



THE CARING HEART

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A MEMO FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM THE OPEN HEARTS OPEN DOORS FUNDRAISER 2025

WE ARE FILLED WITH IMMENSE GRATITUDE FOR EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND SUPPORTED THE OPEN HEARTS OPEN DOORS FUNDRAISER 2025 FOR THE NEW HOPE FOOD SHELF FREEZER REPLACEMENT. YOUR GENEROSITY MADE THE EVENING TRULY SPECIAL, AND WE ARE DEEPLY MOVED BY THE LOVE, LIGHT, AND SENSE OF COMMUNITY THAT FILLED THE ROOM.

THANKS TO YOUR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT, WE ARE ONE STEP CLOSER TO PROVIDING OUR NEIGHBORS WITH BETTER ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD. THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FREEZER IS VITAL FOR US TO EFFICIENTLY STORE AND DISTRIBUTE FRESH FOOD, ALLOWING US TO SERVE THOSE IN NEED WITH MORE CARE AND COMPASSION. THIS EFFORT IS A DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE ONGOING CHALLENGE OF FOOD INSECURITY, AND WE'RE SO PROUD TO SEE OUR COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THIS NEED.

AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO GIVING HEARTS DAY, WE WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY GIVING. YOUR DONATIONS, WHETHER MADE NOW OR ON GIVING HEARTS DAY, ARE MORE THAN JUST GIFTS, THEY ARE LIFELINES FOR THOSE RELYING ON THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE AT CARE AND SHARE. FOR MANY OF OUR GUESTS, THE FOOD AND RESOURCES THEY RECEIVE FROM US ARE ESSENTIAL TO THEIR WELL-BEING. YOUR SUPPORT ENSURES THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO OFFER HOPE, DIGNITY, AND ACCESS TO THE FOOD THAT FAMILIES NEED TO THRIVE.

WE ARE ALREADY INSPIRED BY YOUR GENEROSITY, AND WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ANY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE. WHETHER LARGE OR SMALL, EVERY DONATION MATTERS AND WILL DIRECTLY IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF SO MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WHILE WE DO NOT HAVE THE FINAL NUMBERS FROM THE FUNDRAISER YET, WE WILL BE ANNOUNCING THE TOTAL RAISED IN OUR UPCOMING NEWSLETTER. WE COULDN'T DO THIS WORK WITHOUT EACH OF YOU, AND WE ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS, AND THE CROOKSTON INN FOR MAKING THIS EVENT A REALITY AND BRINGING SO MUCH JOY TO THE NIGHT. YOUR COLLECTIVE EFFORT MAKES EVERYTHING POSSIBLE.

TOGETHER, WE ARE RAISING HOPE AND CHANGING LIVES. THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THIS JOURNEY!

WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE,
CAROLINA DIAZ

POLK COUNTY OPIOID GRANT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RIVERVIEW RECOVERY LEANE LAFRANCE



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RIVERVIEW RECOVERY, THE POLK COUNTY OPIOID GRANT IS DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING THE UNHOUSED COMMUNITY BY OFFERING COMPREHENSIVE CARE AND RESOURCES. LED BY TREATMENT DIRECTOR LEANE LAFRANCE, THE INITIATIVE EMPLOYS A TRAUMA-INFORMED, HARM-REDUCTION, AND DE-ESCALATION PHILOSOPHY TO FOSTER A SAFE AND RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS IN NEED.

KEY SERVICES INCLUDE:

- **ONSITE INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP THERAPY:** TAILORED SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS SEEKING GUIDANCE THROUGH THEIR RECOVERY JOURNEY.
- **MEDICAL ASSESSMENTS & REFERRALS:** ENSURING ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT OPTIONS.
- **MEDICATION MANAGEMENT:** PROVIDING EFFECTIVE MEDICATION MANAGEMENT TO SUPPORT LONG-TERM RECOVERY GOALS.
- **THROUGH THIS COLLABORATIVE EFFORT, WE AIM TO PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE CARE AND RESOURCES TO PROMOTE HEALING, SAFETY, AND STABILITY WITHIN THE UNHOUSED COMMUNITY.**



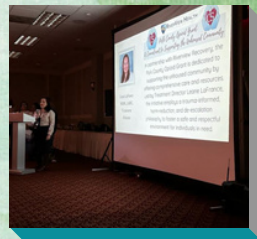
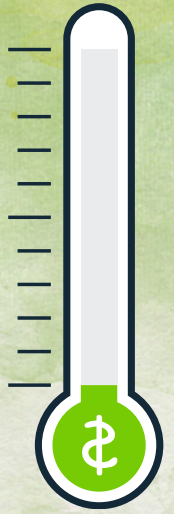
TAILOR MADE BARBERS IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE EXPANSION OF THEIR SERVICES FOR THE UNHOUSED COMMUNITY. THEY WILL BE PROVIDING HAIRCUTS AT THE CARE AND SHARE ON FEBRUARY 11TH FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

