

The Light

What if it were you?



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Person on a corner with a sign in hand,

Imagine what it's like in those shoes to stand.

What if it were you? What if it were me?

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It Was Me

"It seems weird that I would end up in a Mission," says 60-year-old Sharon, a resident of our New Life Program. "Even if you don't have addictions, you can end up needing help. Starting over is scary, especially at this age."

It happened fast. One day Sharon was diagnosed with macular degeneration and soon she wasn't able to do her job. She left and began looking for work she could manage. "But I didn't think about 'what if,'" she says. "The timing was bad and there weren't that many jobs available. I lost my car. I started getting notices to leave my apartment. I realized I had to decide what I was going to pack. I just couldn't picture myself on the streets . . . carrying my belongings on my shoulder . . . worrying about winter."

Then she remembered City Union Mission's Hotline for the Homeless. "I had called a month earlier to get information, hoping I would never have to use it. Now I did."

Sharon's tragic story doesn't end here.

Read about her journey from homelessness to hope at www.cityunionmission.org.



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 men, 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 education was important and dropped out of high school. His mother was also a dropout. She had him when she was 16 and relied on government assistance to get by. There were no role models in his life to teach him any differently. The only "father figures" he recalls were his mother's boyfriends who gave him a beer or two so he'd go away. He never knew love and learned to fend for himself. Today that means living on the streets. He'll tell you his childhood was "normal" because this is the only life he has ever known.

It's a life that's hard to comprehend if you didn't grow up that way yourself. Your partnership with the Mission takes on even greater meaning as you give to help others whose lives are much different from your own. Thank you for providing your neighbors with the opportunity to break free from the bonds of poverty and homelessness.

"Thank you for making Christmas possible for me and my family."

—Sam, Talon and Ivy

Thanks, Global Prairie, for Making Sure No Family is Forgotten

City Union Mission's *No Family Forgotten* initiative provides gifts for low-income and working-poor families who need holiday assistance but inquire after the Mission's Christmas Store has closed. This past Christmas, the program was enthusiastically "adopted" by **Global Prairie**, a local marketing communications company.

Nearly 30 Global Prairie team members and their families and friends pooled their resources to compile 50 toiletry bags valued at approximately \$2,000. Employees Rick and Jamie Thaumert donated 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 822 gifts to 115 families who otherwise may have had no Christmas at all.

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



Women Who've Changed the Heart of the City

A benefit luncheon for the Mission's services to homeless and underprivileged women and families
Tuesday, April 16
Sheraton Crown Center Hotel
Visit www.womenwhochange.org for event and registration details.

Our 2013 Honorees



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SuEllen Fried

Ms. SuEllen Fried is the founder of BullySafeUSA, through which she serves as an international speaker and workshop leader on the critical issues of child abuse and bullying. She co-authored three books on these subjects and has appeared on "Good Morning America" and the "Today" show and was featured in an A&E documentary, "Bullied to Death."

Dr. Grace Ketterman

Dr. Grace Ketterman has been helping troubled families for over 50 years. She served as director of the Crittenton Children's Center in Kansas City, Mo., which offers behavioral health care for children, adolescents and their families. In private practice she consults with school districts in the Kansas City area and is a respected author and speaker.

Sister Vickie Perkins

Sister Vickie Perkins was the founding president of Cristo Rey Kansas City High School, which provides a college prep education enhanced by a corporate work-study program. Her extensive background in education includes the roles of teacher, principal, superintendent of schools, executive director of a children's home, and with the Catholic Education Foundation in Kansas City, Kan.

Remembering Adele Hall

City Union Mission remembers Adele Hall, who was honored for her legacy of 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 as a chairperson for this year's event. Our prayers and condolences are with her family.

Mark Your Calendar

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

Easter Sunday Breakfast

MARCH 31 • 7:15 A.M. • MEN'S SHELTER

Women Who've Changed the Heart of the City Luncheon

APRIL 16 • 11:00 A.M. • SHERATON CROWN CENTER HOTEL

Bikers with a Mission Run for the Homeless Benefit Ride

MAY 5 • 9:00 A.M. • MEN'S SHELTER

Christian Life Program Graduation

MAY 14 • 6:30 P.M.

