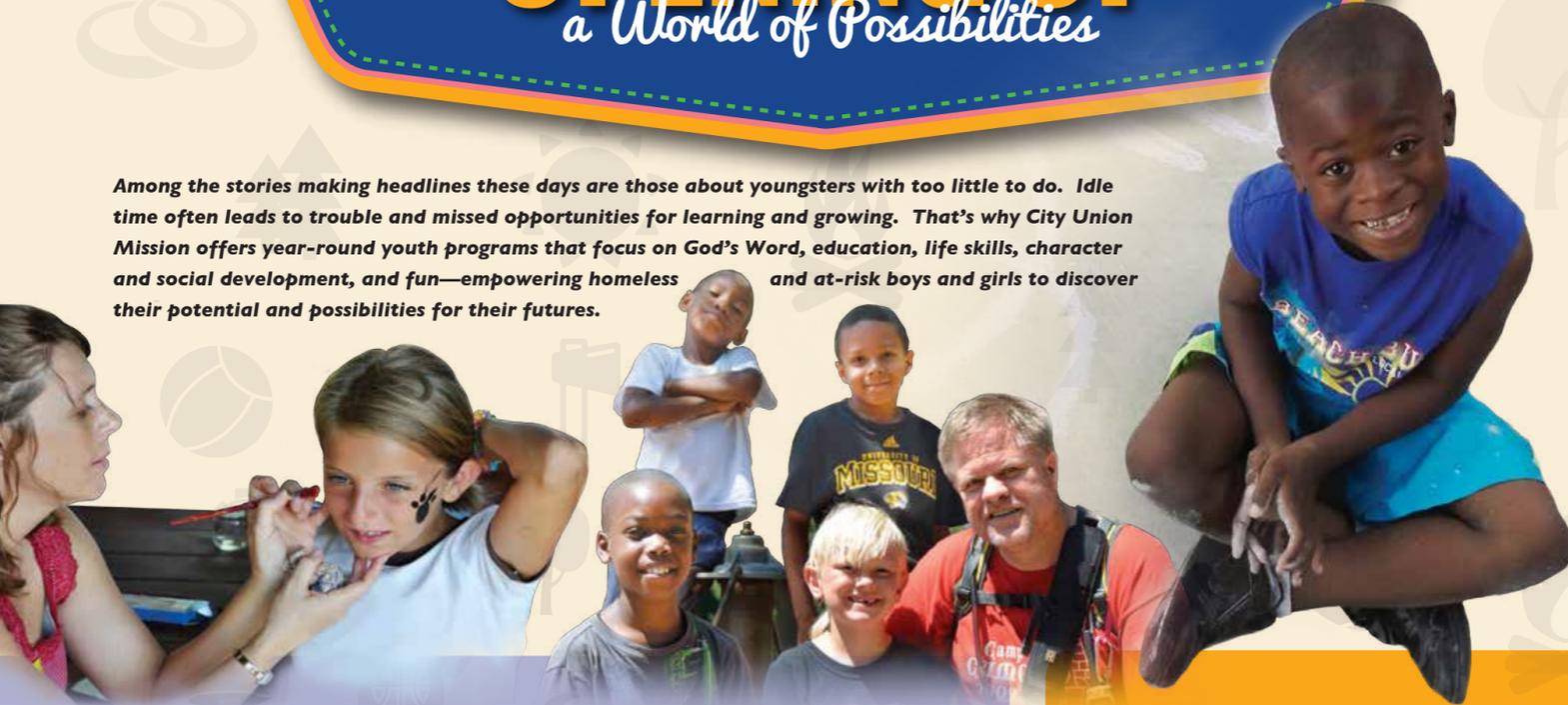


TODAY'S CHILDREN
Tomorrow's Possibilities

OPENING UP *a World of Possibilities*

Among the stories making headlines these days are those about youngsters with too little to do. Idle time often leads to trouble and missed opportunities for learning and growing. That's why City Union Mission offers year-round youth programs that focus on God's Word, education, life skills, character and social development, and fun—empowering homeless and at-risk boys and girls to discover their potential and possibilities for their futures.



