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**GREAT**  
**JOY** to  
hurting people

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*You changed Uvette's  
life*

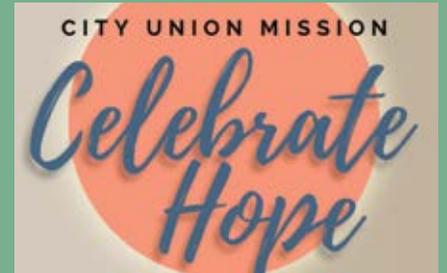
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A Message from  
**TERRY MEGLI**

## Celebrating rebirth this *Christmas*

Dear Friend,

As we celebrate the Christmas season and the miracle of Jesus's birth in a lowly manger, we must keep in mind the ending... That He gave His life on the cross so you and I could be reborn as children of God.

You know that our Mission guests have had a tough time before they came through our doors. Poverty, addiction, homelessness, hunger, violence... you name it. **But what's so incredible is not their past stories, but how their lives are completely transformed, thanks to you.**

You believe that change is possible. More than that, your generous support gives these men, women and children the very services and support they need to be restored and reborn. You give them the most incredible gift there is this Christmas: the chance to find peace, purpose and a new life filled with God's blessings.

As you celebrate this joyous season with loved ones, I hope you'll remember your neighbors who still need healing. After this difficult year, my prayer is that God will move in mighty ways in hearts and communities across the country. May you be filled with peace and love, and continue to share His love with others.



Giving thanks to God,

Terry Megli  
Chief Executive  
Officer

## *Feed KC Now*

**You make transformation possible!**

This has been a hard year for everyone, especially for your neighbors in Kansas City who lost jobs or experienced unexpected difficulties during the pandemic. But they have hope thanks to YOU!

Your compassionate support provides:

- Hot, nutritious meals
- Safe shelter and clean clothing
- Life skills classes and practical guidance
- The message of God's life-changing love

Your gift provides a meal and care for one person... and could be the first step toward lasting transformation.

**Please feed KC Now – Send Your Gift Today!**



**\$2.19**  
for 1 hot meal



**\$21.00**  
for 1 night of  
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE  
SOMEONE**



**A new life healed  
by God's LOVE**



**Bring Christmas Joy to Neighbors in Need**



**Our Christmas  
Store opens  
November 16**

*Shop today  
to ensure our  
shelves are filled!*

- 🎁 Guests in our Family Shelter, residents of our long-term programs and income-qualified families will “shop” for presents for loved ones at our Christmas store.
- 🎁 Children in our Vanderberg Youth Center, men in our emergency shelter, residents of nursing homes and inmates of Jackson County jails will be given gifts as well.
- 🎁 We'll hold a Christmas dinner for our residents and the homeless and we'll provide food bags to hundreds of struggling families.

**Here's how  
to partner  
with us!**

### **1. SHOP FOR GIFTS**

Visit **MissionChristmas.org** for a list of our most needed gift items for men, women and children, along with Mission drop-off locations.

**OR**

### **2.**

**DONATE ONLINE at  
MissionChristmas.org**

We'll purchase gifts on your behalf. \$50 provides presents for one person in our Christmas store.

**Your generosity will bring joy to over 1,000  
families or nearly 3,000 men, women and children in all!**

# God Didn't Bring Me Here to Fail



Uvette grew up in a Christian home – but it was also filled with chaos and dysfunction. As a result, she developed coping challenges that followed her into adulthood, and she tried to calm her anxiety with alcohol and drugs.

Then, through a series of events beyond her control, she and her three children were asked to leave their home... and they had nowhere to go. That's when she knew she had to build a stable life for herself and her little ones.

"I did the very best I could to hold things together," she says. "But I needed some help and I couldn't get it any other way but through God." So she surrendered to the Lord... and He led her to the Mission.



