They lost their way... lost their children... and lost all hope.

“Addiction started taking over and we were sinking into a hole... getting deeper and deeper.”

On Page 3, read how your gifts empowered Matt and Michelle to transform their lives.
Dear Friend,

Homelessness is extremely hard on the human body and mind. When a person experiences long-term homelessness, the consequences to that individual’s life can be excessively damaging. It’s important to remember that homelessness is complicated. No one simply or quickly makes the choice to live that way.

Growing up in a broken family is often where things begin. Homes where physical or verbal abuse, alcohol or drug abuse, divorce, mental illness, etc., are “normal” can so easily become what is normal for all in the family.

Mental health issues have increased nationwide, affecting many. Those issues have also grown significantly among those struggling with homelessness and staying in our shelters. Until now, we have been able to provide emergency shelter, food, case management and counseling to men with these issues as they were mixed in with the general population of other men in our shelter, but we have not been able to be as effective in helping address their specific needs.

We have prayed for many years to be able to purchase a facility that is next to our emergency men’s shelter. When it became available, a very special donor purchased it for us! Now, two years later, the L. Minor Care Center (named after a retired and much-loved staff member) is renovated and soon to be occupied by 35 men who are dealing with either mental health issues or physical handicaps.

Staff in that facility will be working specifically to help these men become stable and able to find permanent housing. Kansas City has many helpful mental health facilities that we are already working closely with that will come alongside us. Please pray with us for this new endeavor God has led us to.

For His glory,

Rev. Dan Doty
Executive Director

The Mission’s L. Minor Care Center opened in January to provide specialized care for a vulnerable and previously underserved segment of the homeless community.

The newly renovated facility offers shelter in a secure environment for as many as 35 men challenged with aging, a disability or a mental illness who require more individualized care and attention than can be offered in the Men’s Center.

“For example, until now we would have been unable to tend to a bedridden guest because of the special requirements of his care,” says the center’s director, Cord Cochran, “or properly assist an elderly gentleman struggling with dementia.”

All physical needs of the guests are met while the Center’s staff – composed of counselors and case managers – coordinates their care with local social, medical and mental-health providers toward the goal of helping those who can to live independently or to locate appropriate alternatives and permanent solutions.

Compassionate partners are needed to help fund this vital outreach on an ongoing basis and to volunteer their time and expertise. To learn how you can be part of this special ministry, check the box on the enclosed reply card or visit our website, cityunionmission.org.
Matt and Michelle grew up in the same neighborhood and developed a love for one another that grew throughout the years. Sadly, so too did their use of alcohol and drugs.

They eventually married and had three children, but their shared addiction prevented them from leading a stable life. On the verge of homelessness, they made the painful decision to allow their little ones to be adopted. “The best thing to do was to let them have a good life,” Michelle says, with tears in her eyes.

As their struggles continued, they turned to the Mission for shelter several times and were deeply moved by the comfort and compassion they received in our care. “I kept thinking about how good everybody was there and it stayed on my heart,” Michelle says. So in 2017, as their addiction once again drove them toward homelessness and hopelessness, Michelle prayed... and says the answer was “as clear as day.”

“Matt,” she told her husband, “God is telling me we have to go back to City Union Mission.” With no hesitation, Matt replied, “Okay.”

“I’ll never forget that day,” Matt explains. “I was just as ready as Michelle was. We put all of our trust in God and came here, and it has been a blessing ever since.”

This time, Matt and Michelle joined our New Life Program where, through your heartfelt support, they received faith-based guidance and practical tools to overcome their destructive challenges and build a future grounded in the Lord. “Having God involved in my recovery was the only way it would work,” Matt says. And Michelle concurs: “I literally gave my life to God and I let Him take the wheel. It’s Him driving me now.”

The couple graduated in October. Both were invited back to work with their former employers, and Michelle, who received her GED while in our care, returned to school for Biblical Counseling. Matt says the ministry is in his heart and hopefully his future as well.

“We are Christians now, so we are out in the world looking through different eyes and walking a new and better life,” Michelle says.

