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Growth & CHANGE ON CAMPUS IN 2021

We've had an exciting and challenging year of change and growth on the Carpenter Place campus. We've served many families both inside the organization and out. What a blessing this year turned out to be! We were operating at capacity at the beginning of the year. Our hearts and homes were full. Then we saw several reunifications in May of this year. How exciting! The Camp-Pryor bell was ringing the good news of families being reunited and we celebrated the success of the girls and the completion of their programs.

Over the summer we focused primarily on giving our group of girls on campus life changing experiences like our campus vacation to Branson, our summer camp at Cross Bar Ranch, and our church family activities. In August, we brought our brand-new cottage online and began serving girls in Cross Bar Cottage. August also saw us say good-bye to our previous CEO and our Director of PR and Marketing and welcome a new CEO and his family to lead our organization into 2022. We also welcomed a new set of house parents and have been operating three fully functioning homes since June.

Most recently, we've had much growth in the past several months with new incoming placements to fill the spots in our hearts left behind by those who left in May. We've welcomed 6 new girls in the last few months. Whew! Through it all we have had a network of support in the form of our staff, board, and donors all standing strong behind us, encouraging us, and walking with us through the change.

As we look ahead to 2022, we are excited to see what God has in store for us. We are looking forward with anticipation to school, activities, bible study, summer fun and more bell ringing! Please pray for Carpenter Place and the girls we serve to be healed and restored to relationship with God, family and community. Thank you for being a part of our mission in the new year.



Jennifer Campbell,
Director of Campus Life

Groceries

FOR GIRLS CAMPAIGN

What a blessing we have received from our church families in the past months leading up to the holidays and the new year. We took a moment as a campus to gather in prayer and give thanks to the people who have supported us through our grocery programs. We have had a wonderful response to our grocery need from our “Groceries for Girls” campaign with churches in the region and our “Harvest Sunday” appeal with Northside Church of Christ. We have been able to fill the storehouse well and we will be supplied into the new year. This blessing affords us the opportunity to spread our grocery budget to include things like fresh produce, dairy products and meat. With grocery prices ever increasing, this was an extra blessing and relief to our organization. If you did not have the opportunity to give and would like to be a part of feeding our girls and families, you are welcome to contact the office for the most current list of non-perishable items or to coordinate the donation of fresh products. If your church is not currently on our “Groceries for Girls” route and you would like to serve in this way, please let us know. Blessings to you and your families for the holiday season.



Reflections

MISSION TEAM

My first 3 months as the newest team member at Carpenter Place have flown by. My family and I feel blessed to have the opportunity to be a part of such an amazing team. My wife and I have been working with children since 2006. When we were deciding if we were going to move to Wichita, we decided to leave any anxiety behind and trust that God was leading where He wanted us. Over the years, we have learned that our success in accomplishing the mission of caring for children with trauma in their past, greatly relies on a united team. We are extremely thankful to be a part of the team at Carpenter Place. The individuals serving the girls we care for are passionate about fulfilling our mission.



I think we should look at a team in the same way we approach a potluck. Just as each person brings their best dish to a potluck, each team member should bring their best to the mission. Diversity is good. In the same way that a variety of dishes create a meal, a variety of unique individuals can create a great team. Our part is to bring our own unique best to the table, then, we can rely on God to use each one of us as He sees fit to accomplish His mission.

As I reflect on the individual team members at Carpenter Place, I am thankful for what each one of them bring to the table. We are also thankful for you. It is because of your prayers, involvement, and financial support that we have a place to bring our “best dish.”



Michael (Brady) Bunch, CEO

Letter from Grace

PAST RESIDENT

Friendship is defined as a noun, a state of mutual trust and support through friends. I am not saying that this definition is wrong, I just think it is a little off. My mom always told me “Carolyn Grace, find friends in life that have your back no matter what. You can call at midnight and they will answer.” I believe that I have found such friends and am privileged to know them. I would like to introduce them to you. We have Aaron and Denise Arthaud and Luke and Jennifer Campbell. Each one has shaped me and is still shaping me into the person I want to be and dream to be.



Aaron taught me about work ethic. He always told me to give a 110% even when it stinks, and you didn't like it. He also taught me that whining about it and procrastinating didn't fix the problem or make it go away. You still had to do it and you might as well face it head-on. He also showed me that sometimes a hug is all you need to fix things. I remember when I was sad after a phone call. He would knock on my door and hug me and whisper it is all going to be okay and you're safe.

Denise taught me that crying is not a sign of weakness, it's a sign of strength and healing. She taught me that it is okay to embrace it. She also showed me what a woman of God is. She showed me how to have an on-fire relationship with God. She also taught me that chocolate chip pancakes fix everything. She also wanted every question I had even the hard questions. She took time to focus on me.

Jennifer taught me the value of boundaries and how to not compromise them. She taught me what self-worth looks like. It is not just on the outside; it is also on the inside. She taught me how to love. She would always give me a kiss on the head or cheek when I was upset. I know she was telling me I am here if you need me and don't be scared. She also taught me that using your voice in life is important and having a mean face gets you places in life lol.

Luke taught me what a man of God should be. He showed me that I am enough and that I have a father in Heaven that loves me. He taught me how to be an independent and strong woman to take no stuff from anyone. He showed me what a man of the house should look like and that he didn't care if you got snot on his shirt when you were crying. He just cared that you were safe and wanted you to feel love. He encouraged me to follow my dreams and never to settle for less.



I love you, are words these four people mean when they say it, they say it with their heart. If I ever need them, I know they are only a phone call away and if I ever get in a situation where I am not safe, I know I can text them and they will give me the best help and advice possible. If I could tell them anything in my tear-stained eyes it would be thank you. And I love you and thank you for everything and for showing me what a strong Christian couple should be. And thank you for pushing me to achieve the best of myself. Thank you for the late-night talks in your office, room, or living room. Thank you for always finding time for me and my problems --

Thank you,



Grace Zuniga

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Karen Pollock
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Needs List...

- Cereal
- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Chicken/Beef Broth
- Crackers: saltines, Ritz type, snack crackers, Chex mix
- Tomato Sauce/Paste
- Canned fruit (not lite please)
- 100% juice any kind
- Oatmeal
- Condiments: Mayonnaise, Miracle Whip, BBQ Sauce
- Dill Pickles & pickle relish, Salsa (Mild, Medium, & Hot)
- Grape & Strawberry Jelly/Jam
- Peanut Butter
- Salad Dressing (Ranch and Honey Mustard are favorites)
- Cooking Spray
- Lysol/Clorox Wipes
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Anti-bacterial Cleaning Products
- Pads and Tampons (plastic applicator)
- Cotton Balls or Pads
- Trash Bags - Kitchen (13 gal) & Bathroom sizes
- Acne Face Wash/Makeup remover/Shaving Cream/Toilet Paper
- First Aid Items
- Laundry Detergent
- Fabric Softener
- Dishwasher Soap/Pods
- Paper Plates
- Ziploc bags- ALL SIZES

