CHRISTIAN CARE

2025 Quarterly Newsletter: Jan-Feb-Mar



Save the Date

FEBRUARY 15, 2025 Have A Heart Luncheon

<u>MARCH</u> Frigid Feet Reschedule

<u>APRIL-MAY</u> Trivia Night

WELCOME





Originally from Rock Island, Joe currently lives in Moline. He spent six years in the US Army working in supply & transportation.

Joe Rock

DID YOU KNOW ?

Prairie State Legal is on-site biweekly offering free legal services?

We have 2 shelters. One for men, & one for women, and women with children?

Our community meal site serves almost 40,000 meals every year?

We offer public showers for those living unsheltered?

We offer street outreach service in collaboration with Project Now?



Looking for an opportunity to do more? Passionate about our mission? Consider being a member of our Board of Directors. If interested, please contact Frank at froe@christiancareqc.org or call (309) 786-5734. CHRISTIAN CARE



WHEN: WHERE: TIME: HAVE A HEART for the homeless Saturday, February 15, 2025 Bally's Casino & Hotel Noon (Doors open at 11:15 am)



<u>This year's program will feature:</u> Reverend Dwight Ford Executive Director, Project Now Jamar Mallory Rescue Mission Program Participant

<u>Thank You to our SPONSORS</u>







Catholic Services Board

Interested in being a sponsor? Please contact Cindi at (309) 786-5734 or cgramenz@christiancareqc.org



MuStory

It's truly a joy to volunteer at Christian Care. I, like other volunteers, will tell you that we "get more out of volunteering than we give!". My favorite thing is to see a resident get a job, find housing and become independent. Dealing with the veterans that come in is a very special pleasure.

Marsha - Front desk volunteer



We are filled with deep gratitude for Humble Dwellings, whose kindness in furnishing the homes of our residents & veterans touches our hearts.









Pastor Steve Peterson Board Member I served as an inner-city missionary in Chicago for several years and got to know and work with many agencies working for the homeless. Christian Care, in my opinion, stands head and shoulders above other ministries I've known. The first impression is their cleanliness and the orderliness of their facilities. But it's their comprehensive services to the residents, treating them with dignity, and helping connect them with employment opportunities, housing, medical care, etc. that truly impresses me. And then their extensive outreach into the Quad Cities area and beyond is truly remarkable. I thank God for Christian Care, their staff, and the many volunteers who are doing such great ministry.

Homeless to Hopeful

Since 2021, Christian Care and Project Now have joined together in a collaborative effort to provide essential services for individuals in our community who are experiencing homelessness. This dedicated team convenes each morning to coordinate their efforts and set out for the day, working tirelessly to support those in need. Below is just one of many stories.

While walking in the woods near the Silvis Walmart, we came across an individual who had been displaced for some time. After listening to his story, we slowly began to develop a trusting relationship with him. We initially offered immediate resources and basic necessities such as food, blankets, and personal hygiene. During the frigid week of Thanksgiving, the gentleman required medical attention. After learning this, the street outreach team followed up with him, offering additional resources for warmth as the weather began to get colder. Over the next few weeks, a plan was formulated to move west which is what he wanted to do all along. He is now safe and sound in Arizona.

At times, the key to supporting individuals experiencing homelessness is to accompany them on their journey towards their desired destination. By extending a helping hand, providing guidance, and connection with resources, organizations such as Christian Care and Project Now can empower individuals to work towards their aspirations and forge a path to a better future.







I am very grateful for Christian Care. After having a hardship because of losing my job of 6 years, I found myself homeless. While dealing with homelessness, I suffered a heart attack that consequently broke my jaw. I have a pacemaker and a defibrillator in me. Facing homelessness without the ability to work and recovering from 2 surgeries, I was at the end of my rope. I contacted Christian Care who assisted me in my recovery and applying for SSI/SSDI and now I am housed with with income. Humble Dwellings furnished my apartment. I am forever grateful for the community effort and I am doing well with hope for my future.

CHILI DIPPER CLASSIC

Board Members Bob Swanson & John McEvoy, Jr. braved the January weather and played in the 2nd Annual Chili Dipper Classic sponsored by the Rock Island Moose at Highland Springs supporting Christian Care!





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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 the 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 contact Frank Roe, Executive Director, at (309) 786-5734 or froe@christiancareqc.org.