

Carelines Newsletter

The Changing Times...

Change is inevitable. Change in the seasons... change in government... everything changes. Sometimes change is not for the better; for example, when someone becomes homeless, addicted to drugs or alcohol, or loses his family and friends because of the poor decisions he makes. Organizations experience changes, too. In its 100 years of existence, Christian Care has seen many changes, as well. Programs started decades ago are no longer offered because they are not relevant in today's world. Christian Care no longer has a "Mother's Club" or offers Sunday School and we no longer use a Fumigator as they did in the early days. Even our name changed over time from the "Rock Island Rescue Mission" to "Christian Care." As we move into the future, we are bound to see other changes, as well.

What hasn't changed is our focus on the least, the last and the lost. We continue to honor the legacy of our founder, Guy Rodgers, as we remain committed to providing services to the most vulnerable populations while maintaining their dignity and self-respect. As we seek to help our residents make positive changes in all aspects of their lives—physical, mental, emotional and spiritual—we witness amazing transformations as individuals begin to reach their potential.

Change can be good: finding faith, as in the case of Guy Rodgers; finding new or better employment; or overcoming addictions can be life changing. Some changes we choose for ourselves; others are chosen for us. Joey G.'s changes were chosen for him by Rock Island County's Adult Probation Department's Drug Court. Through weekly court appearances, mandatory Alcoholics Anonymous A meetings, In/Outpatient treatment, drug and alcohol testing two to three times weekly and meeting with his probation officer for three to thirty months, Joey has the opportunity to avoid prison and to have his records sealed once he has completed the program.

Joey chose to start his program at Christian Care because he had been here before and is grateful for the support he receives from the staff and other residents. His biggest goal is sobriety and reunification with his family. He is excited to take his life back; having lost much time to the prison system and living under the influence of drugs and alcohol.



One of his biggest goals is to change his life for the sake of his children, feeling they need consistency and stability from their father. Joey felt he had been attracted to the negative in life—the people, situations and influences. He now feels that with this new chance, his life can be changed for the positive. Life for Joey is changing. He knows there will be triggers and challenges, but with a positive outlook and new tools at his disposal, he knows he will have another day to move forward. He can once again say "life is good."

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"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and supportive of the weak and strong, because some day in your life, you will have been all of these."

George Washington Carver

100 Years of Transforming Lives

Happenings/Upcoming Events

Congratulations Steve!

In our July 2015 *Carelines*, we told you about one of our residents who has been attending Black Hawk College and shared the goals he set for himself since arriving at Christian Care. Steve recently completed his Associate of Science Degree and graduated as a Computer Specialist – Desktop Support. He has finished all the requirements needed to be recognized as Comp TIA Network+ certified.

**Congratulations Steve
on a job well done!**



All Aboard!

Christian Care has joined WHBF and the City of Rock Island's Whitewater Junction to help open their summer season with a splash while benefitting Christian Care and its programs! On Wednesday, May 25, your votes will decide who will go down Whitewater Junction's waterslide first. Will it be Rock Island Mayor, Dennis Pauley; WHBF's anchors Jim Niedelman or Tiffany Lundberg; or will it be one of the other dignitaries representing the City of Rock Island and Christian Care? Voting is simple. Each dollar donated represents one vote. For example, a \$10 donation equals 10 votes for the person of your choice. Go to www.christiancareqc.org/Events from now until 12:00 pm on May 25th to see a full list of participating dignitaries and to vote. See the results on WHBF's nightly news on Wednesday, May 25. Join the fun and help make a difference for those less fortunate in our community!



And the winners are....

Christian Care's Sixth Annual Trivia Night was held Friday, April 22, 2016 at the Rock in Coal Valley. This year's winners were at Don Faust's table. Congratulations!



Thank you to our generous sponsors: Scott Painting and Decorating, Diamonds on the Avenue, DeLeon-Thompson, Inc., Friendship Manor, PSS/Dimensional Graphics, Ruhl & Ruhl Realtors and Wheelan-Pressley Funeral Homes. Thanks, also, to Mr. Trivia, The Rock, all of our wonderful volunteers, the area businesses that donated great raffle and door prize items and to everyone who came out to join us and make this another successful Trivia Night event raising almost \$5,000!

It's that time of year again!

Won't you "chip in" and make a difference in your community by supporting Christian Care in the *Birdies for Charity* campaign?

See the enclosed brochure for all the information you will need to get involved!



Thank you...

To those who brought food and served at our Meal Site during March and April:

Bethany Baptist Church ~ Bethel Assembly of God ~ The Breakfast Gang ~ Camelot Therapeutic School ~ Church of the Cross UMC
Colona First Baptist Church ~ Colona UMC ~ Community Christian Fellowship ~ Christian Highway Fellowship/Pastor Hope Anderson
Scott Early ~ Elim Covenant Church ~ First Christian Church ~ Friends of Christian Care ~ GA Citizens ~ Galesburg First UMC Geneseo
First UMC ~ Geneseo Girl Scout Troop #8655 ~ Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church ~ Greater Harvest ~ Teresa Fey ~ Heart of Hope
Ministries ~ Holy Cross Lutheran Church ~ Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ Memorial Christian Church ~ Mighty Fortress Church
Orion High School ~ PTK Sorority/Trinity College ~ Pentecostal Church of God ~ Quad City Church of Christ ~ Quad City Passion
Church ~ Risen Christ Lutheran Church ~ Roots QC ~ Janne Short ~ Salem Lutheran Church ~ Sedona Staffing ~ John and Linda
Sullivan ~ Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Pat Turner ~ Zion Lutheran Church



The Breakfast Gang is getting ready to serve hungry and appreciative residents.

