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Easter 2021

Father Carr's Place 2B

From the Executive Director

The feeling of "belonging to something" is what every person wishes to have in their life - to be part of something that makes them feel at home, at ease, and brings joy into their life. As I look back at my first year as Executive Director of Father Carr's Place 2B, I clearly see that is what I have found here. I find my purpose and sense of belonging in the mission of Father Carr's. His wonderful work has continued for 47 years because dedicated volunteers and faithful donors have created a place where you belong. This is the place to be.



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I look to find the good in everything even though that can be difficult at times. COVID-19 hit right after I started and this new normal, for the time being, is what we are working with here at Father Carr's. Developing protocols to keep us all safe and being willing to change and adapt are at the forefront in everything we do in order to continue carrying on the vital work and essential programs so our community and those in need will benefit.

Easter and spring are times of renewal, a time of hope. We do look forward to a bright future with our feet firmly planted on the ground. We want to share what we have been blessed with together with others so that they too can have that feeling of belonging - of being part of something bigger than ourselves. Father Carr's is the Place 2B because of the vision and compassion of Father Carr and will continue because of the heart and soul of our volunteers and donors. Thank you all for belonging here and for making me feel right at home.

John

Better Together

Happy Easter! Spring and Easter represent new life. We continue striving to bring hope, independence and a sense of community to others. Our strength for this comes from the Lord, from reflecting on the mission that Father Martin Carr created almost 50 years ago, and by our gratitude for the incredible volunteers and donors that continue to serve during uncertain times. We realize that our world will always contain uncertainty, which provides an opportunity to bring people together in service.

Beyond just providing for those in need, Father Carr's provides opportunities to be together and serve as one. Each of us who gives is energized by what we do. We receive as many blessings for our own giving and service, as someone receiving food from our pantry or medicine from our clinic. True blessings come from being together in helping others. My greatest satisfaction is witnessing the pride of volunteers when they impact lives. I see the richness flowing from their spirit by knowing they made a difference.

I also witness friendships, bonding, laughter and community building. It reminds me so much of Father Carr and the friendships he formed with teen and family activities. He understood the power of family and the strength it created. He knew family had a much larger meaning and he created an atmosphere that connected people from all walks of life. We are committed to continue this culture of togetherness. Later this spring, we invite you to visit "Your Community Cafe," at Father Carr's. It is an area in our Mother Teresa Center where we can all gather for snacks, beverage, reading, games, conversation and friendship. Come with your family, neighbors and co-workers. Laugh, eat and meet! There is never a cost and it is available for private gatherings as well. Everyone is welcome!

On behalf of all of the Board of Directors at Father Carr's, thank you for your prayers, giving, volunteering and friendships. We are stronger and better together!

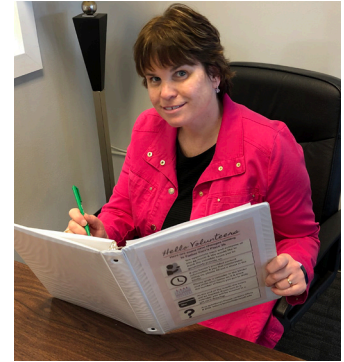
Nic
President
Father Carr's

Expanding our Wonderful Volunteer Program

At Father Carr's, our dear volunteers are experiencing some changes that are being implemented right now! As the new Human Services Leadership intern, I have been working with the volunteer program. My first task was to tackle converting our current volunteer database binder into an online version. The virtual database will be an excellent way to keep all of our volunteers' contact information organized and easy to find. My second task is to establish a tracking system for all of our volunteer hours. Each volunteer will complete a monthly calendar with the hours they work.

At the end of each month, any volunteer that turns in an hour sheet will be entered into a gift card drawing. We recognize that these changes may take a few months to fully implement since it is a significant transition from the current ways things run. All in all, Father Carr's appreciates all of its volunteers tremendously, and we think these modifications to the volunteer program will allow us to recognize and praise our volunteers more frequently! If you are interested in volunteering at Father Carr's, a volunteer application can be found on our website. Volunteers are welcome from ages 15 & up and in all of our departments like the food pantry, front desk, and clinic.