City Camp

LAST SUMMER 11-YEAR-OLD AMANIYA moved to Kansas City from Chicago, where she often felt unloved and received little of the direction young girls her age need. She came to live with her grandparents who were determined to provide her with stability, consistency and a brighter future. Part of their plan was to involve Amaniya in the Mission's youth programs—starting with our City Camp.

The 10-week day camp is designed to give urban youngsters a safe and constructive alternative to spending summer days on the streets.

- Bible studies and devotions
- Field trips
- Arts and crafts
- Community service projects
- Activities that enhance academic skills
- Breakfast, lunch and wholesome snacks

"Every day Amaniya seemed to come in looking for a fight . . . totally defiant," says Kalie George, assistant administrator of youth programs. "We came up with songs and actions to help her get control of her emotions, and day-by-day she started to let go of her anger. By the end of City Camp, she was even starting to greet us counselors with a hug!"

"We went to Bump City—with trampolines and a foam pit and rock climbing. It was my first time doing anything like that!" —Amaniya

Camp CUMCITO

AMANIYA'S TRANSFORMATION CONTINUED during the week she spent at our Camp CUMCITO. Near Warsaw in the Missouri Ozarks, the peaceful surroundings offer youngsters an escape from their daily environment. Shady trees. A pretty, blue lake. Bright stars. It's easy to see God's handiwork and feel His abundant love. Our counselors model His love, too, in their every word and action as they lead young campers in songs and Bible studies, arts and crafts, swimming and canoeing, and lots of other fun and wholesome activities. They also help campers like Amaniya work through the concerns of their hearts, introduce them to the possibilities of their futures and encourage them to believe in themselves.

"Thank you for the swimming pool because I love to swim. I love to go to chapel because I get to learn about God and Jesus." —Angelica, age 9

DID YOU KNOW?

13,761
Youngsters enjoyed 13,761 nutritious meals at our Camp CUMCITO, City Camp and Vanderberg Youth Center.

59
Inspired by our year-round Christ-centered youth programs, 59 boys and girls dedicated their lives to the Lord.

43,121
Loving volunteers devoted 43,121 hours of time to children in our three youth programs.

650
Up to 650 boys and girls, ages 4 through 16, will experience a week at Camp CUMCITO this summer.

100
This year, we expect 100 boys and girls to attend our summer-long City Camp.

55
The Mission connects with as many as 55 youngsters in after-school programs all through the year.

Vanderberg Youth Center

SUMMER WASN'T THE END FOR AMANIYA. She attends our after-school programs and we were able to connect with her charter-school teachers to see where she was struggling—reading and math—and work with her in those areas.

In addition to our after-school care and tutoring programs, we offer:

- **Saturday Rec Group** and **Outreach Open Gym** to offer kids the opportunity to just be kids, with games, devotions and crafts
- **Children and Teen's Chapel** and **Bible Club** to equip boys and girls with God's Word as a foundation for life

Amaniya's involvement with our programs continues to impact her behavior and demeanor in a positive way. "I've had so many kind mentors in my life," says her Camp CUMCITO counselor,

Samantha Stayton, who keeps in touch with her and other campers throughout the year. "I hope I remind them of all the people who love them," she says. Amaniya's grandmother is grateful for the peace of mind our programs give her as well. "I know where she is when I'm working—she has something constructive to do after school. And she's really beginning to open up. Anything is possible if you just have faith."

Please pray daily for all the boys and girls in our youth programs, as well as our staff and volunteers. We need scores of volunteers to provide youngsters with opportunities to play safely, discover their talents and potential, and learn about the Lord. Visit www.cityunionmission.org to learn more.

"Thank you for the Vanderberg Youth Center and everything inside of it." — Jasmine, age 11

37
Field trips to 37 parks, museums and other locations helped youngsters learn about the world beyond their neighborhoods.

SPONSOR A CAMPER

and Imagine the Possibilities!