New Life Program Graduation

MAY 21 • 6:30 P.M.
LENEXA BAPTIST CHURCH

Camp CUMCITO

JUNE 24 THROUGH AUGUST 3
WARSAW, MISSOURI

City Camp

JUNE 3 THROUGH AUGUST 9
VANDERBERG YOUTH CENTER



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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

State of the Mission: 2012 Annual Report

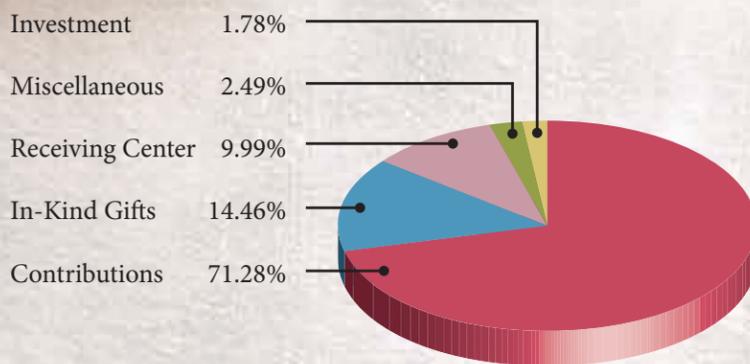
Total Annual Revenue (Including Bequests)

FY 2012: \$11,889,878
FY 2011: \$10,826,126*
 *An additional \$206,906 in revenue was received for the *Building the Walls that Rebuild Lives* capital campaign.

FY 2010: \$10,859,184*
 *An additional \$168,274 in revenue was received for the *Building the Walls that Rebuild Lives* capital campaign.

Revenue and expense analysis collected in an independent audit by Clifton Gunderson LLP. Visit www.cityunionmission.org for complete 2012 ministry statistics and audited financial statements.

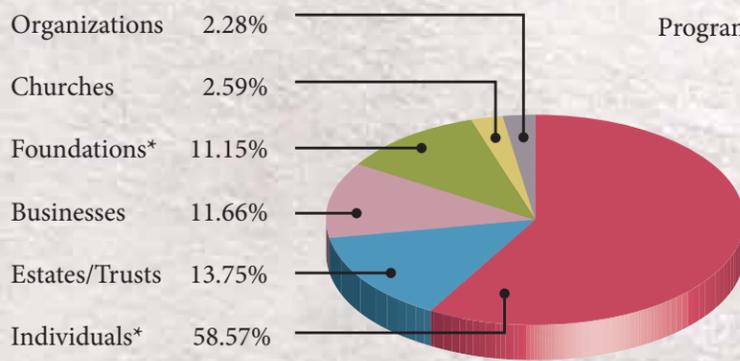
Ministry Income



2012 Services at a Glance

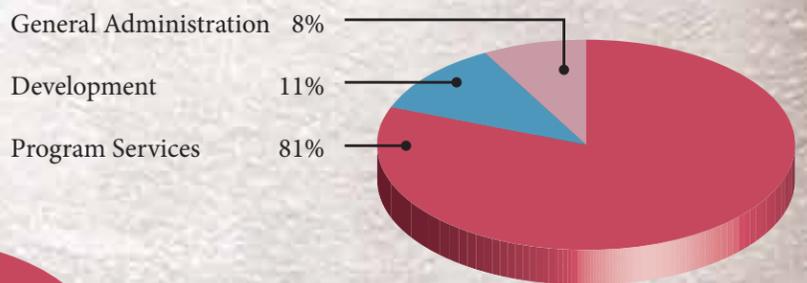
256,814 meals served
156,374 beds provided
698 decisions for Christ
6,082 people requested shelter through the Hotline for the Homeless
470 kids attended Camp CUMCITO
168 kids attended City Camp
9,057 patient visits at Medical Services

Funding Sources



*Donor advised funds are now being reported as foundations instead of individuals.

Ministry Expenses



City Union Mission serving people in need, Building up the strength of our community. What if it were you? What if it were me?

See the entire lyrics from Jennifer Large's new song at www.cityunionmission.org.

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.