Olivia B - Intern



Working Together for a Bright Future

I'm so grateful that I have the opportunity to work with the men in the Men's residence here at Father Carr's Place 2B. The men that we have currently staying with us are a wonderful group, who are so respectful and always willing to lend a helping hand.

Over the months that I've been interning here, I've helped many of these gentlemen with personal achievements such as applying for social security, applying for food stamps, and applying for insurance. I've also helped them with looking and applying for jobs, assisting them with places to live to call their own, and aiding them in making appointments for their personal health.

I've even helped one specific gentleman reconnect with his mom who was recovering in the hospital after falling ill. That was such a heartwarming experience seeing both smile with joy, even if it was over a Zoom call I helped them with. I also aided another specific resident, who was a stroke victim, with getting his insurance license and he was then able to move out and get his own place. He was so filled with joy and that he was able to see his future on the right path!

I'm grateful to see the joy and success that comes with my work with the male residents. Sometimes they just need a person to listen to them and assure them that they can let what is eating them up inside go. With my work at Father Carr's, I always want to show them that this is a place for a fresh start and that they have a bright future ahead of them!

Olivia W - Lead Intern





Love in Action

*Celebrating National Volunteer Recognition Week, April 18th,
"Volunteering is good for the Heart & Soul"*

Wish list needs

- Reams of white copy paper
- Gift Cards to Amazon or Walmart to purchase office supplies
- Gift cards to Kwik Trip
- Large heavy duty scale for Food Pantry

Father Carr's Place 2B Mission Statement

As a Life Enrichment Center, we are driven by Christian values to provide a sense of community and support for people in need. We strive to foster hope, self-worth and a self-sustaining life, through housing, food, health care, educational programs and volunteer opportunities.

Calendar Of Events

Easter Drive thru Meal on April 4th

Polling Site for election on April 6th

National Volunteer Recognition Week is April 18th

Revised Bridegwalk on Saturday, June 5th



Holy Family Villa

2020 has been a year of struggles and darkness around the globe but in the dark the Lord always bring some light. One of our student residence Marie Umutesi who served at the women shelter, reception and the clinic for nine good years is now Sr. Uwamariya Venantie Umutesi. Marie entered the Missionaries of Charity congregation and professed her first vow on May 23, 2020. We are grateful to God for her dedicated service to the needy. I know that her light will continue to shine in her apostolate. We wish Marie God's protection and fulfilment in the religious life. May Fr. Carr pray for you.

5th from left

Sr. Angela HDR

Finding Others in our Easter Basket

The symbol of the cross is more than two opposing crossed bars. It marks the intersection of life. The vertical bar marks the Divine, Heaven streaming down to Earth, and the horizontal bar which represents the arms of Christ embracing all humanity and gathering it to himself. The intersection of the two marks the Sacred Heart of Christ that is united in the love of our Heavenly Father. Christ's selfless act of sacrifice so that we would be redeemed and enjoy the foretaste of the abundant life of God. One life given so that many would live.

Ronald Knox, an English Catholic priest and theologian, talked about the sign of the cross being of two gestures: The first gesture (the vertical) form the letter "I" and the next gesture (horizontal) cancels it out. The "I" of our lives needs to be set aside for others. Simple sign of an eternal truth.

This past year has been a challenge for all of us in many ways. We have lost and given up more than we have gained. If we get wrapped into our own sorrows only, we miss the message of The Cross. We are to be selfless in our care to others, which by God's grace lightens our burdens as we share love and life with others.

When we search our Easter baskets, are we looking for things that only satisfy our own desires and needs, or we looking for what would fulfill the needs of others?

May your empty baskets be filled with joy and peace of the Risen Christ.

