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UP NEXT

10/26, 6:00-7:30 PM • Rantoul Recreation Halloween Party
at Rantoul Family Sports Complex
11/2-11/21 • Holiday Bureau Sign-Ups

A QUICK NOTE

Thank you for subscribing to CSCNCC's quarterly newsletter! Take a look inside to find out about **upcoming events**, volunteer **opportunities**, and the many different ways we **support our local community**.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

As the leaves begin to change and the pace of summer gives way to fall routines, I find myself reflecting on the incredible generosity and compassion that make our work possible. Every day, we witness neighbors helping neighbors, volunteers giving their time, and donors investing in the well-being of families throughout northern Champaign County. Together, you are creating hope.

While fall often brings thoughts of harvest and abundance, we know that many families in our community continue to face difficult choices between paying for housing, utilities, medications, or putting food on the table. The need for our services is increasing, and our staff and volunteers are committed to ensuring that no one has to face those challenges alone.

As we move toward the holiday season, preparations are already underway for our annual Holiday Bureau. This cherished program helps provide food and gifts for hundreds of local families and children, making the holidays a little brighter during what can be a stressful time. We are grateful for the many individuals, businesses, churches, civic organizations, and community partners who step forward each year to make this possible.

As we enter this season of gratitude, I encourage you to continue looking for opportunities to make a difference. Every donation, every volunteer hour, and every act of kindness helps strengthen our community and reminds those we serve that they are not alone.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, thank you for believing in our mission and for helping us build a stronger, more caring community. We wish you and your family a beautiful fall season and look forward to serving alongside you in the months ahead.

With gratitude,

Cindy Crawford

Executive Director
Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County

A HOLE-IN-ONE FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

Our Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser was another success, and we couldn't have done it without the incredible support of our community!

Golfers, sponsors, volunteers, donors, and supporters came together for a day filled with friendly competition, laughter, and generosity - all to help strengthen the Community Service Center's mission of serving individuals and families throughout northern Champaign County and Champaign County.

From the first tee shot to the final putt, the day was a wonderful reminder of what can happen when a community comes together for a common purpose. The enthusiasm shown by everyone involved will help us continue providing food assistance, transportation, utility, and prescription assistance, and other essential services to our neighbors facing difficult times.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our hole sponsors, prize donors, volunteers, and every golfer who participated. Your generosity and commitment make a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve every day.



Congratulations to all of our contest and team winners and thank you to everyone who purchased mulligan/raffle tickets, participated in games on the course, bought homemade baked goods, and supported our fundraising efforts throughout the day.

Because of your support, this year's Golf Outing was much more than a day on the links—it was an investment in hope for our community.

Thank you for helping us drive our mission forward. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

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EAGLES' NEST IS BACK TO SCHOOL

It's back to school for our high school students, the summer went by so quickly! All incoming freshmen through seniors from the Rantoul Township High School are eligible to shop in the pantry every Thursday. This summer we averaged over 50 students per month. It was awesome keeping up the weekly connections with so many of them!

If you'd like to donate, we can always use the following:

- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Individual Toothbrushes
- Boxed Cake, Cookie, Brownie, and Pancake Mixes
- Cash Donations



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MORNING STOCKING

We are looking for a few volunteers to help stock shelves and prepare for the daily pantry operations.

Stocking duties include organizing and putting away:

- ☐ Boxed goods
- ☐ Canned goods
- ☐ Hygiene products
- ☐ Bread
- ☐ Refrigerated items
- ☐ Frozen items

Volunteer Shift

Monday - Friday

8:30 AM -

10:00 AM

If you're interested in helping a morning or two, please reach out to Jennifer.

Your time and help are greatly appreciated!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: ANITA

Anita began volunteering with our agency seven years ago, after the Chanute Museum, where she had previously volunteered, closed.

She enjoys meeting new people and feeling that she is helping those in need. Anita believes that more members of our community should be aware of the many valuable services available in our building beyond the food pantry.

Just this week Anita helped a lady who was visibly upset and having a very rough day, by the end of the shopping trip, the lady was more upbeat and had calmed down. The lady went up to the front desk upon leaving, to applaud the help and kindness that she had received from Anita.



We truly value and appreciate the help our agency receives from Anita.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

We recently had the pleasure of welcoming our wonderful donors to the Community Service Center for a special Donor Appreciation Event, and what a wonderful evening it was!

We were thrilled by the turnout and grateful for the opportunity to spend time with so many of the people who make our work possible. Guests enjoyed wine, charcuterie, and great conversation while learning more about the Community Service Center and the people we serve.





We also had the opportunity to give tours of our facility, offering guests a behind-the-scenes look at our programs and the many ways their generosity makes a difference. From our food pantries and basic-needs services, and support for individuals and families facing difficult circumstances, we wanted our donors to see firsthand what happens here every day.



A NOTE FROM OUR NEW SERVICE COORDINATOR

Hi! My name is Aidan Bouchard, and I'm excited to join the Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County as the new Service Coordinator. I recently completed my Master of Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Tennessee, and before that, I earned my bachelor's degree in Nutrition, Fitness, and Health from Purdue University.

I've always been interested in public health and finding ways to connect people with the resources and support they need, so I'm excited to bring that background into this role.

I'm looking forward to getting to know the community, working with local organizations, and helping however I can!

WELCOME, AIDAN!

