martha's House the Rock Island Community Foundation provided funds that partially paid for the project. We were also able to remodel the resident bathroom at the mission due to your donations and a grant from the Scott County Regional Authority. Additionally, we were able to replace the flooring in one of the bathrooms at Martha's House thanks to your generous contributions to our organization.

## Meet the newest Members of our Christian Care Team!



**Evelyn Gardner**  
Client Advocate



**Lexi Bull**  
Marketing and  
Events Specialist

# Thank you for Joining our Meet, Eat, and Greet!

We would like to extend a big thank you for everyone who made it to our Meet, Greet & Eat. We know the weather was not ideal, but we made the best out of the situation. It was very nice to get to meet some new faces and catch up with you all! We would just like to say thank you again to everyone, even if you did not make it. Your contributions to Christian Care make what we do possible.

## The Impact Martha's House has had!

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**53% of those who have left Martha's House have either found permanent Housing or exited to housing of their choice.**

We are coming up on the one year anniversary since opening Martha's House. The house opened last year in January. Since the opening of Martha's House we have been able to help many individuals find housing. We are on track to help 100+ individuals by our one year anniversary. The average stay for an individual at Martha's House has been 33 days. 30% of those who have left Martha's House have went to permanent housing destinations. Martha's House has continued to be a safe haven for women and children who are in need of a helping hand. We are excited to continue to watch Martha's House grow.



**“Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail.”**

*– Ralph Waldo Emerson*



**Meet Reena**, she recently graduated from Martha's House. She had been charged with a DUI at the beginning of 2021. Around the same time her husband and her split up after years of marriage. Then the house she was renting the owners had decided to sell- all whilst she was fighting alcoholism. All of her belongings were moved out of the house while she was in rehab. This was when she became homeless. When she returned from rehab she was faced with the consequences of her actions. She spent a month incarcerated and while she was there she heard about Martha's House. She wrote a letter and her prayers were answered. We had a bed ready for her when she was released. She was so thankful that she had somewhere to go. She said that she needed the structure and to be held accountable for herself since she was still recovering from her alcoholism. *"The staff here has been encouraging and supportive throughout my whole stay here. I cannot thank Christian Care enough!"*





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## *A Gift with a Lasting Impact*

Often a financial gift given directly to Christian Care can forever continue your desire to help those experiencing homelessness. It may be a gift in your will, a gift of real estate, life insurance, or even your minimum distribution from your IRA. Let these gifts be an everlasting commitment to your solidarity with those who find themselves in difficult situations.

If you wish to talk further about this kind of impactful gift, please feel free to contact Frank Roe, Executive Director at (309) 786- 5734 or [Froe@christiancareqc.org](mailto:Froe@christiancareqc.org)

## GI<sup>♥</sup>ING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Giving Tuesday helps individuals and organizations to focus on holiday giving and end of year giving. This year Giving Tuesday falls on November 29th. We would be very grateful if you considered us this Giving Tuesday! Visit our website to make a donation

### **WILL WE SEE YOU AT OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST?**

Join us for a free pancake breakfast on October 22nd. Entry is free to the public, as always donations are appreciated.

*Suggested donation \$5.*

**When:** October 22nd 8AM-11AM

**Where:** Trinity Anglican 1816 6th Ave Rock Island, IL

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