

# CHRISTIAN CARE

2026 Quarterly Newsletter:  
**January, February, March**

*My* **Story**

*“You don’t have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.”*

Martin Luther King Jr.



*I wanted to express my deepest gratitude for everything that Christian Care and all the staff have done for me since my first day in the program back on April 22nd, 2025.*

*Since that day, Christian Care and staff made it a mission to help me get back on track through their unbelievable kindness and patience in dealing with me during the lowest periods of my situation.*

*As you might not know, you guys saved me from clear danger by taking me in. I was in a state of mental perdition and fear after I lost everything and ended up in the streets with a few belongings and sleeping in my car.*

*Before you took me off the street, I stayed in another program that ended up towing my car and the few belongings the same day, putting me in further despair. I was not able to move around and look for a job or accept any job offer. Despite all that, Christian Care and my adviser, Angela Potenzo, Frank Roe, and every single member of the organization helped me overcome. Now I am back on my feet and striving.*

**I AM FOREVER INDEBTED TO CRISTIAN CARE FOR SAVING MY LIFE BY THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.**

*Humbly yours.*

*Abdala.*



## Fundraising Luncheon

In the face of both local & nationwide challenges confronting those experiencing homelessness, this year's event is *more significant than ever*. Our keynote speakers bring powerful narratives: **Kele Jones**, a former resident & participant in the Drug Court Program and **Andy Boswell**, Community Advocate. This year's luncheon is very special.

With the many governmental changes and challenges affecting funding for those experiencing homelessness, **Have a Heart** aims to make an impact by making a difference.



Saturday, February 7, 2026

12:00 pm \*Doors open at 11:15 am

BALLY'S CASINO & HOTEL ROCK ISLAND, IL

Tickets \$40 | Table of 8 \$300

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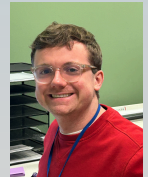


#### BRONZE

*Barb Montgomery*



**Reid Trimble**  
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**Quinn Frese**  
Event Planner/  
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#### Vet Stand Down 2025





From left to right: Marcie, Angela, & Shannon

At Christian Care, our three service coordinators are vital in connecting vulnerable individuals with the resources they need for stable housing and recovery. These coordinators offer personalized support, assisting residents in navigating complex systems to access housing, healthcare, employment, and social services. Their advocacy and guidance are crucial in tackling the multifaceted challenges of homelessness.

## Save the Date!



### *Informal Gathering, April 2026*

Come connect, learn, and be inspired as we share the story of Christian Care and explore what it takes to operate a mission shelter. Without the generosity of our community we wouldn't be able to make such a great impact. Date coming soon—stay tuned! We can't wait to see you there!



### *Trivia Night: May 15th*

Put Your Knowledge to the Test!  
Bring your competitive spirit, show off your smarts, and compete for a chance to win a prize. We hope to see you there!



*“No one is useless in this world  
who lightens the burdens of others.”*

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 the 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 contact *Frank Roe*, Executive Director, **(309) 786-5734** or **froe@christiancareqc.org**.