“I have to start all over again... I'm learning all over again... I am a new creation!”

Raquelin's past is tragic, but her future is full of hope. She shares her inspiring story on Page 3.
Dear Friend,

I hear this comment fairly frequently – “I could never do what you (members of our staff) do” – implying that our ministry takes a special calling (and to some degree, it does). Usually a question follows, such as, “How do you help such hurting people day after day?” My personal answer to that question goes something like this...

We have the awesome privilege of playing an important restoration role in the lives of some very amazing people. No one truly wants to find themselves facing homelessness, in need of our services, but in most situations they reach the conclusion that coming to a homeless shelter is often the very best thing that has happened in their adult life. It’s a new beginning and a fresh start for so many who had given up hope they could have life restored and be happy again. Something very good has started for them!

One of the most exciting times for our staff is when men, women and families finish their time with us. We are thrilled when they complete our intensive discipleship recovery programs and graduate, helping set the course for a fresh start! Those special services are often the first time many finish what they have started.

It is no exaggeration that YOU also have a critical part in the restoration of a broken life – your gifts, involvement and prayer are the reason we can take the necessary time to lovingly care for those we serve. We – and they – say thank you!

For His glory,

Rev. Dan Doty
Executive Director

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Executive Director Dan Doty and the Mission staff witness daily how a safe bed and hot meal can be the start of something good that leads to life restoration for homeless individuals and families.

Graduation Coins Symbolize Armor of God

Every graduate of our long-term Christian Life Program for men and New Life Program for women and families receives a special commemorative coin, presented to them by Executive Director Dan Doty during the ceremony. “This tradition was started because we wanted to give these beloved individuals something to keep on their person as a daily reminder of the commitments they made to themselves and to the Lord,” Dan explains. “We also want them to continue the process of rebuilding their lives, renewing their minds and restoring their souls, and we pray that putting on the armor of God – symbolized by carrying the coin – will help ensure their continued growth as Christians.”

The coins are so deeply cherished by the graduates that often those who lose theirs will ask Dan to replace it. “I’m always honored to do so,” he says.

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For His glory,

Rev. Dan Doty
Executive Director

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God...
Ephesians 6:10-11 (KJV)
Raquelin’s earliest childhood memories begin when she was 5 years old...

“I was lucky if I ate once a day. If I changed my clothes twice a week. If I took a shower or had somebody to comb my hair,” she says. “I never had a real mother, a real family, a real friend. There was no one who really loved me.”

At 14, she got a job as a housemaid, earning a small hourly wage.

“To me it meant the world,” she explains. “I started treating myself like a human being. I had underwear and socks. Whatever someone would put in the trash, I would pick up.”

Still, building a life was challenging for a young girl who didn’t know how to read or write or had never been taught about growing into a woman. Her innocence, vulnerability and longing for love led her to a man who abused her for 12 years.

“He was everything to me. He was my god,” she says. “I didn’t know he was taking advantage of me.”

Finally fearing for her life, she fled. She believes God led her to City Union Mission to begin something good in her life – through heartfelt gifts and prayers from friends like you. In the care of our compassionate staff, she’s not only learning important life-skills, but also how to set boundaries and manage feelings and relationships. And she’s learning to read and write. “They don’t help me here just because they feel sorry for me,” she says. “They help me because they love the Lord.”

Now in our New Life Program, she embraces God’s Word and unconditional love and she is excited about becoming His new creation. “The Lord gave me a second chance,” she says. “I’m grateful for everything I have right now – my life, my health and my new family in Christ.”

Hurting men and women like Raquelin are so grateful for your continued support.

Please send your gift today.
MINISTRY INCOME

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* Donor advised funds are reported as foundations instead of individuals.
The “good” things here at City Union Mission include and often begin with our volunteers, the talented and dedicated individuals who add a critical dimension to our outreach. From serving meals to teaching classes, 112,308 hours of service were donated this past year by 8,399 people of all ages and of whom 330 were members of our High Impact Volunteers. We extend our appreciation and gratitude to these partners who so faithfully turn their love for others into action.

If you or your organization would like to volunteer, visit cityunionmission.org for details and current opportunities.
28th Annual Bikers With A Mission Benefit Ride
Sponsored by Gail’s Harley Davidson
Saturday, June 10, 2017

8:30 a.m. Registration at City Union Mission (coffee & donuts provided)
10 a.m. Ride begins (end at Gail’s Harley Davidson)
Noon Lunch, entertainment and program

Pre-registration (ends May 19): $15 per rider/$10 per passenger
Day of event: $35 per rider/$30 per passenger

Pre-register and learn how to win prizes at bikerswithamission.org.
Email questions to BWAM@cityunionmission.org.

Women Who Change the Heart of the City
A benefit for City Union Mission’s services to homeless and underprivileged women and families.

Our 10th Annual Event
April 11, 2017
Jeannette & Jerome Cohen Community Stage House at Starlight Theatre

For the past decade, our 2017 honorees have dedicated their time, talent and leadership to making this luncheon the premier fundraising event it is today. More than $4,089,000 has been raised by compassionate participants and sponsors, which has enabled the Mission to complete major projects. Some of these include our camp multi-purpose building, camp sewage treatment plant, Community Assistance Center and the L. Minor Care Center. This year, we will also celebrate our 36 past honorees, outstanding women whose leadership, compassion and humanitarianism have undeniably changed the heart of our city.

We invite your gifts in support of our programs for homeless women and families. Please donate online at cityunionmission.org.

Start Something Good... by supporting our ministry outreach.

Pray
Ask the Lord to guide the Mission’s leadership, staff and volunteers as they make decisions and take actions to meet the changing needs of our hurting neighbors.

Give financially
Your cash gifts are the most efficient for the Mission as they allow us to purchase the goods we need most, often in bulk quantities.

Volunteer
Sharing your time and talents enables us to provide assistance and services for our guests far beyond what our budget would allow if we had to purchase them.

Donate in-kind
Contributions of material goods – for example, overage of items in your company’s warehouse – can offset our budget and allow more of our donated income to be used directly for our life-changing services.

Share our story
Tell others about our work with the poor and homeless and why you’ve chosen to stand alongside us, and encourage them to partner with us too.