

# THE CENTER

*love in action*

Center Partner  
News in Brief

## QC Harm Reduction

150 overdose reversals for 2019! WOW- ask us how to save a life!



## QC United

"Swing into Education" Golf Tournament  
FRIDAY, JUNE 21st, 2019 AT NOON  
Duck Creek Golf Course

## QC Alliance of Immigrants/Refugees

The Annual World Cultures Festival was a success

## Skate Church

Midwest Skate Ministry conference coming May 22-25. Ministries around the United States will attend.

## Food Pantry

February : 1,049 people served 348 families

## Friendly Thrift Shop

Finished rewriting by-laws after 50 years in service. That's right, 50 years.

## Street Team Homeless Outreach

Assisted four people with jobs last month-and two people went from homelessness to housing.



In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the poor and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

## LESSONS FROM THE COFFEE SHOP

by Pennie Kellenberger



I was in line at the coffee shop the other day- something I shamefully do too often! But this day was different. I was mindlessly ordering the same thing-tall skinny caramel macchiato no whip- ready to hand the barista my money when he said the person in front of you already paid for yours.

I stopped and took a breath and reflected at my rotten day and how this simple act of kindness made my heart swell with gratitude. So much so I said I will buy the next two cars behind me.

I really didn't focused on who was around me, and what ripple effects a very small act might have. I didn't know the people in my rear view mirror but I was reminded of a wonderful quote, *"You're never going where you're going for the reasons you think you are."*

That's how I feel about my life most days. I start off thinking I am doing one thing and God has something else

going on. I like looking for opportunities to love and serve people when they least expect it.



Helping others is good for us! Jesus is the ultimate example of how we are to serve one another. He healed, taught, and lead people with passion.

When your heart is full of Jesus it overflows with love for others. I encourage you to talk to Jesus today about how, when, and where you can love others.



# Helping others Makes you a Happier Person

Helping others is not only good for them and a good thing to do, it also makes us happier and healthier too. Giving also connects us to others, creating stronger communities and helping to build a happier society for everyone. And it's not all about money - we can also give our time, ideas and energy. So if you want to feel good, do good!

Doing things for others - whether small, unplanned acts or regular volunteering - is a powerful way to boost our own happiness as well of those around us. The people we help may be strangers, family, friends, colleagues or neighbors. They can be old or young, nearby or far away.

Giving isn't just about money, so you don't need to be rich. Giving to others can be as simple as a single kind word, smile or a thoughtful gesture. It can include giving time, care, skills, thought or attention. Sometimes these mean as much, if not more, than financial gifts. Scientific studies show that helping others boosts happiness. It increases life

satisfaction, provides a sense of meaning, increases feelings of competence, and improves our mood and reduce stress. It can help to take our minds off our own troubles too.

Kindness towards others is the glue which connects individual happiness with wider community and societal wellbeing. Giving to others helps us connect with people and meets one of our basic human needs.

Kindness and caring also seem to be contagious. When we see someone do something kind or thoughtful, or we are on the receiving end of kindness, it inspires us to be kinder ourselves. In this way, kindness spreads from one person to the next, influencing the behavior of people who never saw the original act. Kindness really is the key to creating a happier, more trusting local community.

*The picture above is one of our volunteers helping with lunch- Tim with a friendly wave.*



The Center was founded on principal of showing people we love them, helping others at all times. Love in action must be an intentional.

Have you ever thought of what you do with your time? Do you want to join our team of love warriors?

Come see us at The Center we will find a place for you to serve!



*“We always try hard to help everyone who would walk through the door or call on the phone. But sometimes our pot of funding runs dry before we can complete the job.”*

*“We might be stressed but we are still blessed!”*

Miss Elnita Dillard  
Board of Directors Member

## HELP US AS WE HELP OTHERS

**Please would you help? This summer we are taking three trips with at-risk teens, as we have for the last 15 years. These trips help build relationships with teens and CHANGE LIVES. Enclosed in this newsletter is an envelope please give generously to our summer activities.**

### **Skate Church**

We are praying about taking 30 students at **\$75** each.