MOVING FORWARD, THEY PLAN TO BE AVAILABLE ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH (NOTIFICATION WILL BE GIVEN IF A DAY IS CANCELED). IF YOU REPRESENT AN ORGANIZATION WITH CLIENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN BRENDAN AND LEANE'S HAIRCUTTING SCHEDULE ON ONE OF THESE DAYS, PLEASE CALL 218-281-2644. THANK YOU, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

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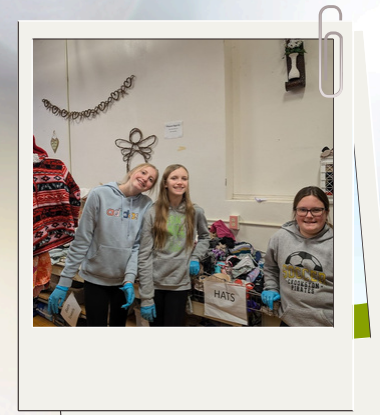
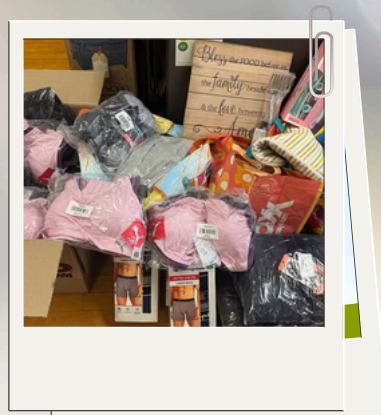
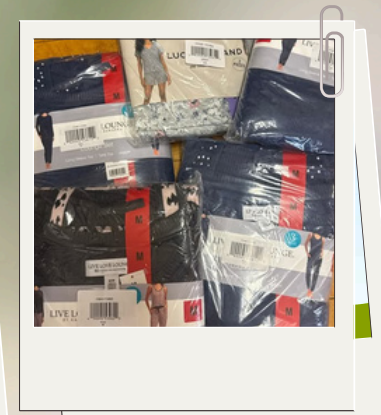
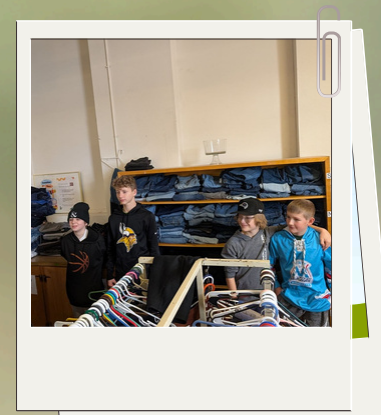
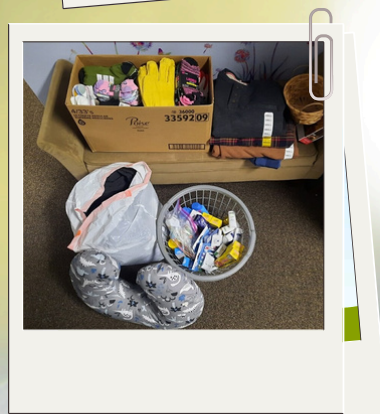
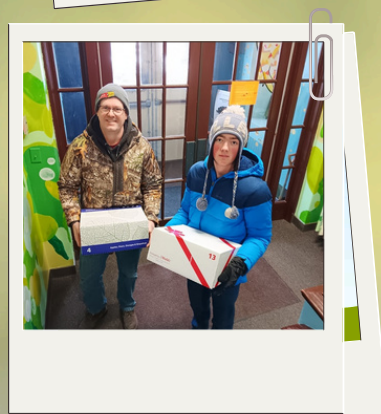
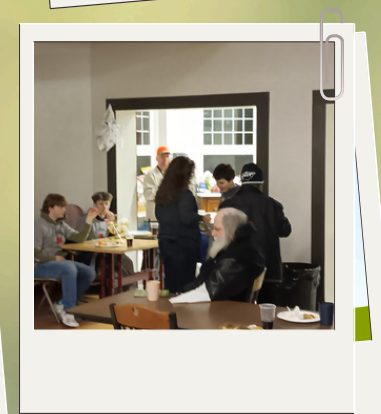
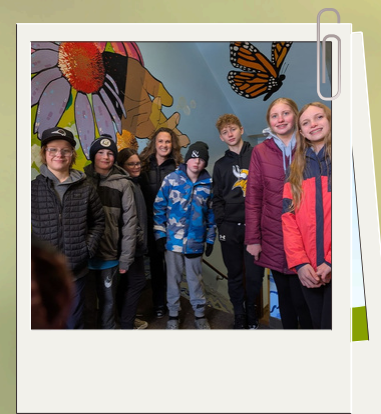
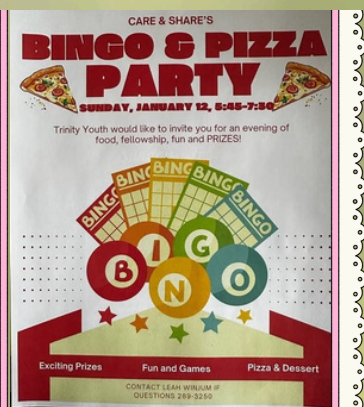
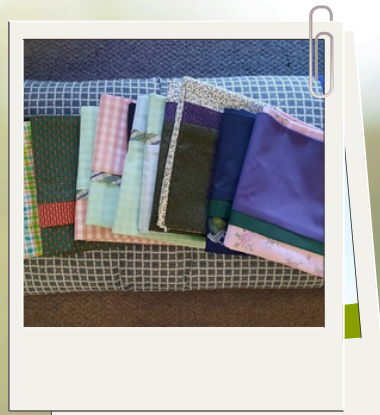
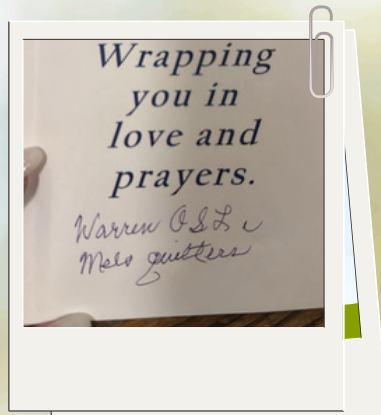
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BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTION

