WHEN I NEEDED YOU MOST

FROM DAN’S DESK

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Thank You, Bikers With a Mission!

The 27th annual Bikers With A Mission (BWAM) Homeless Benefit Ride was held on June 11. More than 200 riders, passengers and motorcycle enthusiasts turned out for the event, which raised $22,416 in cash and pledges to help City Union Mission assist our area’s homeless and working poor. The funds will be used to cover needs over and above those the Mission typically budgets for, including utility assistance, eyeglasses, dental care, bus tokens and baby formula.

Sponsored by Cumulus Media and 101 The Fox, the event included a 90-mile ride that ended at Worth Harley Davidson North, where participants enjoyed lunch, entertainment and a live auction.

The Mission is grateful to everyone who joined together to meet the essential needs of our hurting neighbors.

As economic hardship, lack of opportunity and the tragedy of spiritual despair continue to jeopardize the well-being of people in our community, the need for food, shelter and life-transforming guidance remains ongoing and critical.

Celebrate Hope: Reach Out to K.C.’s Poor and Homeless is the Mission’s annual campaign that provides the financial foundation to continue our Christ-centered ministries of rescue, recovery and reaching out well into the year ahead. Because the Mission accepts no funding that would require us to compromise the principles of our Christ-centered outreach, we rely on caring individuals, churches, businesses and foundations to meet our annual goal. We encourage you to join other compassionate community members in support of this initiative.

Contribute—Give generously throughout the duration of the campaign in response to mailings like this one or online at cityunionmission.org. (See “Ways to Make Your Gifts Go Farther” below.)

Advocate—Share the Mission’s story with others who will join you in support of this campaign.

Pray—Remember this campaign, and all the people who are depending on its success, in your daily devotions.

Thank you for everything at Camp CUMCITO. I had fun at the lake and thank you for the food. This place is really fun.

—Justin, age 11