CHRISTIAN CARE

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

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2021







UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch for details!

August...
Scavenger Hunt

September...
Donor Appreciation Picnic



Ten clues will be emailed to registered teams on August 12. Solve the clues August 13-22. Check our Facebook page for hints. Wear pirate attire (eye patch, puffy shirt, pirate hat, etc.) to earn chances at extra prizes. Email pictures of your entire team at the destinations to lpaper ochristian careacorg by the end of day on August 22. All teams with the correct destinations will be entered into a drawing for great prizes including...

TBK High Five Lanes & Games Voucher (\$300 Value)

Overnight Stay at Hyatt Place in East Moline

Quad City Storm Tickets & Jersey + Many More Great Prizes

Entry Fees & Registration Single...\$15 - Couple...\$25 - Group...\$30

Registration begins July 12 at www.christiancareqc.org or by emailing banderson@christiancareqc.org or by calling (309) 558-1949

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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Nicholas Broughton



Dean Sutton



Dale Hendricks



IT WAS GREAT TO SEE YOU!













EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT

Karl Jensen of Rock Island prepared 100+ personal hygiene kits for Christian Care. He raised money to fill kits with soap, deodorant, razors, hand sanitizer, wet wipes, toothbrushes and toothpaste, dental floss, masks and socks. He organized members of his troop, youth group and church to help him assemble the kits.



DONATION INFO

For several reasons, we are now only accepting donations on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and items must be from our current needs list which can be found on our website. Even though we sincerely appreciate the extra things you are giving us, we will be obligated to REFUSE the donation if it does not meet our needs list. Food and water donations ARE accepted daily.

THANK YOU QUAD CITIES!

Pictured below are members of the Alleman National Honor Society (top) and students from Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy (bottom). Thank you very much for the donations!





PLEASE WELCOME...



Aaron Askam Client Advocate



SAVE THE DATE!Pancake Breakfast...Oct. 2



50TH ANNIVERSARY
Join Our Team...Oct. 3



If you are receiving the newsletter in U.S. mail and would rather receive it via email, contact Lanette at lpaper@christiancareqc.org





U.S. Navy Veteran, Jerry Sanders, arrived at Christian Care in early April 2021. Jerry is originally from Indiana and for the past 8 months has been living in Wisconsin with his sister. Unfortunately, that situation did not work out for him. Here is his story... It all began at the age of thirteen when I stole cigarettes from my mother. I thought I was cool. My dad went from work, to the bar, to home and always brought beer with him. I took a few of those as well, so by the age of 14, I was smoking and drinking. Then, a friend of mine introduced me to weed. In school, I might have looked like a nerd but I was a partier. After I graduated from high school, I went into the Navy. My world really changed as I was introduced to powder cocaine plus I was still smoking and drinking. After I left the service, I became a full-blown addict hooked on crack and heroin. My life went down hill fast. However, when I had money, drugs and alcohol, I had friends. When I didn't, I was alone without a job and a home. My family and true friends didn't want me around because they thought I would steal from them. They were right. I would have. After 42 years of addiction and years of homelessness, I found Jesus Christ...my savior. My words of wisdom to you is to do the same. He is in charge of my life. I feel blessed that I also found Christian Care. This place is amazing. They will help you find a place to live, a job and give you hope. They listen and guide you to places that will help you. If you are lost, find Christian Care.

Christian Care has done so much for me... especially their meal program. Brandy, Christian Care's Food Services Coordinator, is the mastermind behind this program. While I was there, I found out that I had pancreatitis and I was and still am on a strict diet. Brandy helped me out so much. When I tried to stray away from my diet, I had an angel on my side. This whole program is to keep us well fed and fed well. Once I was approved for my apart-



ment, they never left my side making sure I didn't go hungry by donating food to me. All I have to say is I was and still am truly blessed to have Christian Care as friends...scratch that, they're more than friends, they are a part of my family. I truly thank God for my new found family at Christian Care and their meal program. Yours Truly, Raul Butler



RESOURCE ROOM

New flooring has been installed and the room has been painted. These bookcases are the newest addition. The flag was donated by members of the Moline Activity Center. A couple of comfy chairs are in place for those who like to read. Computer stations are on order so men can work on obtaining their GED or work on resumes and job applications online.



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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.





BUILD A BRIDGE BACK HOME

Become a Bridge Builder by becoming a monthly or ongoing donor with Christian Care. Join the community of partners that strives to build a bridge helping those experiencing homelessness move from life on the street into stable, permanent housing. Choose the option that works best for you (or select your own amount/frequency) and help us make a difference.