



Christian Care

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*“No one is useless in this world
who lightens the burdens of others.”*

Charles Dickens

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, **(309) 786-5734 or froe@christiancareqc.org**.



CHRISTIAN CARE

2025 Quarterly Newsletter:
October, November, December

My Story “Failure is success in progress.” Albert Einstein



Rodney M.

When I arrived at Christian Care, I was navigating one of the most difficult seasons of my life. The shelter provided essentials - food, a safe place to sleep, and emotional support - and that stability gave me the space to begin rebuilding. During my stay, I **immersed myself in professional development, refining my design portfolio and applying for roles in UX/UI, branding, and IT.** I also began developing Waters, a conceptual project that blends design with social impact. My growth wasn't just professional - it was spiritual too. I started **reading a Bible study called Footsteps in Faith, which became a source of strength and reflection.** The group helped me stay grounded, and I've decided to continue participating as a volunteer, supporting others on their own journey's of faith and renewal. Living in a communal environment came with its challenges, but it taught me resilience, empathy, and the power of perseverance. Now, as I prepare to move into my own place, I carry with me not just gratitude for Christian Care's support, but **a renewed sense of purpose and hope.**



Stephen R.

I was staying at a motel due to me being laid-off from my job as a maintenance worker at an apartment complex because of budget cuts. This resulted in me losing my apartment that went with the job. I had a place to stay with my aunt for several months, but her health declined resulting in her moving into a nursing home. My stay at the motel did not last long. I also had health issues, and heart failure. I brought myself to Christian Care and registered for the waiting list to receive a bed. **It took several weeks, then I was given a bed, clothes, a shower, three meals a day, and a case worker, Angela.** Happy and relieved that I received aid, **3-4 months later in August, there was an opening at Two Rivers - a place to call home.** I am very happy and give great thanks to the Christian Care staff. They were kind, understanding, and very helpful, especially Angela. The residents were also pleasant and understanding. Many thanks and love to Christian Care. A bed, laundry, clothes, medical attention, and three meals a day - **you CAN do it if your homeless and out of work.** God bless Christian Care and thank you all.

Save the Date!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Our Lady of Guadalupe Divine Mercy Parish Hall
800 17th St., Silvis, IL 61282

Free Will Offering from 8:00am-12:00pm
Thank you to our **host** Knights of Columbus Leo
Council 716!
Veterans eat free!



THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2025

Christian Care Mission Shelter
2209 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL 61201

All are welcome to join us for our traditional
thanksgiving lunch and dinner! Want to help? We
are in need of homemade pies and cookies to
provide to our guest. Thank you!

Season of Giving!



We're thrilled to host our residents with a festive Holiday Party at the beautiful Butterworth Center! They'll enjoy a delicious holiday meal catered by Augustana College and an evening filled with enchanting Christmas carols performed by the English Choir of St. Anthony's. You can help make this night extra memorable by filling our residents' stockings with special gifts—we're asking for **\$5 Illinois bus ticket booklets and \$5 gift cards** (or reasonable amounts) to gas stations, fast food restaurants, Walgreens, and more. It's the perfect way to spread cheer and celebrate the season together!

Contact Cindi at cgramenz@christiancareqc.org for more info!

Future in Focus!



Prepare your boots for Frigid Feet! Come alongside us as we walk in the shoes of those without shelter and gain a glimpse into the daily experiences of many in our community.

This year will also include a 5k run!

December 20, 2025

Tickets will include soup & sandwiches! Link will be available late October.



Fundraising Luncheon

Saturday, February 7, 2026

12:00 pm *Doors will open 11:15 am

BALLY'S CASINO & HOTEL ROCK ISLAND, IL

Tickets \$35 | Table of 8 \$270

Please visit christiancareqc.org or contact **Cindi**
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How **You Can** Make a *Difference* in the
Challenge to end Hunger & Homelessness!

Some might wonder, "How can I, as just one person, help end hunger and homelessness?"

1. **Host an event:** Organize a canned food drive with your church group.
2. **Volunteer:** Offer your time to help at a local organization-whether at the front desk, on a fundraising committee, or in meal programs.
3. **Spread the Word:** Use social media to share statistics, stories, and campaigns about these issues.
4. **Donate:** Become a **Bridge Builder** by donating \$40/month to provide shelter and meals.
5. **Invest:** Contribute to our endowment fund to make a lasting impact.



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