

Carelines Newsletter

It was once said that we are our own worst enemy. If you Google that quote, you will see a whole page of various authors who have written about that one statement. That one statement means many things to many people. It has been used to support one's political beliefs and views. It has been used in an effort to make sense of the world around us and it has been used to describe one's own self-awareness or lack thereof. Taking the initiative to move forward rather than remaining stagnant and making decisions that are in your best interest gives you the power to choose, to respond and to change.

Odis' story is about accepting that change is inevitable.

We were first introduced to Odis Roberts on 12/21/2013, when he entered the Christian Care shelter. He found himself homeless after his unemployment benefits ran out and he could no longer afford his apartment.

"Odie" is a Quad Cities native. He was born and raised here and attended local area schools. He dropped out of high school at the age of 15 and began working in restaurant kitchens and delivering newspapers. Odie says he suffers from "test anxiety" and did not score well on exams as his reason for leaving school.

In January 2017, Odie began GED classes at BlackHawk College after much encouragement and support from former CEO, Dr. Elaine Winter. At that time, Odie's goal was to complete his GED within 6 months. In June 2017, Odie successfully completed his GED. He should receive his GED certificate in the mail within 4-6 weeks. Odie also worked with Goodwill Industries and successfully completed their Retail Associate Certification Program in May 2017. He is currently looking for a retail sales position; however, he does suffer from a previous lower back and leg injury. He has been diagnosed with arthritis and torn tendons, making it difficult for him to be on his feet for long periods of time. Odie's goal for the future is to further his education and become a counselor. This is a natural fit for him since he serves as a role model for other residents who seek him out.

Frank Roe,
Executive Director,
congratulating Odis
Roberts on
completing his GED.



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*Every human has four
endowments –
self-awareness,
conscience,
independent will and
creative imagination.
They give us the
ultimate human
freedom...The power
to choose, to respond,
to change.*

Stephen Covey

EVENT HAPPENINGS

Our 7th Annual Trivia Night was held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Rock Island. Mr. Trivia (aka Tim Hanson) was our game host. It was a successful and fun-filled event. We look forward to everyone joining us in 2018. We will let you know when we have a date confirmed.



CHECK PRESENTATION

A couple of Teens with a Gift of Foresight philanthropy group from Geneseo presented a \$1,000 grant check to Pam Hauman, Outreach Coordinator at Christian Care.



UPCOMING ACTIVITY

There's still time to sign-up to support Christian Care through Birdies for Charity. Pledge sheets are available at Christian Care or online at www.birdiesforcharity.org. A one-time flat donation or pledge goes toward sustaining Christian Care's programming and services for our community's homeless population.

Thank you to those who brought food and/or served at our Meal Site during May/June

All Saints Episcopal Church - Bethany Baptist Church- Sean Casey - Church of the Cross – Community Christian Fellowship – First Christian Church – Friends of Christian Care – Geneseo United Methodist Church - Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church - Greater Harvest - Heart of Hope Ministries – Holy Cross Lutheran Church – Jaime Hughes - Kalie Reign Ministries - Memorial Christian Church - Mighty Fortress Church – Melissa Olsen - Pentecostal Church of Christ – Risen Christ Lutheran Church – St. James Lutheran - Scott Schaefer - Janne Short –John and Linda Sullivan – Trinity Lutheran Church, Coal Valley

Also, a huge thanks to all of our Trivia Night Sponsors, volunteers, donors and participants. You are the reason our event was a success.

Grants awarded: Barrett-Bateman Foundation \$400, RI County 708 Mental Health Board \$12,000, Teens with a Gift of Foresight \$1,000

Additional thanks to everyone who donated items to help fulfill our current needs. We greatly appreciate your continued support. Please check out our current needs list. It is updated monthly.

Christian Care's Current Needs:

- Fresh and/or canned fruit and vegetables
- Dairy products: yogurt, sliced cheese, butter and spreadable margarine
- Cooking Oil
- Coffee, tea and creamer
- Powdered milk
- Sugar
- Salad dressing - large bottles
- BBQ sauce
- Non-stick cooking spray
- Gift cards to: Aldi, Fareway, Hy-Vee, Target or WalMart
- Gift cards to: Walgreen's, Osco or CVS Pharmacies
- Cleaning products - Lysol spray, Pine Sol, bleach, shower cleaner, oven cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, automatic dishwasher detergent
- Hygiene products - deodorant, body wash, bar soap
- 13 and 33-gallon trash bags
- Paper towels & dinner napkins
- Kleenex

Please bring all items to Christian Care at 2209 3rd Avenue in Rock Island between the hours of 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Christian Care wishes to recognize and honor John Henriksen. John is one of our front office volunteers. John first came to Christian Care in November 2014. He is a very committed and dedicated volunteer, giving Christian Care 4 hours of his time every week. He is a retired teacher/administrator with 40 years of experience in Illinois public schools and is an active member of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, Blackhawk Unit #21.

Prior to coming to Christian Care, John served as a reader for WVIK radio and did various church related work.

John does an excellent job answering the telephone, taking messages for staff and residents, filling out crisis log information on individuals seeking shelter assistance, greeting visitors and completing in-kind donation information. John is the "first impression" of Christian Care visitors receive on Tuesday mornings.

John and his wife, Doris, reside in East Moline. This September, John will celebrate his 90th birthday. Please join us in thanking John for his unselfish service to Christian Care.



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