

# *Carelines Newsletter*



A new year has begun—a new year full of pledges and resolutions. How many will be made? The real question is how many will be kept? At Christian Care our committed staff works tirelessly each day to help our residents reach the goals they set when they first entered our doors. Goals vary and might include finding employment, securing safe and affordable housing, getting a GED or college degree; all look to the future with the hope of getting broken lives back together and living independently once again. It's been this way for 100 years.

Our founder, Guy Rodgers, had a goal: "To help those who need help to help themselves." He did this for 42 years. We're working to continue his goal today. Through our holistic approach, we are able to give our residents the foundation they need to begin transforming their lives, one goal at a time. Sometimes, in order to reach our goals, we need to leave something behind. For our residents it may be an abusive relationship, an addiction to alcohol or drugs, or a decision that resulted in incarceration in jail or prison.

Through the dedication of a staff committed to helping our residents succeed, the men, women and children who stay at our shelters are offered the opportunity to begin a new life. Over the past 100 years, our staff has witnessed many changes, yet one thing has remained the same: our steadfast dedication to the vision and goal of our founder. Christian Care remains committed to transforming the lives of the least, the last and the lost of the Quad Cities.

Christian Care has been richly blessed this Christmas season. We are truly grateful for the financial contributions and the donations of food, time, talents, clothing, and more from so many individuals, organizations, businesses and churches. It is because of the generosity of our donors and the commitment of over 250 volunteers each month that we are able to carry out the important work started by Guy Rodgers one hundred years ago and we whole-heartedly thank each of you for your continued support!

***Thank you! Christian Care could not help others reach their goals without your continued support!***

## **Christian Care Staff:**

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Resident Advocates:  
Ashley Fuller  
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# *We were blessed by so many acts of kindness during the Holiday season...*



Some of the hard working volunteers that came to the Rescue Mission to serve Thanksgiving Dinner!

Dr. Traci Nelson-Johnson, of Nelson Chiropractic, presents a check to Marilyn DeMay, Marketing and Events Coordinator. The \$5000 donation was the result of a year-long effort in which Nelson Chiropractic donated \$20 to Christian Care for every new patient seen! Thank you to the staff and patients of Nelson Chiropractic!



Thank you to the Rock Island ELKS #980 for their big-hearted monetary donation to Rescue Mission residents for Christmas gifts and to Brett Casper for helping to make our Residents' Christmas party a huge success!

*This fall, the old clothes dryer at our Rescue Mission dried its last load. We often take for granted the common, day-to-day conveniences that make our lives easier. A clothes dryer is one of those conveniences. Hearing about our situation, an anonymous donor stepped forward with a new dryer for our men. This generous donation makes it possible for our residents to have clean, dry clothes so they can carry on through their day, working to make a better life for themselves. Thank you to these kind and generous donors!*

## *And we were able to bless...*



Due to the incredible generosity of our donors in the Quad Cities community, Christian Care was able to distribute winter coats, hats, gloves, blankets and much more to over 120 men, women and children at our Coat Giveaway Day on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Between November 1 and December 7, over 350 coats and 500 pairs of new socks were distributed by Christian Care to bring warmth to our residents, those participating in our Coat Giveaway Day, and those visiting the clothing ministry at Heart of Hope Ministries and Rock Island Township.

## **A SEASON OF LOVE AND CARING...**



Rescue Mission resident Odis lights a candle in our Advent wreath before giving the message to those assembled to commemorate the days leading up to Christmas.

At right, domestic violence shelter resident Rachel and her children prepare for the annual Christmas Party with staff member Brandi and her son, Levi.