**"I had to make God a part of my daily life. I wanted Him. I needed Him."**



To Uvette, entering our Family Shelter was like walking into the unknown, but she was willing to let God guide her steps. She and her daughters, ages 7, 9 and 15, took comfort in the Christ-centered environment and structured routine. In our New Life Program, faith-based guidance and practical life-skills are empowering Uvette to be a grounded and godly mother for her children.

"Now I'm able to do things the world or my family said I couldn't. With God, I can accomplish anything. He didn't bring me here to fail."

When she graduates, Uvette plans to use her God-given talents for writing, singing, composing and motivational speaking to praise and worship the Lord through a ministry of her own. She has no anxiety about the future, she says, "because everything happens in God's time."

**This year, Uvette will be celebrating Christmas as a new creation, filled with the great joy of God's love.** "The Mission has taught me how to break my life down and put it back together again the right way."

## New Trade Camp Teaches Practical Skills

An extension of the Mission's New Beginnings Covenant and Christian Life programs, our new Trade Camp is designed to help men enhance or develop new skills as they transition to independent living. Located at our Opportunity Farm near Warsaw, Missouri, the long-term residential program will provide training in the areas of drywall installation, carpentry, small-engine repair and plumbing. Plans are to expand the offering to include HVAC, electrical and general equipment operations.

"We are setting in motion a program that will seek out and expose gifts and talent within the men that come through the Mission," says Rev. Willis Garner, Director of Men's Ministry. "It will be effective for those willing to invest in themselves and who believe in the program for another opportunity in life." **3**

October 1, 2020 - January 31, 2021

CITY UNION MISSION

# Celebrate Hope

**Reach Out to K.C.'s  
Poor or Homeless**



**Help Us Reach Our Campaign Goal! \$7 MILLION**

Because the Mission accepts no funding that would require us to compromise our biblical outreach, we rely on the financial support of caring individuals, churches, businesses and foundations who support the faith-based tenets of our programs and services. By supporting our annual campaign, you help ensure we have the resources to share God's Word with hurting families and individuals and to offer immediate relief and permanent transformation 365 days a year:

*Food, shelter, clothing and medical services \* Long-term Christian recovery*

*Case management, counseling and spiritual guidance*

*Adult education, career development and job placement assistance*

*Structured, year-round activities for children*

*The ability to keep pace with changing needs*

For more information on ways to give, see "Make an Impact" to the right, or contact Dennis Chapman at [give@cityunionmission.org](mailto:give@cityunionmission.org) or **(816) 474-9380, ext. 1476**.

## The Harbor "A Beacon of Hope"

Beginning in the fall of 2020, City Union Mission will relocate both the administrative office and residents of Opportunity Farm into a 24,000-square-foot building located on the Mission campus in Warsaw, Missouri. The building they will occupy is formerly known as Ruth Mercer Elementary School. This move was made possible when the city of Warsaw gifted the building to the Mission after they vacated the facility. More information on The Harbor will follow in future publications.

## Make an Impact Through Year-End Giving

City Union Mission offers a variety of giving opportunities that allow you to demonstrate your compassion for Kansas City's poor and homeless...

- **Donations of cash** can purchase items needed most and are of greatest benefit to the Mission.
- Gifts of **stock and other securities** allow you to give without depleting current cash reserves.
- Contributions of **products or services** your company provides can be used to meet needs and offset our budget.
- Used **cars, trucks and vans** can be used in Mission programs or sold for funding.
- **401(k) retirement** giving/mandatory disbursements at 70 1/2.
- Tax benefits for charitable gifts made possible through the CARES Act.

For more information on these and other year-end giving options, contact Dennis Chapman at [give@cityunionmission.org](mailto:give@cityunionmission.org) or **(816) 474-9380, ext. 1476**.

*We have installed a new database to better serve our donors, friends and partners. If you experience any challenges with receiving the Mission's letter or newsletters, please contact Dennis Chapman at [dennis.chapman@cityunionmission.org](mailto:dennis.chapman@cityunionmission.org).*



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