Happy Easter!
Fr Dave



FATHER CARR'S
BRIDGE WALK
HELPING THE HOMELESS

Food / Shelter / Fellowship ☿

SAVE THE DATE

June 5th, 2021

Father Carr's Bridge Walk

Modified event to follow Covid guidelines
Watch our website and Facebook page for
more details

- Begins at 9:30 am
- Lunch, fellowship and fun
- Registration link will be on website:
fathercarrs.org

Welcoming our Interns

Collaborating with UWO & Marian University



Olivia B

My name is Olivia Biertzer. I am a Junior at UWO with a major in Human Services Leadership, a minor in Psychology, and a certificate in Community Health. I selected HSL as my major because I have always been a people person. I am uncertain of a direct career path I would like to pursue after graduation, but I am hopeful that my internships will give me more clarity. Father Carr's has kindly taken me on as an HSL Intern for the spring semester. My main goal here is to learn, connect, and help. I am a very open minded person, and I cannot wait to see what this internship opportunity has in store for me.



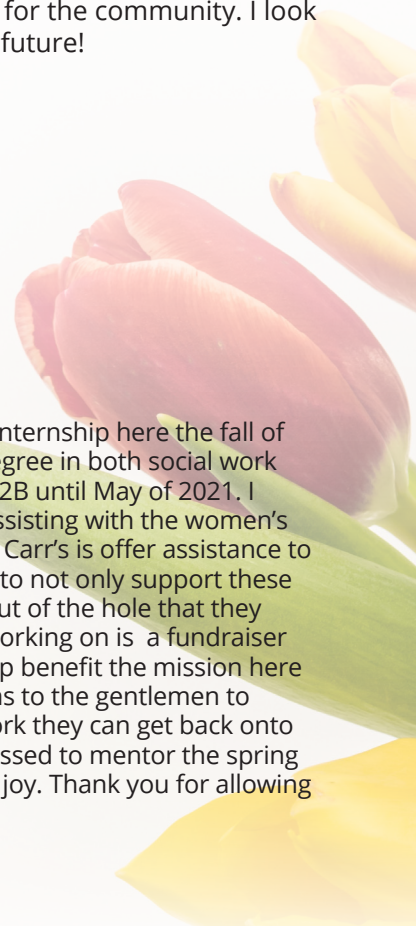
Branden

Hello! My name is Branden, and I am a Junior at UW-Oshkosh. I am double majoring in Psychology and Criminal Justice and am planning to get my masters in social work. I am excited to learn and see first-hand the great things that Father Carr's does for the community. I look forward to leading others towards a brighter future!



Olivia W

I am a senior at Marian University. I started my internship here the fall of 2020. So I will be graduating with a bachelors degree in both social work and psychology. I am here at Father Carr's Place 2B until May of 2021. I am working mostly with the men's shelter and assisting with the women's shelter as well. What I strive to do here at Father Carr's is offer assistance to get this gentleman back on their feet. I am here to not only support these men but also to show them that there is a way out of the hole that they may have dug themselves in. One project I am working on is a fundraiser to raise some money for Father Carr's and to help benefit the mission here at Father Carr's. Offering resources and programs to the gentlemen to show them that with determination and hard work they can get back onto their feet brings great satisfaction.. I also am blessed to mentor the spring interns. Our work is challenging but brings great joy. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this great mission!





