Our theme this issue, Building Bridges... Touching Hearts, reminds me of the classic Fanny Crosby hymn, “Rescue the Perishing,” written as a reflection of her Rescue Mission work in New York City. A verse from that hymn was also the original inspiration for those of us who are broken—singers and songwriters included—wonder who will pick up the melody and continue the song. “Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness grace can restore; we see on a daily basis individuals ‘come to life’ as the bridges of kindness, compassion, love, hope, and life-skills classes—and so much more—go into the daily routines of those God has entrusted in our care. It is nothing less than miraculous to see someone who was once considered (or considered themselves) hopeless, awakened to ‘hopefulness’ because of a genuine love and care.”

It’s now been over 90 years since Daryl Bailey was moved to tears of action to begin this ministry. He saw not only the overwhelming need of homeless men, women, and children, but also knew what could happen in those lives when their hearts were truly touched by the kinships of Christians and the love of God. Though time has moved on, the needs of human beings remain the same. Therefore, it’s God’s call to be a Bridge Builder. We need you to come alongside us as we care for homeless men in Jesus’ Name. I’m so grateful for your continued partnership and prayers.

For His glory,
Rev. Daniel J. Doty
Executive Director

Executive Director Daniel J. Doty and Mission staff, volunteers and donors offer bridges to new opportunities for men and women working hard to rebuild their lives.

A Bridge to Physical Health
Well-balanced, nutritious meals ease the hunger of our shelter guests and managing directors offer one-on-one support and guidance, as well as referrals to mental health evaluations if necessary. Residents of our recovery programs are uplifted by fellowship with one another as they complete the hard work of rebuilding their lives.

A Bridge to Emotional Well-Being
Helping uplifting photons are welcomed and acknowledged by our compassionate staff and volunteers, and throughout their stay, counselors and care managers offer one-on-one support and guidance, as well as referrals to mental health evaluations if necessary. Residents of our recovery programs are uplifted by fellowship with one another as they complete the hard work of rebuilding their lives.

A Bridge to Educational Advancement
Through chapel services, Bible studies and fellowship with local church congregations, men and women grow in their relationship with the Lord, which provides a foundation for lasting change. Courses in our long-term life-recovery programs are Bible-based and reinforce Christian values.

A Bridge to Spiritual Wholeness
When Garrick’s car broke down, he couldn’t get to work. So he lost his job and then his apartment. “I’m penniless, clothesless and homeless,” he said, when he came to the Mission’s emergency shelter. But it wasn’t the first time he’d lost everything. In his last house, the lack of education and struggle with drug and alcohol abuse had prevented him from leading a stable life. “This time I was broke,” he explained.

Garrick had become severely depressed and was experiencing blackouts that he feared would lead to deaths. “I told my wife, ‘I’m just so awful, and what she said I didn’t want to change. I had to change myself.” After learning about the opportunities for transformation offered through our long-term Christian Life Program, he decided to join.

“I gave my drinking to God,” he says. “Through my work-therapy assignment I’m learning to be accountable and have a sober life with sober people. Being sober isn’t something you’re just taught to be. You have to really want to pray and let God work in your life.”

It wasn’t for the Mission, Garrick mentioned, he would be dying on the sidewalks. “Coming to the Mission has given me hope to live by the rules he explained. And in doing so he is looking for a relationship with Jesus Christ. For his life—steady employment, a home and maybe even marriage someday—”Whatever the Lord wants to be done, I believe it’s good,” he says.

A God-Filled New Beginning
“It’s not easy becoming a new person,” says Malika, a participant in our New Beginnings Covenant (NBC), which prepares students to enter our long-term New Life Programs. “Fame at 26—and as a mother of three children grown children with babies of their own—the struggles to set appropriate boundaries for her life, which permitted her to move on. Malika knows God wants her to be there. ‘I have always allowed others to me, she explains,’ ‘But what I was no longer needed, I was discarded.’ The Mission is helping me to evaluate my actions and behaviors and to strengthen my relationship with the Lord,” she says.

Malika draws inspiration for her transformation from other women in the program. “If they can do it, I can do it, she shares. They provide the guidance and support to Malika for a new beginning. It is a place where the Lord can lift you out of your heart. If you need to talk or cry, they’re here for you—never alone. They mean so much to me in every aspect of your life. They make this place feel like a home.”

Connecting to Our Community
The Mission is grateful for these partners and many others who serve as “bridges” to the comprehensive services homeless and struggling individuals need to become healthy, independent and contributing members of their communities.

• Swep Health Services collaborates with the Mission’s medical team to provide maleusher services to mentally disabled, emotionally disturbed and pharmacological services.

• Dr. L. Holmes and the KEMC School of Dentistry—along with other area dentists—offer dental services ranging from emergency extractions to fillings and dentures.

• Truman Medical Center offers emergency room services, specialist consultations, lab and pharmacy services, social workers and a host of other vital health-related partnerships.

• The Kansas City Department of Public Health provides educational information and immunization services to Mission residents and guests.

• Dr. F. Church and students at the University of Medicine and Biosciences provide dental services to Mission guests with medical, mental-health, immunization and pharmaceutical services.

• Dr. L. Holmes and the KEMC School of Dentistry—along with other area dentists—offer dental services ranging from emergency extractions to fillings and dentures.

• Truman Medical Center offers emergency room services, specialist consultations, lab and pharmacy services, social workers and a host of other vital health-related partnerships.

• The Kansas City Department of Public Health provides educational information and immunization services to Mission residents and guests.

• Dr. F. Church and students at the University of Medicine and Biosciences provide dental services to Mission guests with medical, mental-health, immunization and pharmaceutical services.

