Dear Friend,

I personally love the holiday times that are nearly here again! Even with the hectic pace, we long for the family times and accompanying joy that come with these celebrations. At City Union Mission we also find that most of those we care for during these days have joyous memories of Thanksgiving and Christmas past, when life was “easier.”

Every year I find a pre-holiday time to ask the men, women and families staying in our shelters a question that is meant to help us minister to them and give them a reason to have joy. The question is: “Will this Thanksgiving (or Christmas) be a better time than in the past, or a harder time?” Sometimes a response will be based on childhood (the last positive holiday memory) and other times it will be remembering a year ago. Many will say that this year, in a shelter with loving staff and their needs taken care of, will be the best holiday in many years. Others will honestly answer that this year will be the hardest. Our staff and volunteers then help turn a very low time into one through which clients can find real joy—coming to know Jesus or learning to trust Him through the difficulties of life.

I think of a recent graduate of our Christian Life Program. Jesse was in so many group homes and foster homes after leaving a completely dysfunctional home that he truly never knew what joy was until coming to know Jesus while at the Mission. His smile is contagious when he talks about that new relationship.

The pages of this newsletter will describe how, through your financial gifts, volunteer participation and compassionate prayers, you can bring joy to people like Jesse this holiday season and beyond. Your partnership truly brings joy to my heart as well. God bless you.

For His glory,

Rev. Daniel J. Doty
Executive Director

Executive Director Dan Doty takes great pleasure in experiencing the joy of the holiday season with his grandson.
Several years ago, Deonnah lost her job and was evicted from her home. She came to City Union Mission, where she received the assistance she needed to get back on her feet. When she and her family found themselves in transition and homeless earlier this year, she knew where to turn. “I needed a place where I could reconnect with God while we found a place to live,” she says. “The Mission helped my family with a place to sleep, to nourish our bodies and to worship God,” she shares.

Today, through programs at our Community Assistance Center, we continue to offer the support she needs to maintain her stability and independence. “It’s helpful to talk with someone about the issues in my life—to go to them for advice, as well as food and clothing,” she says. She also attends our Ladies Bible Study and is inspired by the teachings. “It feels good to know that someone loves me enough to explain how much God loves me!” she says.

This holiday season Deonnah and her family will be part of our Mission: Christmas 2016. They’ll shop for gifts at our Christmas Store, share a holiday meal and celebrate the joy that Christ’s birth brings to their lives. “I would recommend to anyone who is struggling with everyday life or wondering what God’s promise may be to try the Mission,” she says. “They can help you with any situation you may be going through.”
Ensure our shelves are stocked and ready for the first excited shoppers when our Christmas Store opens November 28. We need donations of the items listed on these pages to provide for our residents and struggling neighbors. Please purchase the items you wish to donate and deliver them to one of the locations to the right. Our goal is to have the store stocked with at least two to three days of merchandise by November 18.

STOCK OUR SHELVES BY NOVEMBER 18!

Beginning November 14 we will be accepting your donations at our . . .

Christmas Store
1700 E. 8th Street • Kansas City, Missouri
weekdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
or at our . . .

Family Center
1310 Wabash • Kansas City, Missouri
after 4:00 p.m. weekdays, anytime during weekends

Compassion in Action

In addition to making financial contributions to our Mission: Christmas outreach, the leadership team and associates from Safelite AutoGlass have assisted the guests and neighbors shopping in our Christmas Store, as well as wrapped and delivered gifts, totaling hundreds of volunteer hours.

Market Dispatcher Angela Stubbs from the Safelite leadership team recounts the story told to her by a woman she met while volunteering in our store. “Her husband was a paraplegic, and her son was killed in Chicago, which obligated her to drive there to pick up his child to care for along with her other children,” Angela says. “The woman began to cry as she shared how she was unable to afford Christmas. She was grateful for City Union Mission’s Mission: Christmas.”

Thank you to the Safelite leadership team—Angela Stubbs, Laura Bascue, Darla Hart, Jeremy Gale, Matt Hall and Jami Irwin—and associates for your compassionate partnership!

GIFT LIST

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Please provide items that are new and not gift-wrapped.

For updated information about gifts we need most, visit MissionChristmas.org.

STUFF OUR STOCKINGS!