## CHRISTIAN CARE'S CURRENT NEEDS:

Salad ingredients: dark leafy greens,  
lettuce and tomatoes  
Fresh fruit, vegetables and potatoes  
Canned fruits & vegetables  
Dairy products: milk, low-fat yogurt  
and sliced cheese  
Eggs  
Breakfast foods  
Butter/margarine  
Coffee, tea and creamer  
Powdered milk  
Salad dressing  
Ketchup  
Pork & beans, chili beans  
Sugar  
Beef broth  
Bus tickets—IL & IA  
Men's new white t-shirts (all sizes)  
Size 11 men's tennis shoes  
Men's winter gloves  
Cleaning products – Lysol spray, bleach,  
anti-bacterial wipes, shower cleaner  
and oven cleaner  
Hygiene products – toothpaste, shaving  
cream and deodorant  
Paper towels  
Bath tissue  
33 gallon trash bags  
Dishwasher detergent  
Laundry & dish soap

All items can be brought to the  
Rescue Mission at 2209 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue,  
Rock Island between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## THANK YOU TO THE CHURCHES, INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS THAT SERVED MEALS OR VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER!

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE ASSOCIATION OF BLACK HAWK  
COLLEGE ~ AMOS JOHNSON ~ BARBARA MONTGOMERY  
BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH ~ BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
BRAD PUCK ~ CAMELOT THERAPEUTIC SCHOOL CHURCH  
OF THE CROSS UMC ~ FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH—  
FRIENDS OF CHRISTIAN CARE ~ FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH ~ FIRST MIDWEST BANK ~ GENESEO FIRST UMC  
~ GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GREATER  
HARVEST ~ HEART OF HOPE MINISTRIES ~ HELEN MINER ~  
HIGHWAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ~ HOLY CROSS  
LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
~ JOHN DEERE EMPLOYEES ~ JULIE DERRER ~ LIVING  
WATER CHRISTIAN CENTER ~ LYLE SMITH ~ MEMORIAL  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ MID AMERICAN ENERGY ~ MIGHTY  
FORTRESS CHURCH PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY BAPTIST ~  
QUAD CITY CHURCH OF CHRIST ~ QUAD CITY PASSION  
CHURCH ~ RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ ROOTS  
QC ~ JANNE SHORT ~ ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN ~  
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL ~ TRINITY HUMAN  
RESOURCES ~ TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ WALGREENS  
PHARMACY ~ ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

TO THE COUNTLESS GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT  
DROPPED OFF DONATIONS OF ANY KIND — MONETARY  
GIFTS, FOOD ITEMS, CLOTHING, COATS AND BLANKETS —  
WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE!

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING GRANT FUNDERS FOR  
THEIR SUPPORT OF CHRISTIAN CARE AND ITS PROGRAMS:

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY (708)  
VETERANS AFFAIRS  
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT  
MOLINE KIWANIS FOUNDATION  
THE MOLINE FOUNDATION  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE GREAT RIVER BEND  
ILLOWA BI-STATE COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

## THANK YOU!

*This year Christian Care once again served as a collection and distribution site for the **Underwear Because We Care** program. Since the beginning of October, more than 2,000 items were donated: men's, women's and children's socks, underwear and t-shirts. These items have been given to our residents, to those participating on our Coat Giveaway Day and to other agencies that serve the less fortunate in our community, including the clothing ministry of Heart of Hope Ministries and Rock Island Township. We are grateful to the many people who generously donated to those less fortunate—and to the **Underwear Because We Care** organization for helping so many!*

**In all things, I have shown you that by working hard in this way, we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." ~ Acts 20:35**



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## *Transforming Lives*

By providing safe shelter, support, and resources, Christian Care empowers both the homeless and survivors of domestic violence to make positive changes in every aspect of their lives. But to do this, we need your help.

**Please consider a donation today.**

**Go green** and save postage. To receive your newsletter electronically, contact Marilyn at [mdemay@christiancareqc.org](mailto:mdemay@christiancareqc.org)

**24-Hour Crisis Hotline: (309) 788-CARE (2273)**

Visit us at [christiancareqc.org](http://christiancareqc.org) or  Find us on **Facebook** at [facebook.com/christiancareqc.org](https://facebook.com/christiancareqc.org)

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