Your gift this Easter season – and your continued compassion and generosity – give people like Matt and Michelle the help and hope they need to turn their lives around. God bless you.
City Union Mission 2017 Annual Report

MINISTRY INCOME

Contributions
$9,188,293  61%

In-Kind Gifts
$2,444,079  16%

Receiving Center
$2,734,066  18%

Miscellaneous
$125,189  1%
Investment
$543,643  3%

MINISTRY EXPENSES

Programs
$11,797,929  80.8%

Development
$1,795,082  12.3%

General Administration
$997,828  6.8%

FUNDING SOURCES

Individuals*
$5,644,527  65.8%

Businesses
$598,700  6.9%

Foundations*
$1,122,678  13%

Estates/Trusts
$975,038  11%

Churches/Civic Groups
$236,014  2.7%

TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUE

Including Bequests
FY 2017: $15,035,270
FY 2016: $15,272,015
FY 2015: $17,597,091

TOTAL ASSETS

FY 2017
$37,079,752

PRIVACY STATEMENT

We respect your privacy and pledge to protect the confidentiality of the personal information you provide to us. Our full donor privacy policy can be viewed online at cityunionmission.org/donor-privacy-policy/.

MISSION STATEMENT

City Union Mission is an evangelical Christian ministry committed to sharing the Gospel and meeting the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of men, women, and children who are poor or homeless.
2017 Services at a Glance...
The Life-Changing Impact of Your Generosity!

- **132,205** Beds Provided
- **260,283** Meals Served
- **8,535** Patients Seen for medical issues
- **63,679** Chapel Service Attendance
- **595** Salvations and Re-dedications
- **443** Kids at Camp CUMCITO or City Camp
- **10,413** Individuals Requesting Shelter through Hotline for the Homeless
- **5,010** Counseling Hours
- **286** Permanent Housing for program participants
- **9,930** Learning Center Hours

**Share the Good News!**

It may surprise you to know more than half the people who leave charitable gifts in their wills fail to notify the organization(s) they plan to benefit. This leaves the charity at risk of not receiving the gift you intended. If you have listed City Union Mission in your estate and legacy plan through your will, beneficiary, trust or other means, please share the good news by letting us know. If you prefer, we will be happy to honor any wishes you have regarding anonymity.

Remembering the Mission in your will or estate plan will help us continue bringing hope to homeless and hurting men, women and children beyond your lifetime. For more information on planned giving opportunities – many of which offer current tax advantages – contact Dennis Chapman at (816) 474-9380, ext. 1476, or dennis.chapman@cityunionmission.org.
How the Mission Offers Hope...
through your financial gifts and prayers

**Physical Relief**
- Safe, clean shelter for nearly 500 homeless men, women and children each night
- Three wholesome meals daily for our residents and guests
- Showers, suitable clothing and necessary medical care
- Food, clothing, utility assistance and housing referrals to prevent homelessness

**Spiritual Growth and Healing**
- Long-term Christian Life Program for men; New Life Program for women and families
- Bible classes, spiritual guidance and church attendance
- Faith-based individual and group counseling

**Educational Opportunities**
- Life-skills training in budgeting, parenting and other essential competencies
- Adult education classes and GED preparation in the Mission’s Learning Centers
- Career development and job-readiness training
- After-school tutoring, recreation and supervised activities for youth

Your compassion and generosity provide tools and guidance that empower men and women to build stable and meaningful lives. God bless you for your gift today and continued support.

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**WHY we give to the MISSION...**

Because the Mission helped my father when he needed it most.
- Maxine Lewis

God has blessed us, and we give so that His blessings flow on!
- Arthur Sweeney

To make an extra sacrificial offering for the betterment of men.
- Timothy Seals

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**Make a Gift That Keeps On Giving**

Partners in our **Bed & Bread Club** make monthly contributions of $35, $25 or $15 to help the Mission provide food, shelter and life-changing guidance for men, women and children who are homeless and struggling. It’s as easy as A, B, C to provide this critical, ongoing care:

- **It’s Automatic** — Set up your recurring monthly gift online; no remembering dates required.
- **It’s a Blessing** — Our administrative costs are reduced by your automatic giving, blessing more Mission guests with every dollar you donate.
- **It’s Convenient** — Control how much you give through our secure giving platform. You can change or cancel at any time.

To become a **Bread & Bread Club** monthly partner today, complete the back of the enclosed reply form, visit cityunionmission.org or call (816) 474-9380, ext. 1459.