

## Volunteer Interview- Joel Carr

“Without work, this year has been the craziest year of my life. And I’ve been out of work for a while, which isn’t good for a guy like me. When I have too much time on my hands, I get antsy and anxious, so I gotta keep busy. My Dad told me about the rewarding time he spent working at a homeless shelter, so I figured I’d give it a try,” Joel said. He came down to the shelter one day and simply asked us “how can I help?” And he’s been busy serving here ever since!

Joel wears many hats around here. He works the Hygiene window, the clothing closet, and the food pantry on any given day. Some days, he’ll work in multiple places. “We had a fire drill the other day, which was a first. I was working the Hygiene window when the alarms went off and it was chaotic, but now I know how to handle a fire drill!”

Joel has had a lot of life happen this past year, but he hasn’t let that stop him from helping others. “It’s so rewarding to get to help people. I could be sitting at home feeling sorry for myself, but instead I’m being helpful to others and that’s priceless.”

Joel loves to travel and be involved in theater. He has a specimen-quality seashell collection, spent a summer in London where he worked a party the Queen attended, and he’s been an extra in two movies shot in Iowa!