



Dear Faithful Partners,

At City Union Mission, we have been committed to transforming the lives of homeless men, women, and children in the Kansas City area for 100 years. As the holiday season approaches, we are reminded of the importance of giving back and spreading joy to those in need.

We kindly ask for your support of our holiday efforts by donating gifts, shelter essentials, food vouchers, or your time as a volunteer to help us bring hope and happiness to the individuals and families we serve. Your generosity can make a difference.

Here are a few ways you can join us in spreading God's love this holiday season.

1. Host an "items" drive at your church, school, or business to support our Mission Christmas efforts. We can supply your business with barrels for the drive (contact Tim Hare at tim.hare@cityunionmission.org to coordinate barrel drop off and pick-up).
 - Suggested items include toys, arts and crafts kits, sports equipment, and games for children of all ages. Household essentials such as comforters, kitchen supplies, small furniture items, fans, heaters, mops, tool kits, and tools are also appreciated. You can bring these to the Mission yourself, or arrange for a pick-up.
 - **1st Pick-up would be Monday Dec. 2nd**
 - **2nd Pick-up would be Monday Dec. 9th**
2. Host a food and/or toiletry drive at your church, school or business to help replenish supplies for guests at our shelters and transitional homes (Tim Hare will also be your contact for this)
 - Suggested items include toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap or body wash, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, twin sheets, paper towels, and toilet paper. Food items include canned vegetables and fruits, canned soups and stews, instant potatoes, pasta, rice, and instant oatmeal or cereal packs. Same as the toy drive; you can bring your donations to the Mission, or arrange for a pick-up.
 - **1st Pick-up would be Monday Dec. 9th**
 - **2nd Pick-up would be Monday, Dec. 16th**
3. Provide Walmart or Price Chopper gift cards in \$25 increments to help families purchase meal items for the holidays.
4. Join us as a volunteer by assisting with Christmas shopping, setting up, or managing the shopping experience for participants (contact Sheryl Hasmanis at sheryl.hasmanis@cityunionmission.org).

Because of your generosity and compassion, lives are being transformed, and new stories of hope are written daily. Thank you for being a valued member of our community and helping us positively impact the lives of the people we serve.

In Christ,

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