

CHRISTIAN CARE

By providing safe shelter, support, and resources, Christian Care empowers the homeless to make positive changes in every aspect of their lives.

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Christian Care Honored with Local Award

Christian Care was recently honored by the Rock Island City Council as both the 2019 Organization of the Year and as the overall 2019 Citizen of the Year. The shelter was presented with 2 plaques and was given the privilege of being the Grand Marshal in Rock Island's Labor Day Parade.

"Christian Care was chosen as the overall award winner because of their deep commitment to providing exceptional services for the homeless and the Rock Island community and for their collaboration with their partners toward their goal of ending homelessness in the Quad Cities," said Eudell Watts III, last year's Citizen of the Year winner, as he presented Christian Care with the award. "Christian Care has been providing services for over a century and the passion and caring of their staff endures in the tradition of their founder"



Executive Director Frank Roe shared he is proud that we are staying the course with our founder Guy Rodgers' legacy while also looking for new ways to make an impact. "It is an honor to be recognized by the city of Rock Island," said Roe. "This award says to me 'We recognize the integral role Christian Care plays in our community by providing safe shelter to men experiencing homelessness, a meal site to those experiencing hunger, as well as many other vital services.'" Roe pointed to the new efforts made to impact our community, including a new dorm, a parish nurse program, and a mobile food pantry. He said Christian Care will continue to look "into how in a small way we might be able to improve the quality of life and enhance the impact for low-income families and individuals."



Steve Gottcent, Community Outreach Coordinator, said this honor was a great boost of encouragement for the team. "There are communities elsewhere in our country where the solution to homelessness is a 1-way bus ticket," Gottcent said. "This award sends a message from Rock Island that they are proud of what we do and happy we are here to serve our local community." We are proud of our work, proud of our legacy, and proud to call Rock Island home!

JOIN US FOR PANCAKES!

Join us on October 19 to enjoy a delicious breakfast and support Christian Care at our Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser! Come to Trinity Anglican Church (1818 6th Ave.) in Rock Island anytime between 8am-11am.

Entrance is a free will offering.

Please contact Becki with any questions at banderson@christiancareqc.org or call 309-786-5734.

<http://www.christiancareqc.org/events.php>



What's Happening at Christian Care

New Dorm Quickly Providing More Care

In June, Christian Care opened a new dorm with 6 additional beds so we could offer more care for more men experiencing homelessness. In less than a week, the dorm was full and has remained full throughout most of the summer. This new dorm has helped expand one of our vital services in the local community.

Holiday Donation Drives

It's crazy that the 2019 holiday season will soon be upon us! If you'd like to make either financial or in-kind donations to Christian Care, please look over options on our website <http://www.christiancareqc.org/donate.php>. Interested in starting a donation drive at your church, school, or group? Contact us at sgottcent@christiancareqc.org.



Christian Care is honored to once again take part in the **CROP Hunger Walk** on October 6, 2019. For nearly a half century, CROP Hunger Walks have ensured that more people worldwide have access to nutritious, sustainable food sources. If you are interested in donating or being a part of our Christian Care Team, please feel free to contact us at (309) 786-5734, email cgramenz@christiancareqc.org, or follow along at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/davenportia/Donate>.



Mark your calendars for the **QC Storm hockey game** on Friday, November 29! Christian Care will receive a percentage of the proceeds from any tickets purchased through a link on our website. We will also receive some of the donations through the Chuck-a-Puck event. Come out for a night a fun, cheer on our local team, and help support Christian Care! Learn more at:

www.christiancareqc.org/events.php

Mark your calendars for February 8, 2020! Christian Care and Humility Homes & Services will be hosting **Have a Heart for the Homeless 2019**, a fundraiser luncheon at Jumer's Casino in Rock Island. More details to come, so stay tuned!



Thank you!

Donor Appreciation Picnic



On August 25th, Christian Care hosted a Donor Appreciation Picnic right here at our facility. It was a beautiful day and created a wonderful opportunity to connect with so many generous and compassionate supporters. Participants enjoyed good food, took tours of the shelter, connected with staff and board members, and heard stories of how Christian Care is changing lives. Thank you for all who were able to join us!

If you weren't able to make it, know how much we appreciate and value all that you do for Christian Care. And get ready for next year's picnic in August 2020. We want all of our donors to know how much we appreciate them, and we want them to see for themselves the impact their gifts are having.

Want to see more for yourself and hear stories of impact? Contact sgottcent@christiancareqc.org to set up a tour!

Labor Day Parade

A bonus of being honored as Rock Island's Citizen of the Year was the chance to serve as the Grand Marshal in the 2019 Labor Day Parade! Thank you to everyone who came out to cheer us on during the parade. We are thrilled that we are now an award-winning organization, but we fully realize that none of these honors would be possible without the gifts and support of so many people in our community. Thank you for helping make a difference!



Thank You for Your Help!

Once again Christian Care has been richly blessed by so many generous donations coming in from throughout the Quad Cities community. Thank you to First Midwest Bank (left) and Moline Church of Christ (Center) for your wonderful donations. And thank you to Coram Deo Bible Church youth (right) for coming to learn about Christian Care and helping serve a meal. However you have given or helped, thank you for all you do!





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Remember Christian Care on Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday, celebrated on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, helps kick off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. Since its inaugural year in 2012, #GivingTuesday has become a movement that celebrates and supports giving and philanthropy.



This year's **Giving Tuesday is on December 3, 2019**. Would you consider giving to Christian Care to help us care for the least, the last, and the lost in the Quad Cities community? You can learn more on how to donate to Christian Care at www.christiancareqc.org/donate.



Going Green

Christian Care is **GOING GREEN** with our quarterly newsletters. If you wish to continue receiving a hard copy or wish to go green, please email Steve Gottcent at sgottcent@christiancareqc.org and let us know! We want to ensure you continue to receive our correspondence.



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