Giving Changes the Lives of the Impoverished and Homeless

A Tragic Cycle Broken

Homeless, struggling with depression and having no direction for his life, Jeremy came to City Union Mission at only 19. “I didn’t have a good relationship with my family,” he explains. So he left home after high school and began traveling around the country. He ended up at the Mission and he just loved it, “she says.  No longer trapped in a cycle of despair, “I had to change my life in order to give him the future he deserved,” Dennise says.  Dennise and Michael came to the Mission’s Family Shelter in 2009 and she successfully completed our long term life recovery program.  Today Dennise remains independent and drug-free as she exemplifies a godly life for Michael.  She’s grateful he can continue to give back.  A Tragic Cycle Broken

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Giving Changes the Lives of Our Donors

Northland Sonic Drive-In Employees Excited to Serve

At 11 years old, when Linnae Saxon was looking for a way to serve God and realize the power of giving, she had an excellent opportunity to feed the hungry and homeless through Northland Sonic Drive-In’s “Giving Changes the Lives of Our Donors” program.  The business she owns with her husband, Gary.  Since then, “Every month, one of our drive-ins selects a family in the Family Shelter, and then together we sponsor the breakfast with some extra dollars each December,” Lin says. “My administrative team puts everything together. It’s a win-win opportunity for people who take part. It’s even rewarding.” When you buy a meal and a day, someone else gets a warm breakfast and a hug, too, that you can share. “So the businesses that sponsor the families do a good deed, too. That keeps going back and forth,” she says. “We’ve appreciated the feedback from the people who take part. It’s so rewarding.”

Mission Partner Blessed by Family’s Tradition of Giving

For donor Georgia Brown, her financial support is a continuation of her family’s relationship with the Mission that began in the 1960s.  Georgia says,...
**From Dan’s Desk**

We hear a lot these days from many government-funded homeless-service organizations about ending homelessness. The programs most of these groups espouse are referred to as “Housing First” or “Rapid Rehousing.”

While City Union Mission is certainly working toward ending homelessness for many people, we aren’t at all in agreement with the concept of getting men, women or families first into homes before helping them address the issues that brought about their homelessness. We’ve seen far too many instances of people getting their own places only to lose them because of not having fully dealt with the areas of their lives that needed renovation.

Your ongoing generosity plays an integral role in allowing us to offer programs and classes that equip the families and individuals in our care to better live productive lives once they are back in a home. And because we are a Christ-centered and biblically based ministry, we share with each person the importance of a relationship with Jesus Christ and a connection with a local Bible-teaching church. This leads them to greater maturity and ability to deal with difficulties that will come in the future. Please continue to partner with us in the power of giving as we continue this vital ministry.

For His glory,

Rev. Daniel J. Doty, Executive Director

**Let’s Sack Hunger!**

Of all the challenges faced by our hurting neighbors, hunger is one you can do something about right now. City Union Mission invites you and other compassionate friends to be part of the power of giving—and let’s sack hunger here in Kansas City!

Throughout the month of September, we’re encouraging our financial partners to make an extra gift to relieve hunger and bring hope to those who are suffering in our community. It costs the Mission about $1.90 to provide a wholesome meal for a hungry person. That includes the food we serve in our dining room to our shelter residents and guests, the pantry sacks and food boxes we offer to hungry families and the meals we provide during our summer camping programs and holiday activities. Our cost per meal is low because much of our food is donated. For as little as $19.00 you can feed and care for 10 individuals—$38.00 will provide food and hope for 20! Your donation of any amount will be used to nourish the homeless physically, spiritually, emotionally and educationally.

Simply send your special donation along with the reply device in this newsletter, or donate online at www.cityunionmission.org. Give today—and together we’ll sack hunger in our community!

**Serving Our Community for 89 Years**

On September 15, the Mission celebrates 89 years of bringing God’s hope to the homeless and hurting of Kansas City. You can honor the work and dedication of our staff, volunteers and supporters, and the individuals who have been empowered to change their lives—by sending a special gift of $89 in the enclosed envelope. Or give online at www.cityunionmission.org.

God bless you for your continued partnership in the years ahead!

**Hunger is Increasing in Our Community**

Number of meals the Mission served in:

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**Only 117 Days Until Christmas!**

Whether or not you’ve started your Christmas shopping, City Union Mission is planning now for the thousands of gifts we’ll provide for our guests and for near-homeless families in the metro area. While we’re always blessed to receive thousands of donated items from friends like you, we must still purchase more to meet the specific needs of our impoverished neighbors. This year we have the opportunity to purchase many of the items on our list—things like coffee pots, watches and toys—at significantly discounted prices. By making a donation to the Mission to help purchase these gifts in bulk, your dollars will stretch farther than if you bought them on your own.

Although Christmas is still weeks away, your donation today will allow us to be the best stewards of our resources as we buy gifts to ease burdens and bring joy to hurting men, women and children.

**Write Us In**

During your workplace’s annual United Way fall campaign, you can harness the power of giving by directing your contributions to the Mission. It’s as easy as checking the box on the reply device in this newsletter, or donating online at www.cityunionmission.org. Give today—and together we’ll be the best stewards of our resources as we buy gifts to ease burdens and bring joy to hurting men, women and children. Thank you for writing us in!

**Because You Gave January–June 2013**

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**Financial Update**

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