What About the Rest?

On any given night, 42 percent of the people in the Mission’s shelters are homeless for the very first time. It’s a statistic that underscores the tragedy of homelessness in our community. But what about the other 58 percent—the mom, women and children for whom homelessness has become predominant in their lives, if not the only life they know? Like the man you see huddled in blankets under the bridge at night . . . then standing on the corner with his cardboard sign during morning traffic. His story might go like this:

He doesn’t have a home because he can’t get a job that pays enough to cover rent. He didn’t understand the importance of education and dropped out of high school. His mother was always a Reformer. She had him when she was 16 and relied on government assistance to get by.

His story might go like this:

It was me.

Sharon’s tragic story doesn’t end here. Women Who’ve Changed the Heart of the City

Wednesday, April 16

Sheraton Crown Center Hotel
www.womenwhochange.org

Mark Your Calendar

Visit our website at www.cityunionmission.org for details about these upcoming events, including registration information.

Easter Sunday Breakfast

7:00 A.M. AT MEN’S SHELTER

Women Who’ve Changed the Heart of the City Luncheon

10:00 A.M. AT CROWN CENTER HOTEL

Bikers with a Mission Run for the Homeless Benefit Ride

11:45 A.M. AT MEN’S SHELTER

Alexander Road Baptist Church

Camp CINCITY

5:00 P.M. ON AUGUST 3

Marvin, Missouri

City

JUNE 3 THROUGH AUGUST 5

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City Union Mission is grateful to Global Prairie, its team members and partners for their resources to compile 50 toiletry bags valued at approximately $2,000.

Nearly 30 Global Prairie team members and their families and friends pooled their resources to create 50 toiletry bags valued at approximately $2,000.

Employee Rick and Jamie Thaemert donated almost as many as 50 sleeping bags. Nearly $6,000 in cash and 125 gift items were donated by the company and the employees themselves, and the company also recruited corporate partners who donated material gifts and cash. These donations of time, funds and material goods enabled the Mission to give away an additional 80 gift packages to 135 families who otherwise may have had no Christmas at all.

The Mission is grateful to Global Prairie, its team members and partners for their outstanding efforts to make sure no family was forgotten at the holidays.

Remembering Adele Hall

City Union Mission remembers Adele Hall, who was honored for her tireless leadership and philanthropy at the Mission’s Women Who Changed the Heart of the City Luncheon in 2009. We’re truly grateful for her support of our work on behalf of the homeless and for her enthusiastic efforts in a champion for this year’s event. Our prayers and condolences are with her family.
A Message from Executive Director Rev. Daniel J. Doty

Thanks for Your Compassion Kansas City!

It’s certainly a celebration of hope here at City Union Mission! Through Kansas City’s outpouring of generosity, our 2013 Celebrate Hope: Reach Out to K.C’s Poor and Homeless fundraising campaign reached its $5 million goal!

I’m so deeply grateful for the commitment this community has made to caring for our fellow citizens. Your support of this campaign and the Mission’s comprehensive outreach of programs and services demonstrates your heartfelt compassion for those who are homeless or struggling to provide for their families. And the need has never been greater. A recent survey of cities across the country shows hunger and homelessness continue to increase. That trend is certainly being reflected right here in Kansas City, as what we used to consider a spike in the number of people we’re sheltering on any given night is no longer the exception but the norm.

Yet with this community behind us, and trusting God’s guidance, I have faith in the Mission’s ability to care for “the least of these.” Thank you again for your partnership. Please continue to remember the Mission and those we serve with your gifts and prayers.

Daniel J. Doty


2012 Services at a Glance
- 256,814 meals served
- 156,374 beds provided
- 698 decisions for Christ
- 6,082 people requested shelter through the Hotline for the Homeless
- 470 kids attended Camp CUMCITO
- 168 kids attended City Camp
- 9,057 patient visits at Medical Services

Give With Confidence!

City Union Mission is a member in good standing of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (www.ecfa.org). ECFA is an accreditation agency dedicated to helping Christian ministries earn the public’s trust through adherence to seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship.

City Union Mission is a certified excellent member of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (www.agrm.org). The AGRM exists to proclaim the passion of Jesus toward the hungry, homeless, abused and addicted, and to accelerate quality and effectiveness in member missions.

City Union Mission is a Kansas City Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity, providing documentation that our ministry meets basic standards in how we govern our organization, in the ways we spend our money, in the truthfulness of our representations, and in our willingness to disclose basic information to the public.

Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org) has recognized City Union Mission as a 4-star charity, the highest rating given by the organization. Charity Navigator examines how responsibly a charity functions day-to-day and how it is positioned to sustain its programs over time.

To learn more about making charitable contributions to City Union Mission, please visit www.cityunionmission.org or contact Dennis Chapman, Chief Development Officer, at (816) 474-9380, ext. 1476 or Dennis.Chapman@cityunionmission.org.

Thank you for standing alongside us as we bring hope to the hungry and homeless of Kansas City.