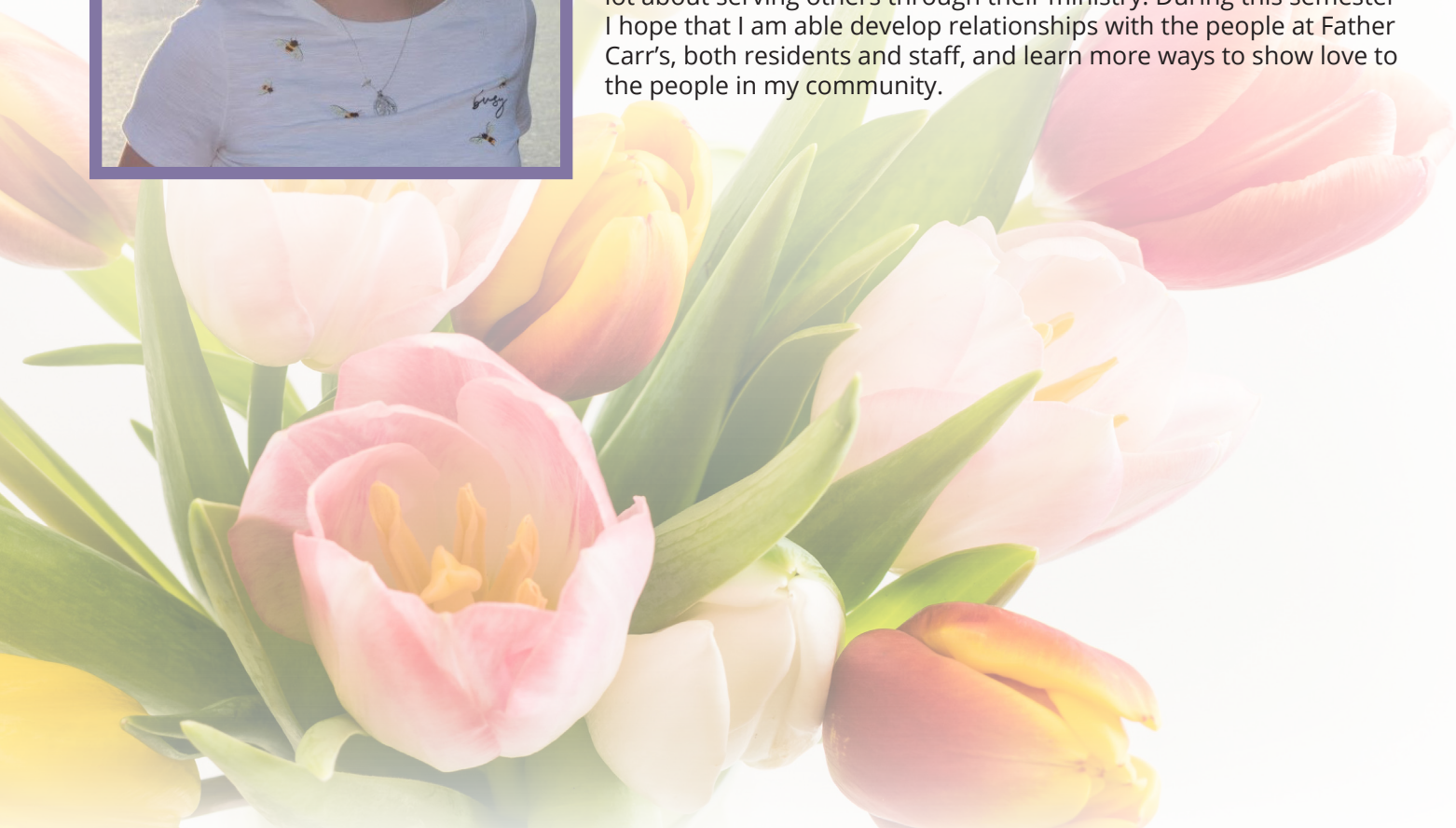
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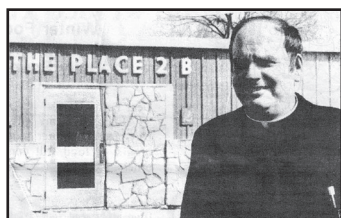
Hi! My name is Kristina Schumacher and I was born and raised in Oshkosh, WI. I attend Marian University in Fond du Lac and will be graduating this Spring with a Bachelor's in Social Work. I currently am serving a year long term on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Social Workers WI chapter (NASW-WI) as the BSW representative, advocating on behalf of all undergraduate student social workers throughout the state. After graduation I will be pursuing my Master's in both Social Work and Public Administration with an emphasis in Healthcare Administration. I hope to work in an Administrative role within the Veteran's Administration and be an advocate for our Veterans'. While interning at Father Carr's Place 2B, I hope to gain a better understanding of the homeless population, as well as the free clinic and food pantry operations so that I can take that experience along with me and use that knowledge in my future career. I am very proud and excited to be a part of this wonderful organization and look forward to helping those in need.