Mission guests and residents appreciate practical and personal items they can use all year-round. Sunday school classes, work groups and civic organizations are encouraged to hold donation drives for these stocking stuffers. Simply follow the delivery instructions above.

toothbrushes • full- & travel-size toothpastes
full- & travel-size shampoo/conditioner • deodorant
colorful socks (adult or child) • small children’s toys
small tools • fingernail polish/simple make-up items

GIFTS EACH FAMILY RECEIVES:

- One item from the household list and a food basket
- Adults—two gifts and three stocking stuffers
- Teenagers—two gifts and three stocking stuffers
- Children—three gifts and three stocking stuffers
In addition to the items generously donated for our Christmas store, our Mission: Christmas program relies on financial support as well. The Mission is calling on businesses, churches, organizations or other groups to consider these opportunities for support.

**Purchase Gifts to Stock our Shelves**  Items that aren’t donated must be purchased to make sure our shelves are stocked throughout the first week of operation. It costs approximately $7,000 per day—or $35,000 per week—to maintain our inventory. Please consider a contribution to cover a full or partial day of gifts.

**Sponsor Our “No Family Forgotten” Program**  Income-qualified families who are unable to shop in our Christmas Store aren’t forgotten! Each person receives age-appropriate gifts for every family member, along with a practical household item. Last year 213 families were assisted through this outreach at a cost of $17,000. Your company or congregation is invited to sponsor the cost of our 2016 program.

**“Adopt” the Mission**  Please consider covering the cost of one or more of the items we use to conduct our programs and services on a daily basis. To view the Mission’s wish list, visit MissionChristmas.org.

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**At the Holidays**

**At Thanksgiving**  
Your donations from the list below will be boxed with a turkey and other items, then delivered to as many as 475 income-qualified families in time for Thanksgiving Day. Please bring your items by November 17 to our Food Warehouse/Distribution Center at 1020 E. 10th Street, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- canned green beans & corn
- coffee (ground/instant)
- fruit juice
- toilet paper

**At Christmas**  
Each family who shops at our Christmas Store receives a turkey and food bag with items to prepare a Christmas dinner for a family of four. We’re grateful to Heartland Chevrolet, which provided 500 food bags in 2015 and will sponsor this outreach again this year.

**Share a Meal Every Day**  
Sponsor breakfast, lunch or dinner for approximately $1.90 per plate. Your group can cover the cost of a meal only, or join us on-site to help prepare, serve and clean up afterward.

- **Men’s Center**  
  $150 lunch; $330 dinner

- **Family Shelter**  
  $120 breakfast; $110 lunch; $200 dinner

- **Christian Life Center**  
  $110 lunch; $110 dinner

Your group may also choose to prepare a meal at your own facility and bring it to serve at one of ours. For more information or to share a meal, send your financial gift in the enclosed envelope or fill out the volunteer application at cityunionmission.org.

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**ENSURE NO ONE GOES HUNGRY**

**Compassion in Action**  
*Last holiday season volunteers from Lenexa Christian Center provided a day of fun for residents of our New Life Program and shelter guests. They were treated to breakfast and lunch, haircuts and makeovers, a hayrack ride and even a visit with Santa. This time of camaraderie and fellowship brought joy to our residents and guests as well as to the church volunteers!*

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**FINANCIAL GIFTS HELP SPREAD JOY TOO**

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REMEMBERING A

Joyful Heart

Because of You

HOW YOUR COMPASSION SPREADS JOY IN OUR COMMUNITY...

Families served through Mission: Christmas 2015

4,300 INDIVIDUALS
850 FAMILIES
16,400 GIFTS

We served 199 more families than in 2014.

Those who received Christmas gifts of love:

Struggling community neighbors
529 families/1,802 people

“No Family Forgotten” participants
213 families/707 individuals

New Life Program students
1 family/13 individuals

Family Center residents
66 families/99 individuals

Ladies Bible study participants
22 families/27 individuals

Christian Life Program students
52 individuals

Men’s Shelter guests
350 individuals

Jackson County jail inmates
1,000 individuals

Nursing home residents
196 individuals

Vanderberg Youth Center participants
25 individuals

Everything Richard did, he did well. That includes the classes he took in our Christian Life Program while he was battling his addiction and the maintenance and cleaning tasks he performed while he was in the program. He was such a good worker that when he graduated the Mission hired him in our maintenance department. For 10 straight years he found great joy in working hard and in talking with other men who were homeless, addicted and struggling as he once was. He knew how to see the best in them and inspire them to see it themselves.

