

FRIENDS of the CARPENTER

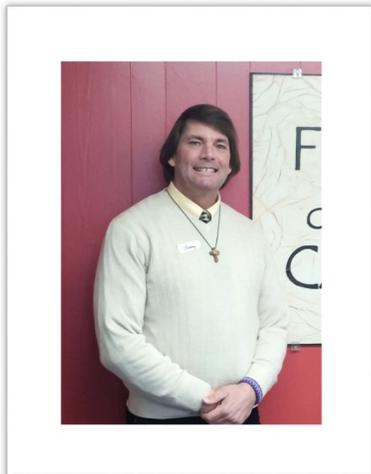


Church Beyond Walls

Hello, my name is Danny Hessick. I have been homeless for four years now, due to a tragic end to a wonderful and beautiful marriage. My life spiraled out of control. I turned to drinking and using drugs to cope with the pain. When I came to Friends of the Carpenter, I had burned every bridge. I had no one left in my life. I was all alone, so I got on my knees and prayed, "God are you listening? Please help me. I need you now. Please come in my heart and show me you are listening!" There was a knock on my door of the truck where I lived. It was Andre, a missionary from the Friends of the Carpenter

who said, "Do you want to go to church?" After several attempts I finally said yes and began a slow road to recovery. I attend devotions and Bible studies regularly and I now have 76 days clean.

I would like to thank you for your donations, as I am just one of hundreds of homeless in Vancouver and I am very thankful for your contributions to the Friends of the Carpenter. Without you this ministry would not be possible and I wouldn't be where I am today with God in my life. Hope you and all your family have a safe and won-



derful Christmas. I would also like to thank the staff at F.O.C for all of their support, especially my God mom Bernie and her husband, Paul.

Thank you
Danny Hessick

Day of Prayer

We are joining other Churches and ministries take turns praying for Clark County and WA state. Join Friends of the Carpenter in prayer on the third Thursday of every month. Suggested Prayers and resources are available. Contact Michelle Rouse at (360)558-2246

DONATIONS

Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Juice, Bottled water and Cup of Noodles

Holiday Product Sale

December 11th
10 am – 3 pm





December Volunteer Star Spotlight

by Bernie Gerhardt

Cal Swanson along with his wife, Linda, retired in Vancouver to be near his daughter and grandchild in 2011. Cal came to Friends of the Carpenter (FOC) because of the ministry focus "to help people who are in need." Duane Sich (Executive Director Emeritus) introduced the FOC ministry by saying that Friends give a "Hand up rather than Hand Out." This resonated with Cal. He has a long history of helping people and has 40 years working in the Mission Field. Cal has been a Missionary in Argentina for 13 years. Cal has also worked as the Regional Coordinator for South America at the Baptist Headquarters in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Prior to coming



to Vancouver, Cal directed the Missionary Pastor Retreat Center in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Tennessee. Cal related that he "enjoys the FOC ministry and the opportunity to develop his wood working skills, with the help of Wade Boyd (mentor)." Cal has done lathe work, making wine stoppers and beautiful wood pens and prepped wood for projects in the activity center and has been a devotion leader. When Cal is not volunteering at FOC, he is busy being father to his 5 adult children and grandfather to his 17 grandchildren. Thank you Cal for being a volunteer at FOC for the past four years.



Day Center Open House
December 11th from noon – 1 pm

Memorial Service for the Homeless

St. Paul Lutheran Church

1309 Franklin Street

Monday, December 21st at 5:00 pm



Please join us on the longest night of the year to commemorate the lives of those homeless members of our community who have died in the past year.



Pacific Perks

will be at the Friendship Center Holiday Product Sale on December 11th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm serving complimentary coffee beverages.

Friends of the Carpenter won the free coffee bar as part of their Facebook challenge,

"We've Been Perked".

