

CHRISTIAN CARE

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

JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2021

2021 “Virtual” Have A Heart for the Homeless Event



Please join Christian Care and Humility Homes & Services, Inc. for the eighth annual Have a Heart for the Homeless fundraiser. Our event will be a bit different this year. ***Not in person, just in your heart!***

Join us on Facebook from February 1-14, 2021, for fun and giveaways! Donate between 9a-5p on any of these days and be entered to win!

-  **February 1** - Enter to win a chocolate basket for National Chocolate Day!
-  **February 3** - But first, coffee! Donate today & win a coffee basket.
-  **February 7** - Superbowl Sunday! Pick the winning team for a \$25 Visa Gift Card.
-  **February 9** - Donate to win a pizza package!
-  **February 11** - Enjoy the sounds of Molly Durnin, win her CD and a \$25 Visa Gift Card.
-  **February 13** - Win a gift basket from Lavender Crest!
-  **February 14** - Have dinner with someone special on Valentines Day with a gift card.

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*Thank
you!*

Do what you can to show you care about other people, and you will make our world a better place.



Two years ago in December, nine-year-old Nathan Simons cleared out his life savings to purchase items from our needs list. His story caught national attention. In December 2020, Nathan and his dad showed up again to drop off several blessing bags for our residents. This time, Nathan took to Facebook and raised over \$900! Thank you for making a difference in your community.



Upcoming Events



In March, we will host our annual Spaghetti Dinner. Watch our website and Facebook page for updates and tickets on this tasty event.



Trivia Night returning! Save the date for May 14, 2021, at the Rock Island Holiday Inn. Start building your teams! Stay tuned for further details.

2021 Projects

Pardon our Dust...



In the first part of the year, construction will begin on the first of two major projects. A public shower will be added to one of our restrooms located in our front entry way. A public shower is a much needed addition to the Illinois Quad Cities for those experiencing homelessness.



The second project will be a resource lab and library. The lab will include computers, printers and access to assistance from a staff member. The resource lab will give residents access to building a resume, applying for employment and benefits. This will be a huge step forward in self-sustainment.

Brenton's Story



This is the story of a young man who had to grow up really fast after multiple run-ins with the law and 14 years of drug addiction. Brenton came to Christian Care as part of the Rock Island County Drug Court Program after being in jail for four months, homeless, and unemployed. Since arriving at Christian Care, Brenton has demonstrated stellar qualities. He was able to phase up in the drug court program and accomplish all of his goals.

Brenton has been successful in maintaining his sobriety with the help of his sponsor and support system. Likewise, he was able to obtain and maintain full-time employment. His relationship with his children and family are slowly getting better as he is able to communicate and visit with them whenever possible. When asked, "What has Christian Care done for you?", he answered, "***A solid structure & stepping stone for me, something that I needed.***"



A Small Gift Can Have a Huge *IMPACT*

Help us continue to help others like Brenton. Acknowledging mistakes made, bad choices and now looking for the opportunity to make it right. We all deserve this chance. For as little as \$10 a month, you can join the community of partners striving to build bridges and help others, like Brenton transitioning from homelessness to housing. Please visit the DONATE page on our website at christiancareqc.org.



THANK YOU for Being such an Important Part of our Story.

Words truly cannot express how grateful we are for you. Your level of generosity and compassion for our work over the past year has been incredible. 2020 was a challenging year to say the least. We are rolling into the new year fully committed to moving our mission forward and having you join us.



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A Gift With a Lasting Impact



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.



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