• Dr. L. Holmes and the KEMC School of Dentistry—along with other area dentists—offer dental services ranging from emergency extractions to fillings and dentures.

• Truman Medical Center offers emergency room services, specialist consultations, lab and pharmacy services, social workers and a host of other vital health-related partnerships.

• The Kansas City Department of Public Health provides educational information and immunization services to Mission residents and guests.

• Dr. F. Church and students at the University of Medicine and Biosciences provide dental services to Mission guests with medical, mental-health, immunization and pharmaceutical services.

• Dr. L. Holmes and the KEMC School of Dentistry—along with other area dentists—offer dental services ranging from emergency extractions to fillings and dentures.

• Truman Medical Center offers emergency room services, specialist consultations, lab and pharmacy services, social workers and a host of other vital health-related partnerships.

• The Kansas City Department of Public Health provides educational information and immunization services to Mission residents and guests.

• Dr. F. Church and students at the University of Medicine and Biosciences provide dental services to Mission guests with medical, mental-health, immunization and pharmaceutical services.

• Dr. L. Holmes and the KEMC School of Dentistry—along with other area dentists—offer dental services ranging from emergency extractions to fillings and dentures.

• Truman Medical Center offers emergency room services, specialist consultations, lab and pharmacy services, social workers and a host of other vital health-related partnerships.

• The Kansas City Department of Public Health provides educational information and immunization services to Mission residents and guests.

• Dr. F. Church and students at the University of Medicine and Biosciences provide dental services to Mission guests with medical, mental-health, immunization and pharmaceutical services.

• Dr. L. Holmes and the KEMC School of Dentistry—along with other area dentists—offer dental services ranging from emergency extractions to fillings and dentures.

• Truman Medical Center offers emergency room services, specialist consultations, lab and pharmacy services, social workers and a host of other vital health-related partnerships.

• The Kansas City Department of Public Health provides educational information and immunization services to Mission residents and guests.

• Dr. F. Church and students at the University of Medicine and Biosciences provide dental services to Mission guests with medical, mental-health, immunization and pharmaceutical services.
Work has begun on our new Multipurpose Center at Camp CUMCITO, which will enhance the summer camping experience for hundreds of inner-city children and families and offer opportunities for additional activities to be held at the site year-round.

Can You Benefit from Tax Credits?
City Union Mission offers Missouri’s Affordable Housing Assistance Program (AHAP) tax credits to donors on a first-come, first-served basis. They are available to those who have a Missouri business tax liability and who donate gifts of $5,000 or more designated to the new Multipurpose Center or the Mission’s utilities expenses. To learn more, contact Dennis Chapman at dennis.chapman@cityunionmission.org or (816) 474-9380, ext. 1476, or Calvin Caylor at calvin.caylor@cityunionmission.org or (816) 474-9380, ext. 1475.

Consider Charitable Gift Annuities
As interest rates remain much lower than desirable, many retirees wonder about the wisdom of leaving cash in CDs. At the same time they are looking for something that will allow them to “make a mark” on the world. A charitable gift annuity enables men and women to receive an enhanced and guaranteed income for the rest of their lives, while benefiting their favorite charity. If you would like more information about this practical financial tool, contact Calvin Caylor at calvin.caylor@cityunionmission.org or (816) 474-9380, ext. 1475.

Help Us Reach Our $5.5 Million Goal by January 31!

Your City. Your Mission. Your Campaign!
City Union Mission encourages individual, church and business partners to share your passion for the Mission and your concern for our neighbors in need by creating your own social media campaign in support of City Union Mission. Visit our website to learn how...

Thank You!
We’re grateful for these local businesses and organizations that supported the Mission as sponsors of our 90th anniversary events:
- Lynda Randall in Concert with Land & Hildebrand
- Bott Radio Network
- Carter Broadcast Group
- Life 88.5
- Inspired Occasions
- Al Newell Volunteer Management Seminar
- Bott Radio Network
- Panera Bread
- Olive Garden
- Krispy Kreme
- QuickTrip
- Grandma’s Catering
- Graceway

Your Hands Can Build Bridges and Touch Hearts
The Mission can’t build bridges alone. We rely on the compassion of our friends and partners to provide a foundation of support for our comprehensive curriculum of programs and services. Here’s how you can help the Mission build bridges and touch the hearts of thousands of homeless men, women and children every year:
- Pray—Be a bridge from the Mission to God, taking to Him in prayer our need for financial support, for guidance to meet the growing challenges of our city, and most especially for His blessing on the men, women and children in our care.
- Volunteer—Touch hearts in very personal and meaningful ways through our many volunteer opportunities. Individuals and groups of all kinds and ages are invited to get involved on the frontlines of our ministry.
- Share—Be a bridge from the Mission to the community by sharing our needs, volunteer opportunities and stories of transformation with your friends, coworkers and church groups. Follow us on Facebook and Tweet Mission updates to your social network.
- Give—Your gifts can take many forms, from simple cash donations (what we need most) to contributions of stocks and bonds, company inventory, collectibles and automobiles. Regardless of the kind or size, every gift helps build bridges and transform hearts.

Financial Update:
$10,682,751.00

Amount Raised (As of Dec. 8, 2014)
$2,218,053.72

Your Compassion by the Numbers
January–November 2014

- Meals Served (daily avg.): 730
- Homeless Sleeping Overnight (daily avg.): 444
- Patients Seen (for medical issues): 2,809
- Chapel Service Attendance (daily avg.): 276
- Salutations and Rededications: 550

Your campaign is about...