Sami

Hi, my name is Sami and I'm a Junior at UWO in the Human Services program. I have always loved volunteering, working in ministry, going on mission trips, and helping people in general. After college I hope to do missionary work, and eventually work in ministry full time. I chose to intern at Father Carr's because they offer a beautifully wide variety of services to people in need, and I know that I will be able to learn a lot about serving others through their ministry. During this semester I hope that I am able develop relationships with the people at Father Carr's, both residents and staff, and learn more ways to show love to the people in my community.





From Newsletter Summer 1983

Scripture Cake

I Kings 4:22, 1 1/2 cups

Numbers 17:8, 2 cups

Judges 5:25 (last clause) 1/2 c.

I Samuel 14:25, 2 Tbsp.

Jeremiah 6:20, 2 cups

Amos 4:5, 2 tsp.

I Samuel 30:12, 2 cups

2 Chronicles 9:9, to taste

Nahum 3:12, 2 cups

Leviticus 2:13, a pinch

Judges 4:19 (last clause) 1/2 c.

Jeremiah 17:11, 6

Beat together Judges 5:25 and Jeremiah 6:20. Add I Samuel 14:25 and beaten Jeremiah 17:11 yolks. Add I Kings, Amos, 2 Chronicles and Leviticus alternately with Judges 4:19. Add I Samuel 30:12, Nahum, cut fine; and Numbers. Beat Jeremiah 17:11 whites until stiff and fold in. Bake about 2 hours, until tests done, in a greased tube pan at 300 degrees. Slice thinly and serve with whipped cream or favorite sauce. This is very rich and similar to fruit cake.

Father Marty Carr

A Gift that Helps us Serve Better

In the past few months, Father Carr's has taken some exciting steps to become acquainted with the people we serve. In October of 2020, we partnered with Salesforce to digitally track how many people we provide food to every Friday during our drive-thru food pick-up. Each client was given a membership card that they bring with them when they come to pick up their food. Volunteers scan each card, and each scan is automatically reported to our database on our Salesforce account.

Not only does this allow us to keep track of how many boxes of food we distribute, but now, we also have quick access to our member's accounts. This allows us to know where they are from, how many members are in their household, what language they speak, and other information that allows us to serve each member more personally, while also gaining knowledge on the general demographics that we minister to.

We would like to recognize the Oshkosh Community Foundation for providing our organization with a \$10,000 grant. With this generous financial support, we were able to fully fund this project including the accounts, scanners, iPads, and other technical equipment necessary to make this process successful.

So, what have we been able to learn from this new experience? Well, here are some facts about Father Carr's we didn't know before:

Father Carr's serves over 230 households in Oshkosh and surrounding areas, this adds up to well over 500 people total, however, we register new members every week, so this number is consistently growing.

The largest age demographics we serve are people between the ages of 60-69 and people between the ages of 10-19.

The farthest household we serve is over 60 miles away.

16% of households we serve are not in Oshkosh.

About 30% of our members are senior citizens and 30% of our members are children.

Every Friday, Father Carr's distributes approximately 91 boxes of groceries to our members.

We are grateful to have access to this information. With this data we are able to offer additional resources for are clients for a variety of other needs they may have such as health-care, education, housing, and transportation.

We would like to thank Michael Ryder, the Salesforce consultant who assisted us in setting up our account, and who has offered support to help us use this database to its full potential. Additionally, we would like to thank the Oshkosh Community Foundation for financially supporting this new addition in our ministry.

Sami B - intern