But sadly, three years ago, he relapsed. At a time of great stress in his life he returned to the bottle. His liver and kidneys stopped functioning and he was placed on dialysis. The doctors gave him three months to live. He worked until he could no longer function. And when his friends and co-workers at the Mission attempted to comfort him, he ministered to us, instead. “This is just what happened to me,” he said. “But I’ve repented. I’m saved.”

Richard (pictured third from left) was called home to be with the Lord on July 22, 2016. And the joy that filled his heart continues to fill ours as well.
Hunger, homelessness and poverty are tragedies that impact our neighbors all year long. Celebrate Hope: Reach Out to K.C.’s Poor and Homeless is the Mission’s annual campaign to raise a significant portion of our yearly budget, laying the financial foundation to provide our Christ-centered ministries throughout the holiday season and well into the months ahead. By supporting this initiative, you help ensure we have the resources to offer immediate relief and permanent transformation to hurting individuals and families 365 days a year:

- Food, shelter, clothing and medical services
- Case management, counseling and spiritual guidance
- Long-term Christian recovery
- Adult education, career-development and job-placement assistance
- Summer camp and structured year-round activities for children
- The ability to keep pace with growing and changing needs

The Mission accepts no funding that would require us to compromise the principles of our Christ-centered outreach. Instead, we rely on caring individuals, churches, businesses and foundations who support the faith-based foundation of our programs and services. We encourage you to join other compassionate community members in support of this campaign.

CAMPAIGN GOAL

$6 Million

For more information on ways to give, including “challenge” opportunities or donations of securities, automobiles or collectibles, contact Dennis Chapman, Chief Development Officer, at give@cityunionmission.org or (816) 474-9380, ext. 1476.
HONORING OUR 2016 ANNUAL

Award Recipients

Each year the Mission holds a recognition luncheon to honor friends who have made special gifts of time, service, resources and dedication. We thank each of our 2016 award recipients for their partnership and Fiorella’s Jack Stack Barbecue for hosting the event.

Matthew 25 Award
For Outstanding Corporate Involvement
- Systemair
- Hy-Vee
- J.E. Dunn Construction
- Furniture Mall of Kansas
- Shoppa’s Mid America
- Summit Technical Solutions

Barnabas Award
- Kelly Carelton

Director’s Award
For Outstanding Philanthropic Leadership
- Lyndal Holmes, D.D.S., M.S.

Compasion for the Homeless Award
- Maranatha Academy
- Harrisonville Christian School
- Julie Dumsky
- Bartimus Law Firm

Volunteer Award
for Exceptional Effort
- Jaime Russell
- Mary Alley
- Marilyn Bryan

A Cup in His Name Award
For Exemplary Church Involvement
- Northgate Baptist Church
- Concord Fortress of Hope
- First Baptist of Lee’s Summit

Associate Director’s Award
For Outstanding Philanthropic Leadership
- Ken Monroe

The giving options below may provide meaningful and convenient ways for you to demonstrate your compassion for Kansas City’s poor and homeless while also creating significant tax benefits.

- Donations of cash are the simplest form of giving and offer the greatest benefit to the Mission.
- Gifts of stocks and other securities (mutual funds, bonds, etc.) allow you to give without depleting current cash reserves.
- Contributions of products or services your company provides or manufactures can be used to offset our budget.
- Some planned gifts may also offer current tax incentives.
- Your company may match your gifts to the Mission and double the impact your giving makes in our ability to assist our neighbors in need. To find out if your employer takes part, visit cityunionmission.org/what-you-can-give/.

For more information on these and other year-end giving options that could make your personal contribution even more meaningful, contact Dennis Chapman, Chief Development Officer, at give@cityunionmission.org or (816) 474-9380, ext. 1476.

BRING JOY TO OTHERS THROUGH

Year-End Giving

Honor & Remember

SPECIAL PEOPLE AT CHRISTMAS

This holiday season, individuals and businesses are encouraged to make a gift to the Mission in honor or memory of loved ones, friends or associates. The Mission will send an acknowledgement to the family of the deceased or the person being honored. They will be blessed to know you’re thinking of them at Christmas and that a gift made in their name is making a difference for homeless and hurting men, women and children.
Thank you! Your light has really shined on me and my family this year. I pray blessings on your ministry.”
—Mike & Crystal

Thank you for all the wonderful things you donated. Without you, we would have no Christmas this year. God bless.” —Anonymous

Me and my family are very gracious for the items that we have received. I hope that your holiday is filled with as much joy and happiness that you have brought to us and many others.”
—Taylor Family