**Your
thoughtfulness
is greatly
appreciated!**



Salem Lutheran Youth Group takes a minute Smile at the camera before serving a meal.

For Providing Christian Care's Current Needs:

- Fresh fruit, vegetables and potatoes
- Dairy products: milk, yogurt, sliced cheese and butter
- Eggs
- Coffee, tea and creamer
- Powdered milk
- Salad dressing - large bottles
- Ketchup
- Pork & Beans
- Sugar
- Charcoal
- Non-stick cooking spray
- Bus tickets—IL & IA
- Men's new white t-shirts (sizes XL - 4XL)
- Cleaning products: Lysol spray, bleach, anti-bacterial wipes, shower cleaner, oven cleaner
- Hygiene products: shaving cream, razors and deodorant
- 13 and 33 gallon trash bags
- Automatic dishwasher detergent and dish soap

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

To Hy-Vee

Christian Care receives \$1000 Hy-Vee Community Garden Grant

*Serving 60,000 healthy meals a year requires a lot of food—especially fresh produce. We are using our **\$1,000 Hy-Vee Community Garden Grant** to build new, raised garden beds and to plant vegetables to serve those who reside with us, as well as those who visit our Meal Site. This grant will help provide much-needed fresh produce, yet we can use your help too. You can help us fight hunger by donating fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the year. And please keep Christian Care in mind when preparing your garden. Plant an extra row for the hungry. Thank you, Hy-Vee, for helping us fight hunger and allowing us to make delicious, nutritious meals for those most in need in our community!*



To the following organizations that provided grants to support Christian Care and its programs:

Alcoa ACTION Grant
Alfaretta Young Trust
Amy Helpenstell Foundation
Charles Deere Wiman Trust Memorial
The Hubbell-Waterman Foundation
Mary Iva Gittens Knouse Charitable Trust
The Moline Foundation
Rock Island Gaming

PLEASE INVEST IN CHRISTIAN CARE

88 cents out of every dollar goes directly to client services!

- ☐ I pledge a monthly donation of \$ _____
☐ I pledge a quarterly donation of \$ _____
☐ Here is my donation of \$ _____
☐ Please contact me about:

- ☐ Leaving a legacy with Christian Care
☐ Making donation through automatic withdrawal
☐ Volunteering

- ☐ I would like to receive Carelines Newsletter via email

Please make checks payable to:

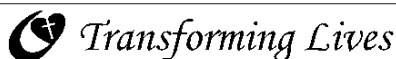
Christian Care
Send to: PO. Box 4176,
Rock Island, IL 61204-4176

Contact Christian Care

Rescue Mission 309/786-5734
24-Hour Crisis Line 309/788-2273
Christiancareqc.org
Facebook.com/christiancareqc.org

If your personal information has changed, please update below:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Phone _____



Transforming Lives



Homelessness and hopelessness are a real part of our community. With your support, we care for hundreds of men, women and children every year by feeding, clothing and/or sheltering them and offering positive change. **Please consider a donation today.**

Go green and save postage. To receive your newsletter electronically, contact Marilyn at mdemay@christiancareqc.org

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

Visit us at christiancareqc.org or  Find us on Facebook at facebook.com/christiancareqc.org



May 16, 2016

Dear Friends of Christian Care,

Celebrating its 45th year of community involvement, the John Deere Classic is once again kicking off its *Birdies for Charity* campaign and it's never been easier to "chip in" and make a difference! *Birdies for Charity* provides a fun-filled opportunity for individuals to be involved in the John Deere Classic while making funds available to local area charities, like Christian Care. On the enclosed pledge form, simply make a one-time flat donation OR pledge one cent or more per birdie you think will be made during the John Deere Classic August 8-14, 2016. After the tournament, you'll be mailed a notice of your pledge amount due. Because John Deere covers all administrative costs, you can be assured that 100 percent of every pledge collected for Christian Care will go to Christian Care! The enclosed brochure has all the information you will need to get involved.

It is because of your generous contribution last year that we were able to provide for the homeless and the abused who resided with us in their time of need. Your generosity makes a difference for the men, women and children whose lives are transformed through the work of our organization, helping to improve the lives of homeless individuals, victims of domestic violence, individuals struggling with mental illness, men and women transitioning out of prison and veterans. Your donation will be used to operate our community meal site which last year served nearly 60,000 meals, our veterans program, our adult probation program, life skills courses, case management services, and counseling. For 100 years, Christian Care has helped those in need in our Quad Cities community. With your help we can continue to so into the future.

As the 2016 *Birdies for Charity* gets underway, won't you once again consider a donation to Christian Care, a participating "bird?" Simply complete the enclosed form and return your check or pledge to: **Birdies for Charity, 15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, Illinois 61244 no later than August 12.**

May God bless *you* greatly for blessing us!

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Winter, Ed.D.
Chief Executive Officer