



# CHRISTIAN CARE

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

APR/MAY/JUN 2018

## Mark Williams' Story

The major turning point in the life of Mark Williams happened in the winter of 2012, after a suicide attempt on his brother's kitchen floor. That year was the first time that Mark had entered Christian Care Rescue Mission.

"I was an island," Mark describes his history struggling with drugs, alcohol, and unhealthy relationships which lead to him losing jobs and housing, participating in criminal activity, and affecting his parenting over the next few years. Despite all this, Mark did not lose sight of hope. While enrolled in another mission in Chicago—Mark's hometown—he developed a plan to open his own cleaning business.

After returning to the Quad Cities in March of 2017, he entered Christian Care's program once more with that goal in mind. His first few attempts were unsuccessful, and Mark even gave up at one point. However, through the guidance of a member of Mark's church family, and the advice of one of Christian Care's frequent community meal site patrons, he gained the motivation, confidence, and business approaches to "take another leap," as Mark puts it.

In a matter of months, Mark acquired his business license and insurance. The clients followed shortly after. By the time of Mark's discharge from Christian Care into his own apartment, he had secured himself ten business accounts. Mark credits the friends he made and the structure provided at the mission for much of his success.



Birdies for Charity is a great way to "chip in" and make a difference!

Pledge forms coming soon. Feel free to email us at [info@christiancareqc.org](mailto:info@christiancareqc.org) and let us know you want a pledge form!

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](mailto:sgottcent@christiancareqc.org) and let us know! We want to ensure you continue to receive our correspondence.



# 2018 Annual Trivia Night



**Friday, May 4, 2018**  
**Holiday Inn,**  
**226 17th St.**  
**Rock Island**  
**\$10 per person**  
**\$80 for table of (8)**



Doors open at 6pm with Mr. Trivia beginning at 7pm.  
Raffles, mulligans, and a scavenger hunt!

Come with a theme for your table—best theme wins a prize!!

Support our meal site at the same time by bringing a non-perishable food item and be entered for your chance to win a door prize!!

**RSVP: Becki Anderson, Christian Care (309) 786-5734 Email: [banderson@christiancareqc.org](mailto:banderson@christiancareqc.org)**



## Thank You

In 2017, 400 volunteers gave almost 3,000 hours of their time to Christian Care. Our volunteers play a critical role in our mission everyday. Volunteers help staff our front desk, work in our clothing room, provide chapel services, provide & serve meals, serve on our Board of Directors, and so much more.



In 2017, over 50 churches, families and businesses provided and/or served meals for Christian Care, 230 days out of the year.

# EXCITING NEWS TO SHARE!!

## *Parish Nursing & Health Ministry*

Christian Care is very excited to announce a partnership with UnityPoint-Trinity Parish Nursing & Health Ministry to offer on-site consultative & basic medical services for individuals experiencing homelessness & living in poverty. This partnership is designed to take steps to improve the quality of life and enhance the impact of health care needs for our community's most vulnerable population. Christian Care received a gift from the Bettendorf Rotary Club with matching funds from the Trinity Foundation to provide these services. These services will be up and running  
March 28, 2018!

## *Rock Island County Council on Addictions (RICCA)*

Christian Care is partnering with RICCA to provide on-site substance abuse services for residents. RICCA has been providing recovery services to the community since 1960. In 2017, Christian Care fielded 909 crisis calls with over 50% identifying a substance abuse issue.



# TAKE DOWN HUNGER

The Junior Pioneer Wrestling Club, Moline Wrestling Club, Bettendorf Wrestling Club and the North Scott Wrestling Club all battled to **Take Down Hunger** for Christian Care! They raised almost \$800 and donated 492 non-perishable food items. Way to go!!





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## Current Needs:

Toilet Paper, Liquid Handsoap, Bus Tokens (IL & Iowa), Salad Dressing (Ranch, French, etc.)

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