



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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Helping Veterans Find Hope and Homes

Gerald came into Christian Care in February after losing his apartment. Gerald is a veteran and was enrolled into our Grants and Per Diem Program (GPD), the goal of which is to provide supportive housing and services to veterans to help them achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and/or income, and obtain greater self-determination. Veterans can reside in a GPD program for up to two years while working on recovery, employment and independent living skills.

Gerald was experiencing both mental health and physical health issues and found himself no longer able to hold a job. Gerald owed a considerable amount of back rent and his landlord was no longer able to continue working with him. He was forced to leave the apartment he called “home” for 3 years. Gerald contacted Christian Care and came into the program shortly thereafter.

Gerald met with the Resident Services Coordinator at Christian Care on a weekly basis and sometimes more often depending on needs. Gerald and the RSC discussed Gerald’s strengths and the specific barriers he experiences currently, as well as in recent years. With the help of Christian Care staff, Gerald developed a service plan outlining the goals he would like to meet while at Christian Care, as well as the specific action steps necessary to meet his goals.

In the 6 ½ months Gerald was at Christian Care he worked daily on his goals. All of Gerald’s hard work and persistence paid off and in September he moved into his own apartment. Gerald says, “I am very grateful for Christian Care. Without their direction and assistance, I would not be where I am today.”



BECOME A BRIDGE BUILDER

Christian Care is striving to build a bridge for those experiencing homelessness to get from living on the street and into stable, permanent housing. Become a Bridge Builder by becoming a monthly or ongoing donor to help provide food and shelter.

\$10/ month— Provides 3 hot meals

\$40/ month— Provides 1 night of shelter and 3 meals

\$280/ month— Provides a week of shelter and food

Check out our website to learn more and become a Bridge Builder today!

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



What's Happening at Christian Care?

Staff & Board Have to "Face the Pie"!

Christian Care launched a new Giving Tuesday campaign this year in which for every \$250 donated, another staff or board member would get a whipped cream pie in their face. Thanks to your generosity, **we raised over \$2000** for our shelter and meal site, exceeding our goal. Your gifts are making a difference!

Christian Care Serves as Warming Center Again

Record lows and early snowfall in November had many people concerned about how to care for those with no place to go. Christian Care is once again serving as a warming center to provide extra shelter any time the temperatures get to 15 degrees or lower between 8am-7pm.



Join us for the 7th Annual ***Have a Heart For the Homeless Luncheon***, February 8, 2020 at Jumer's Casino in Rock Island. Christian Care is co-hosting this event with Humility Homes & Services as a means to raise awareness and funding in our efforts to care for those experiencing homelessness and poverty in our community.

Our featured speaker will be Miss Iowa 2018 Mikhayla Hughes-Shaw. Tickets are \$30/ person or \$230 for a table of 8. Come join us and help make a difference in the Quad Cities! Purchase tickets online at www.christiancareqc.org, or by calling 309-786-5734.

On March 27, come enjoy a delicious pasta dinner and support Christian Care at our **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!** Join us at Trinity Anglican Church (1818 6th Ave.) in Rock Island. Doors will open at 5:30 and we will start serving at 6pm. **Cost is \$15 for 1 plate of pasta and a glass of wine (\$6 for a 2nd glass).** Tickets will be available in February and can be ordered at banderson@christiancareqc.org or by calling 309-786-5734.



Thank you!

Night In a Box



This past fall, high school students from Cambridge, IL spent a night learning about homelessness and raising community awareness. They built cardboard box shelters, talked about community struggles, and raised an amazing amount of supplies and resources to help provide food and shelter for people in the Quad Cities. We are so thankful for their bold, courageous, creative, and generous spirits!

Pancake Breakfast

In October, Christian Care hosted a Pancake Breakfast at Trinity Anglican Church to help raise money for our shelter and meal site. Thank you to everyone who came out to join us! The pancakes were delicious, we had a lot of fun, and we raised money so we can continue with our mission to care for those experiencing homelessness and poverty right here in our community. Thank you!



QC Storm Chuck-a-Puck



The QC Storm, our community's new hockey team, chose Christian Care as the designated charity for their game on Nov. 29. We were honored to receive proceeds for ticket sales, as well as undergarments and other donations as part of the "Chuck-a-Puck" program. Thank you QC Storm for your generosity!

Thank You for Your Help!

Christian Care has been tremendously blessed by an outpouring of donations this past season from all different areas of our community! We were honored to be supported by donations raised by the Rock Island Public Library (left) and by the Edgewood Church Awana program (center). We are also blessed by a group from Youth Hope (right) who have donated their time once a month since the spring to help with projects around the shelter. We are so thankful for the many churches, organizations, and individuals that provided us with wonderful gifts and volunteer their time to help make a difference. Thank you to everyone from our community who gave to Christian Care this holiday season to help us care for those in need!





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A Gift That Lasts Forever



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 your required 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 feel free to contact Frank Roe, Executive Director, at (309) 786-5734 or at froe@christiancareqc.org.



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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