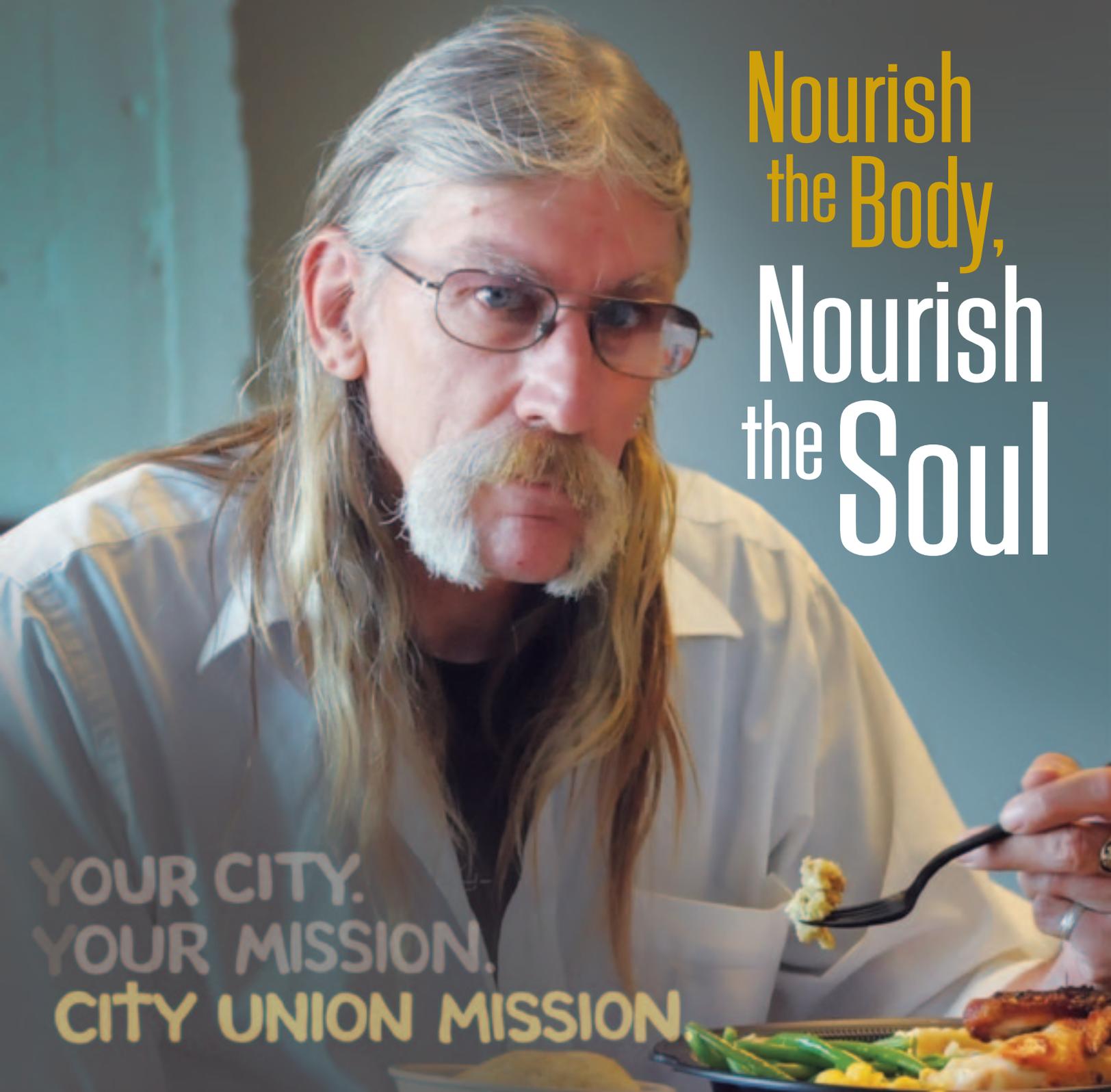


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Executive Director Dan Doty congratulates Adrian on his recent graduation from the Mission's Christian Life Program. Adrian was one of 11 men to complete the Christian-based curriculum this summer.