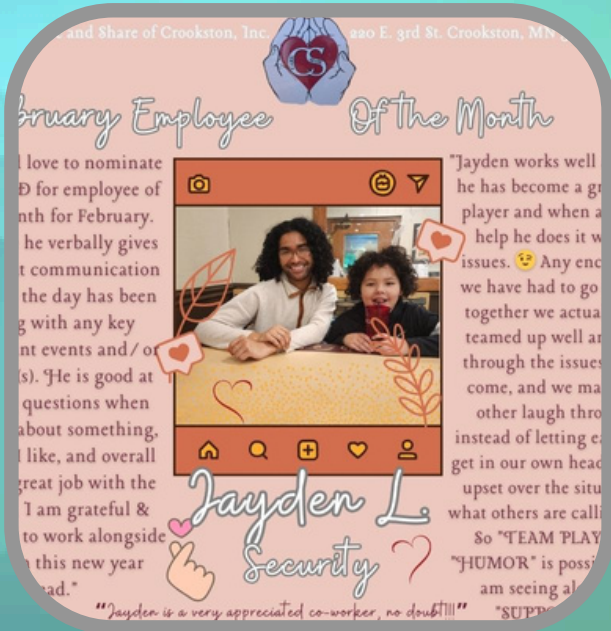


MY NAME IS KEVIN THOMPSON AND I'M FORTUNATE TO BE A NEW BOARD MEMBER FOR THE CARE AND SHARE, STARTING JANUARY 2025. I'M ORIGINALLY FROM CROOKSTON AND AFTER GRADUATING COLLEGE, I SPENT 14 YEARS EXPLORING AND LIVING IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, PURSUING MORE EDUCATION, AND WORKING IN TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT POSITIONS IN TWO COMPANIES IN INDIANAPOLIS. IN 2005, I RETURNED TO CROOKSTON AFTER ACCEPTING A FACULTY POSITION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CROOKSTON. DURING MY 20 YEARS AT U OF M CROOKSTON, I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR STUDENTS, FACULTY/STAFF, AND ALUMNI IN SEVERAL POSITIONS, INCLUDING FACULTY, ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP, AND ALUMNI AND DONOR RELATIONS.

BEING A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF CROOKSTON, I HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN OF THE VITAL WORK THE CARE AND SHARE DOES IN THE COMMUNITY. I AM HONORED TO NOW BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN ITS CONTINUING MISSION TO SERVE.



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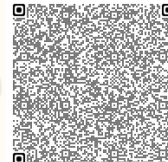
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