Hundreds of boys and girls are looking forward to the possibilities that await them at our City Camp and Camp CUMCITO. Because their families often struggle to make ends meet, we charge only a \$5 registration fee for each child who attends Camp CUMCITO—the total cost is \$484 for one week. A week at City Camp costs \$56.25. Those amounts cover meals and snacks, arts and crafts supplies—everything needed for a safe and life-changing experience. We rely on friends like you to give deserving youngsters this experience of unending possibilities. Please consider sponsoring one or more children with a gift of:

- \$484 to cover a week of Camp CUMCITO for one boy or girl
- \$242 to help with three days of residential camp
- \$56.25 to cover a week of City Camp for one boy or girl
- \$25 to complete other sponsorship gifts at either camp

Please send your contribution today in the envelope provided. A youngster like Amaniya will be so grateful that you care!

Millions!

Millions of smiles and tons of giggles were generated throughout the season.



From Dan's Desk

Perhaps the most important thing we offer children in our youth programs is possibilities. We want boys and girls to realize the world is open to them. They're not locked into a life of poverty and need. They can change the course their families may have followed for generations.

When we help a child do better in school, discover a special talent or skill, make wise choices, manage challenging relationships, and follow God's Word, we're giving them tools to not only change their own expectations and behaviors, but to influence their families by their own transformations. In turn, the fabric of our entire community grows stronger. God bless you for caring about Kansas City's kids by supporting our youth programs.

Rev. Daniel J. Doty, Executive Director

ANNUAL EVENT BENEFITS

Kansas City's Homeless Families

SuEllen Fried, Dr. Grace Ketterman and Sister Vickie Perkins were celebrated as the 2013 distinguished honorees at City Union Mission's sixth annual **Women Who've Changed the Heart of the City** luncheon on April 16. More than 750 attended the event at the Sheraton Crown Center Hotel benefitting the Mission's programs and services to uplift homeless women and families.

For the past five years, **Women Who've Changed the Heart of the City** has been named one of the top five luncheon events in Kansas City based on net dollars raised. In 2012 it was ranked number two!

City Union Mission Chief Development Officer Dennis Chapman, former Board Member Binny Pearce and Executive Director Dan Doty (back row, left to right) are grateful for the dedication to children and families shared by this year's honorees—Dr. Grace Ketterman, Sister Vickie Perkins and SuEllen Fried (front row, left to right).



Mistress of Ceremonies Elizabeth Alex addresses the audience at the 2013 **Women Who've Changed the Heart of the City** luncheon.

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So Many Ways To MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS!

From financial giving to buying online, the list is nearly endless when it comes to the number of opportunities to partner with us in extending our outreach to Kansas City's homeless and poor.

- **Cash giving** is always needed and appreciated.
- **If your company matches employees' gifts**, your contributions to the Mission will have twice the impact!
- **Noncash assets like jewelry, antiques and collectibles** donated to the Mission will support our programs and services.
- **"Like" the Mission on Facebook** and share us with your friends who want to help too.
- Invite a **representative from the Mission to speak** with your group about serving the homeless in Kansas City.
- **Donate points you've earned toward airfare and hotel stays**, lowering our costs for training and conferences.
- **Request copies of our new brochure** to place in your church or business lobby.
- Purchase items from our **wish list on Amazon.com**.
- **Pray daily** for our staff, volunteers, donors, friends like you and all those we serve.

For information on these and other ways to get involved, visit www.cityunionmission.org.



RIDE THROUGH HISTORY

The Fabric of Our City

Scan the QR code to join Executive Director Dan Doty on a ride through history and support his efforts to raise funds for the Mission's Medical Services.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Visit www.cityunionmission.org for details about these upcoming events.



Camp CUMCITO

June 24 through August 3
Warsaw, Missouri



City Camp

June 3 through August 9
Vanderberg Youth Center

Because You Gave

January—March 2013

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| Daily average of homeless sleeping overnight | 467 |
| Daily average of meals served | 759 |
| Approx. number of patients seen for medical issues | 2,404 |
| Daily average of homeless attending chapel services | 298 |
| Approx. number of salvations and rededications | 167 |

Financial Update

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| FY 2012 Budget (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30) | \$10,000,048 |
| Amount Raised as of 4/18/13 | \$7,443,057 |

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