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Connecting From the Executive Director with You

Dear Friend,

Each time I teach a class to men and women rebuilding their lives here at the Mission, I wonder about the situations that led these precious souls to seek our help. Often, I'll simply ask, "Why did you come?" Their most frequent and honest replies are, "I was hungry," "I had no place to sleep" and "My life had no meaning." We believe those answers express the immediate needs of each person who walks through our doors, and we strive to follow the instructions Jesus gave His disciples when facing a hungry and weary crowd: "They don't need to go away . . . you give them something to eat" (Matthew 14:16). We offer food for the body and nourishment for the soul. How could we ever do less?

I'm also aware of the far-reaching changes our guests are going through. One day living in a life of prostitution and the next in a Christ-centered environment, learning of a God who loves, forgives and recreates. One day living in a home with no utilities, no food and no hope—and the next in a safe haven with three wholesome meals for themselves and their children. Many who were far from a relationship with our Lord are now overwhelmed with His love.

What an example of compassion we see in our Savior! Thank you for acting with Christ-like compassion and helping care for those worn out by life and seeking a new direction!

For His glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. Doty".

Rev. Daniel J. Doty
Executive Director

When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were weary and worn out, like a sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." —Matthew 9:36-38

Honoring 30 Years of Commitment to Kansas City's Homeless

Lorraine Minor Retires

For the past 30 years, City Union Mission has been blessed with the Christian leadership and service of Lorraine Minor, our Associate Executive Director, Programs and Administration. As she prepares for retirement in October, we asked her to reflect on joyful memories and accomplishments.

What do you believe you accomplished over the past three decades?

"I was privileged to see needs and be allowed to find solutions, including curriculum development, learning centers and staff training . . . and doing whatever necessary to have the most impact on affecting lives, helping each one make the changes needed to honor the Lord.

Although we've developed courses in decision making, problem solving and goal setting, I still yearn to find a better way to teach men and women how to think critically and evaluate what they see and hear through the prism of truth they learn here."

How has your life changed because of the Mission?

"This opportunity has impacted my spiritual journey in so many unspeakable ways. Watching human suffering and the regular need for grace and mercy in life has left me profoundly grateful and glad that He has set eternity in my heart. I'll miss the day-to-day, week-to-week evidence of God having His way in the lives of those who are seeking Him—clients, staff, volunteers and donors. This truly is a place where we get to see Him at work, regularly."

Please join the Mission in recognizing this good and faithful servant of God for her tireless endeavors on behalf of the Mission and the souls we serve.

A Place for Rebuilding a Christian Life

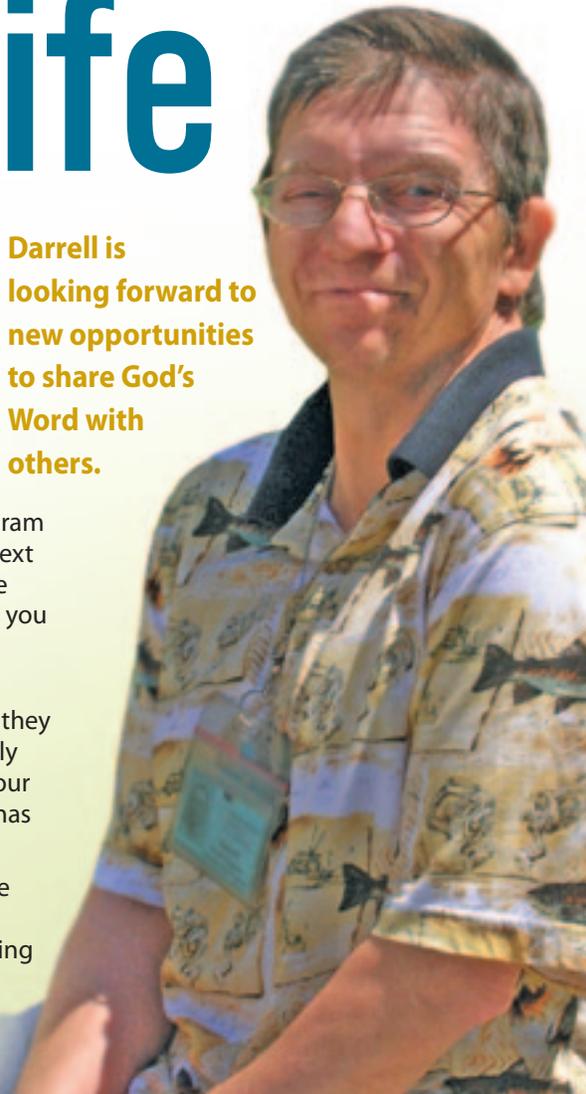
When Darrell was released from prison in 2008, he was homeless. Like so many of the ex-inmates who are released into society—and our community—after successfully completing their sentences, Darrell had no place to live, no way to support himself and no family or friends who could help. Studies show that without the appropriate life skills, education and necessary training to succeed in today's workplace, many former prisoners will commit another serious crime within just a few years.