### **Neighborhood Outreach**

The month of February numbers: 1,063 people in the door, 157 showers, average 47 lunches a day, and assisted 8 families with housing- PLEASE help us through the summer YOUR DONATION WILL SAVE A LIFE!

LOVE AROUND THE CENTER

**Skate Church getting ready for summer 2019**

Skate Church is for the young and for the young at heart! This summer we are excited about our skate camps!



**Senior Games**

We hosted the senior games table tennis. It was a great turn out and a fun time. The Center cares about the health of our senior community. We are thankful this group meets here twice a week.



**Neighborhood Outreach**

During the polar vortex we stayed open to serve lunch for our community. On this day Chic-fil-A provided a great lunch for us. We partnered with Humility Housing Services on this day as well. The Center on the front lines saving lives, loving people with radical hospitality.

The fine folks from John Deere coming to Skate Church showing our students the opportunities they provide.



**Thank you John Deere for caring about our students and our community!**

we love people

John Deere helping Skate Church students understand manufactory skills.



A couple of skaters talking about life. Making our community stronger.

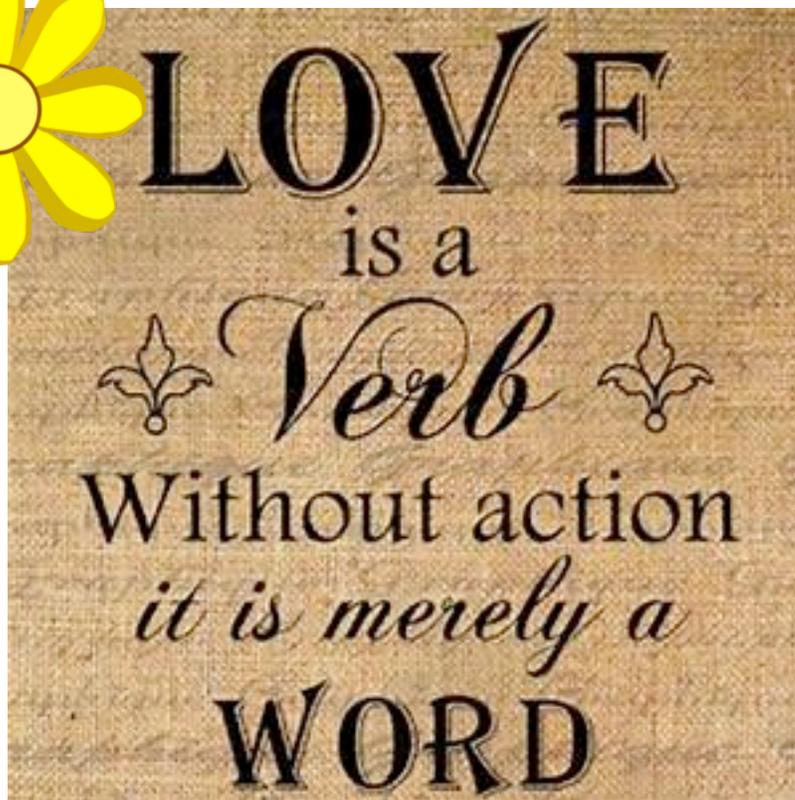


“Its not just a place to come and eat, it’s my family and community. I would not make it without this place!”

Guest from the Center  
This is a lunch picture from a cold day!



Trinity Church having lunch in the Cafe. Thanks for the support!



“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

1John 3:18



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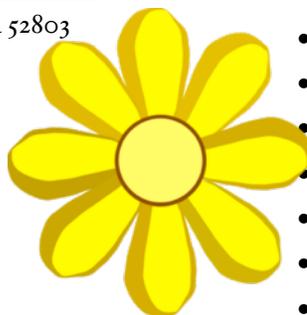
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- Qc Harm Reduction
- Eastern Iowa Community College
- Fishers of Men Ministries
- House of Refuge Church
- The Sanctuary Church
- QC United
- Table Tennis Club
- QC Alliance of Immigrants and Refugees
- Skate Church
- Sacred Heart Food Pantry at The Center
- Friendly Thrift Center
- Kids Against Hunger Our Quad Cities
- PRG Bible Study
- Neighborhood Cafe