



CHRISTIAN CARE

2024 Quarterly Newsletter: Jan-Feb-Mar

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY...

Have a Heart luncheon

MAY...

Trivia night



Join our community of **Bridge Builders** striving to help us **"Build Bridges"** for those experiencing homelessness.



welcome

Please welcome Kimberly Mayeski to our Board of Directors.



My Story

Through the Eyes of a Street Outreach Worker...

We met Deb in September 2023 at a local Walmart. She was digging through the donation drop-off area in the parking lot. We approached her to see if she needed any hygiene products, food, clothing, etc. Deb has been a regular on our Street Outreach route. Deb goes to a local Starbucks to be sheltered and safe for as long as possible during the day. The staff there are very gracious to her and she has become a fixture of the establishment. This act of kindness makes Deb very comfortable both physically and mentally, allowing her to temporarily forget the dire situation still present-homelessness.

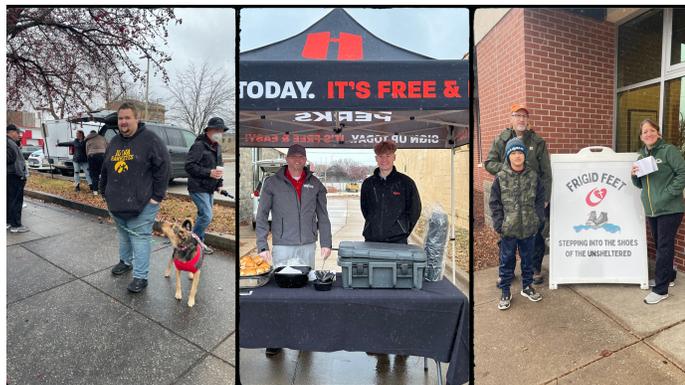
After numerous interactions to establish a trusting relationship, we worked with her on multiple applications to apartment complexes in the area. These applications ended up either being "lost" or just not completed on Deb's end. However, we used this as an opportunity to plant a seed in Deb's mind that would hopefully keep nagging at her until she saw the absolute need to secure housing. Repeatedly describing the reality of a Midwest winter in gory detail eventually had its desired effect. Deb allowed us to get her back into the Coordinated Entry Program. Today, she is preparing to sign a lease and will soon be in a place of her own. I believe this is a story of success due to the fact that Deborah was so resistant to our help for such a long time and finally gave us a real opportunity to help -- and we were successful in our efforts.



FRIGID FEET 2023

Thank you to everybody who came out to walk with us!

Please contact Cindi at cgramenz@christiancareqc.org to pick-up your t-shirt!



2023 COMMUNITY IMPACT

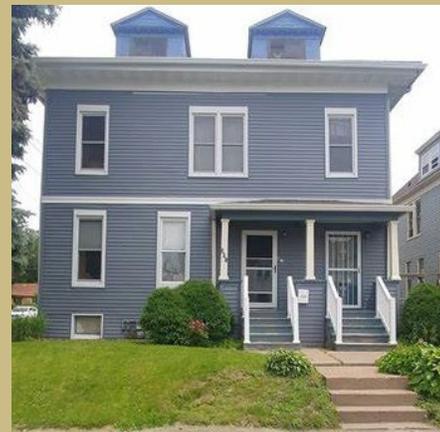


Rescue Mission

- We assisted 232 men with shelter & services.

Martha's House

- Services & shelter provided to 83 women & 6 children



Meal Site

- Almost 38,000 meals served to men, women & children in our community.

Street Outreach Services

- Our team came into contact with & provided services to over 100 individuals.



Hundreds of volunteers gave *thousands of hours of their time.*

You Are Cordially Invited..

2024



Fundraising Luncheon

Saturday, February 10, 2024
12:00 Noon (doors open 11:15 am)
Bally's Casino & Hotel
Rock Island, IL

Guest Speaker De'Andre Robinson

Join us as we hear from De'Andre, who spent three years on our streets with those living unsheltered.

Tickets \$35

Table of 8 \$270

Seating is limited & sold out last year!

Get your tickets early!

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Commemorate our event with these beautiful flower pots made especially for the luncheon! Available now to pre-order for \$25. Email cgramenz@christiancareqc.org to purchase.

Note: Flowers in pot will vary.



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Resident Christmas Party



Thanks to all of you, our shelter residents enjoyed an evening at the beautiful Butterworth Center. With great food catered by Augustana, gifts, fellowship and music from St. Anthony's Choir, we were able to offer a memorable holiday. Thank you to all who helped make it happen this year!

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." "Success is rarely the result of one swell swoop, but more often the culmination of many, many small victories." "Success doesn't come from what you do occasionally, but what you do consistently."

Cyrus came to Christian Care after being incarcerated for 2 years. He had lost all of his identification including his Green Card. Angela, his Service Coordinator was able to help him with the extensive & intimidating process of applying for a lost card as well as waiving a large fee for the green card. This was a 6-month process; however, critical for Cyrus's long-term housing stability. This is how we build bridges for people.





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