But Darrell was already committed to a different way of life. "I rededicated my life to God when I was in prison," he explains. And he asked his probation officer if he could come to City Union Mission so we could help him nourish his body, restore his soul and rebuild a Christ-centered life. Darrell joined our Christian Life Program and says he would recommend it to anyone who is homeless and really wants to get next to God. Darrell is grateful for the peaceful environment of our Christian Life Center, the safe, clean beds and wholesome, healthy meals. Yet, he says, "Having people who love you and care for you—that's meant the most to me."

He also appreciates the program's structure and discipline, and the staff's patient guidance. "I've quit smoking since I've been here, so I get stressed out a little bit—but they help me deal with it. If something comes up, they have an open door policy." With only an eighth-grade education, Darrell is learning computer and other workplace skills in our learning center, and he's studying for his GED. "I just love it here," Darrell shares. "God has been so good to me. Every morning when I wake up, I thank the Lord!"

After graduating from our Christian Life Program, Darrell hopes to help nourish the bodies and restore the souls of others who are homeless as he once was by opening a shelter in his home state of Arkansas. "It'll be a Christian shelter—it wouldn't be anything else," Darrell says, with tears in his eyes. "I know it will take a lot of work and effort, but I'm going to get the training and help that I need, and then the Lord will show me where to put it."

Darrell is looking forward to new opportunities to share God's Word with others.



Celebrating 86 Years of Nourishing Bodies and Restoring Souls



Lunch at the Mission, 1924

Since 1924, City Union Mission has been blessed with generous donors and prayerful partners who have provided the means to rescue desperate souls like Darrell, renew their spiritual and physical health and restore their lives in Christ. As we celebrate our 86th year of service to Kansas City and prepare for the months ahead, we know the need for Christ-centered recovery, counseling and education will remain steadfast, and we pray your support will too. Thank you for standing beside us in God's life-transforming work.

Bringing Hope to the Lives of Kansas City's Neediest Citizens

Celebrate Hope 2011 • October 1, 2010 - January 31, 2011



Where hunger ends, hope begins. Where fear ends, hope begins. Where loneliness ends . . . hope begins. Hope for a better tomorrow begins right here in Your City, at Your Mission!

A plate of abundant, nutritious food quells the hunger pangs of a man dependent on dumpsters and a child relying on free school lunches for the little food they eat each day. A loving word and a reassuring hug bring hope for restoration to a mother who has exhausted all her options. With your faithful support, City Union Mission serves the hungry, the homeless and the hurting of Kansas City, 365 days a year.

The reasons for poverty and despair have changed over the years, but our answer has remained constant—the hope of Jesus Christ. His compassion is reflected through your sacrificial giving and the services your giving provides:

- Food, shelter, clothing and medical services
- Counseling, case management and spiritual guidance
- Long-term Christian recovery
- Career-development and job-placement assistance
- Summer camp and wholesome year-round activities for impoverished children
- And so much more!

Campaign Goal: \$4 Million



With your help, City Union Mission will reach our **CELEBRATE HOPE: Reach Out to K.C.'s Poor and Homeless** goal to raise about \$4 million—a significant portion of our fiscal year's annual gift income—between October 1 and January 31, 2011. Here are some ways you can support us in reaching this critical financial milestone.

- Respond to our mailings from now until January 31, 2011, with your generous and heartfelt gifts. Invite others to consider financial giving to the Mission.
- Bring your church for a service project or tour, or invite us to come to you. Then ask your group to make a financial contribution to help City Union Mission serve the homeless.
- Contact Dennis Chapman, Associate Executive Director, Development, to discuss a "challenge" or "matching" gift that might be made by you as an individual or through a group or workplace. Or ask how a donation of stock or collectibles such as coins, artwork or antiques could benefit the Mission, as well.

