



CHRISTIAN CARE

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

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Life After Pandemic

A statement from Frank Roe, Christian Care's Executive Director, regarding the response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

So I have been asked the question - What will life be like after the pandemic? Will we go back to normal and how do we define normal? We are in the business of providing essential services, so when the "stay at home order" came down our reaction needed to be thoughtful and measured. How are we going to balance the safety concerns of an unknown virus with the needs of those experiencing homelessness and food insecurities?

What did we do – we adapted and modified normal. We are continuing to serve residents three meals a day while ensuring social distancing. Although our dining room is closed to the public, we stay committed to ensuring our community is receiving food during this challenging time. Sack lunches and hot meals are being served out our doors. We continue to take in new individuals when space is available and have procedures in place for those who are ill or who need separate shelter for a period of time.

So, when are we going back to normal, or should I say when are we going back to the way it was? I wish I could say the answer is tomorrow, but I just don't know. But what I do know is this. We will continue to do what is right for this community and we will not ever lose sight of our mission.

On a more personal note I want to thank each and every one of you for the generous support you have given us during this stressful time. I can not express how deeply you have touched my heart.



- Franklin D. Roe, Jr.
Executive Director

Meet Jennifer Hill!



Please welcome Jennifer Hill, our new Community Outreach Coordinator. Born and raised in Davenport, Jennifer has 25 years teaching special education and has been a case manager for individuals with mental health issues and developmental delays. She enjoys cooking, gardening and spending time with her daughter's family and new grandson. She is anxious to begin connecting with everyone and we are excited to have her on board!

What's Happening at Christian Care?



Fresh Produce Mobile Food Pantries

Christian Care is delighted to once again partner with River Bend Food Bank and Trinity Anglican Church to host several fresh produce mobile food pantries this summer. We will be giving out free, healthy fruits and vegetables to anyone in need on July 23, August 20, and September 10 from 1pm –3pm, at Trinity Anglican Church (1818 6th Ave., Rock Island, IL). These pantries will primarily be a drive-thru operation, but a walk-up option will be available if needed. If you or anyone you know is in need, get some delicious produce!

Building Gets a Face Lift

Christian Care has always called Rock Island home for over 100 years, and we've been in our current facility since 2004. But 16 years will bring a certain amount of wear and tear on a building, so it was time for our building to get a bit of a face lift. Thanks to grant support from the Scott County Regional Authority and the City of Rock Island, we received a new paint job and new awning.



Thank you!

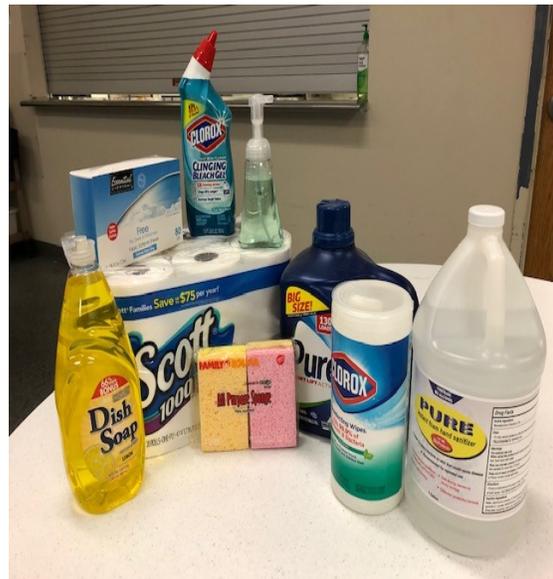
Getting the Garden Growing!

A few of our garden volunteers have still managed to hang out in our backyard, social distancing to get the vegetable garden planted, growing, and off to a solid start. Christian Care wants to encourage a healthy diet, so we take pride in offering healthy options at every meal we serve. This includes making sure there are fruits and/or vegetables in the sack lunches we've been serving. Thank you to these volunteers for taking time to make sure our garden is well cared for!



Thank You for Your Help!

Even under quarantine, our community has continued to support Christian Care in a wide range of ways. Beulah Presbyterian Church had to cut their Lenten donation drive short, but they still provided us wonderful gifts of towels, sheets, and shower curtains. We've also had numerous people donate key items that are essential to keeping a clean, healthy shelter (right), along with all the fixings to help us serve over 10,000 hot meals and sack lunches since March 1. Thank you for everything you've done to help make an amazing difference in a difficult season!





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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 required 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 at froe@christiancareqc.org.

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 us at info@christiancareqc.org and let us know! We want to ensure you continue to receive our correspondence.



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