Your faithful partnership with City Union Mission will make a difference in the lives of countless individuals who need hope. Please continue to give as God leads. You can send your **CELEBRATE HOPE** gift today in the envelope provided, or donate online at www.cityunionmission.org. Every dollar makes a difference! Thank you and God bless you.



City Union Mission receives nearly 75 percent of donated income from individuals, churches and businesses.

Campaign Kicks Off with Virtual Banquet



You're invited to help City Union Mission kick off our \$4 million **CELEBRATE HOPE: Reach Out to K.C.'s Poor and Homeless** campaign—in the comfort of your own home, at a time that's most convenient for you! During the month of October, visit www.cityunionmission.org to hear personal testimonies recorded by men and women whose lives have been transformed through your generosity. And this year, we're inviting virtual banquet participants—like you—to respond online about how the Mission has impacted their lives through the acts of sharing time, talents, gifts and prayers.

Then we hope you'll consider a gift of \$30 or more to help us meet our campaign goal, and more importantly, to help the hungry, homeless or poor of Kansas City. Remember—because there are no costs to cover as with a traditional banquet, every dollar you send goes directly to help those in need!

You can make your gift online during the "event," or send it today in the envelope provided. Be sure to mark "Virtual Banquet" in the memo field. Save the date—and invite your family, coworkers and Facebook friends to "attend" with you as you join City Union Mission online in October!



Volunteers, We Applaud You!

Plan to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Event on October 24!

City Union Mission is grateful for the hundreds of volunteers who share their unique set of skills, experience and insight with us in so many meaningful ways. In 2009, more than 1,100 individuals formed our volunteer corps. And in the first four months of this year alone, 557 youth and adults have lent their hearts and hands. We want to show all these compassionate partners how much they're appreciated by the Mission staff and especially those we serve.

If you've been or are currently a Mission volunteer, please join us for our **Volunteer Appreciation Event** on Sunday, October 24, at our Christian Life Center at 1 p.m. We'll be pleased to serve you a light lunch, offer loving Christian fellowship and do our very best to convey how much your dedication means to our work.

Eagle Scouts Extend Their Service to the Mission

Every Eagle Scout is charged with the responsibility of service. Here at City Union Mission, we are blessed to know four special young men who don't take that calling lightly and have dedicated hours of assistance to the Mission as they work to achieve their Eagle Scout status.

Andrew Dacus (right) collected 99 waterproof mattress covers for our Men's Center. Stevie Spikler gathered multiple boxes of school supplies, Bibles, personal-care items, men's underwear and socks, and box fans. Grant Rogers designed a shelving unit that is being built into a resource area at the administration building. And Adam Shulman collected pots and pans for the graduates of our New Life Program who need household items as they become established in their own homes.

We're pleased to learn Andrew became an Eagle Scout early this summer. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him and the other young men working toward this great honor. If you know of an aspiring Eagle Scout looking for a service project at the Mission, here are some they might consider taking on:

- Donating and installing a bicycle rack at our Christian Life Center
- Donating or constructing a picnic table for our Christian Life Center
- Donating and assembling a library cart at our Family Center
- Remodeling rooms in the Mission's Family Center including painting, installing new carpet and making minor repairs

For details on these and other projects, e-mail Tammy Sharp at core@cityunionmission.org. We look forward to welcoming more young men of integrity—like Andrew, Stevie, Grant and Adam—to our volunteer team!



Stuff a Truck with Hope!

Beginning October 11 and running through October 31, City Union Mission will once again team up with **Hy-Vee** to **Stuff A Truck** and feed Kansas City's homeless and hungry! Shoppers at any of the 21 local Hy-Vee stores can purchase vouchers the Mission will use to buy grocery items **at cost** for our shelters and meals programs. In 2009, shoppers provided more than \$50,000 in vouchers, assisting the Mission in serving more than 350,000 meals to hungry people!

The Mission also needs 100 volunteers for our **Stuff A Truck** weekend. On October 22-23, City Union Mission volunteers will visit all Hy-Vee locations to thank shoppers personally for their support. If you'd like to participate, you can register online at www.cityunionmission.org.

Please join us for the fun and excitement as, together, we *stuff a truck* with hope!



Stuff A Truck Together!

- Suggest your Sunday school class meet after church to do their grocery shopping together while purchasing vouchers to feed the homeless.
- Invite your children to shop with you and to use their change to purchase vouchers to feed hungry boys and girls in their community.
- Encourage your friends to sign up with you to be **Stuff A Truck** volunteers at your neighborhood Hy-Vee store.

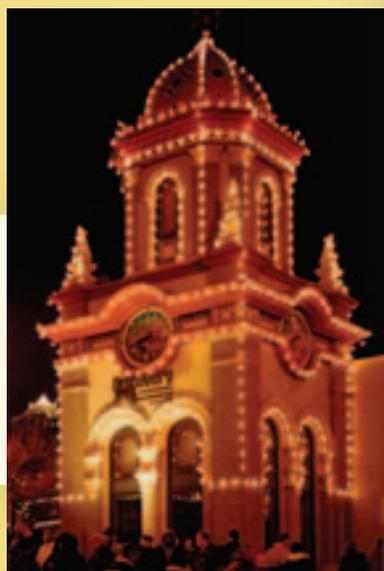
Write Us In— *City Union Mission* as Your United Way Gift Designation!

During your workplace's annual United Way fall campaign, consider directing your contributions to City Union Mission by simply writing "City Union Mission" as your designated charity. It's a simple way to help! And here's another way to boost the impact of your giving: Check with your personnel department to see if your organization matches employees' charitable contributions. That means every gift you make to the Mission will be doubled. Thank you for your ongoing financial support.



This summer, children from Covenant Chapel collected items for our summer camping programs for homeless youth.

Reserve "Plaza Lights" Christmas Cards from City Union Mission



Behind the beauty of our city—symbolized by the images on these cards—are men, women and children who struggle just to have enough to eat and a safe place to sleep, and this is one way to make a difference.

Once again, City Union Mission is offering beautiful "Plaza Lights" Christmas greeting cards—capturing the most memorable scenes from the Country Club Plaza lighting ceremony—to benefit the Mission's programs and services for the needy of our community. Each card series features eight original photographs of lighted Plaza locations, taken by Dennis Chapman, Associate Executive Director, Development. The cards are packaged flat or boxed in sets of 16 that include two of each of the eight original prints. The inside of each card can be customized with your personal greeting.

"The cards have special meaning because we're able to take a holiday tradition that has become so beloved by the community and allow it to help the less fortunate of our city," Dennis says. If you'd like to share this Kansas City tradition with your friends and loved ones while helping the homeless or poor, order online now at www.cityunionmission.org. The cards are priced at \$25 per box, plus \$5 for shipping. Thank you for sharing your compassion in such a meaningful way!

Can You Help with These Top Five Needs?

Number 5: Travel-size hygiene products like shampoo, lotion, deodorant and razors—our residents and overnight guests find these items simple luxuries!

Number 4: New socks and underwear—these are provided to our residents and overnight guests, as well as distributed to needy families and individuals at Christmas. We also give these items to the more than 1,800 kids who receive back-to-school supplies.

Number 3: Canned green beans and corn—nearly 1,200 cans each month are distributed to families in need and used in the meals we serve to the hungry and homeless.

Number 2: Toilet paper—the Mission uses approximately 6,000 rolls a month throughout our facilities, and you know how expensive TP can be in your own home!

And Our Number 1 Greatest Need Is . . .

Cash—your tax-deductible financial contributions are always greatly needed to purchase items that aren't donated, as well as meet budgeted expenses all year long.

If you or a group you're involved with would like to collect any of these items, they would be truly appreciated and may be dropped off at any one of the Mission's three Second Chance Thrift Stores. Visit www.cityunionmission.org for locations and hours.

What's Happening at the Mission?

Keep up with all the details on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, lives you've helped to change—and ways to get others involved—when you follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



Because You Gave January-June 2010

Financial Update

FY 2010 Budget (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30) **\$7,177,000.00**
Amount Raised as of 6/30/10 **\$6,354,941.18**

Daily average of homeless sleeping overnight	405
Daily average of meals served	963
Approx. number of patients seen for medical issues	4,670
Daily average of homeless attending chapel services	244
Approx. number of salvations and rededications	248