With the equipment they need to start the school year right, these children are ready to learn—thanks to Operation Back Pack donors.
Your Faithfulness Brings Blessing

Sharing is one of our earliest Sunday School lessons. At first it’s difficult to give away what’s ours, but as we mature, we find that our sharing brings us even more satisfaction, more friends and God’s approval. How amazing to learn that God blesses us for our generosity!

Through Central Union Mission, your sharing impacts the lives of homeless men, struggling families, lonely seniors, veterans and needy children. Your obedience to God provides our hurting neighborhood with food, shelter, education, legal, medical and dental help, employment and spiritual rebirth.

2016 was another busy year for the Mission. I’m excited to share with you all the successes our community has enjoyed and the services your donations provided. Remember that we keep you in our prayers, and we expect that God’s blessing will be evident to you as you share your time, talents and treasures with Central Union Mission.

Blessings,

Mission Executive Director David Treadwell (left) met with Northern Virginia friends to share about the Mission’s activities and to thank them for their support.

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9
Men’s Ministry Report

Overnight Guests

This year, the Overnight Guest Ministry and Spiritual Transformation Program provided 58,811 nights of shelter and 5,705 counseling sessions and hospital or home visits.

Not only do our Overnight Guests receive hot showers, clean beds and nutritious meals, they also have a chance to hear about Jesus, the Bread of Life.

At the Gales School men’s shelter, the Mission serves about 200 guests three hot meals a day.
Spiritual Transformation Program

The Spiritual Transformation Program welcomed 148 participants this year.

Men’s Ministry provided 1,865 appointments for eye exams, testing or private medical or legal consultations and 17,268 hours of instruction in English literacy, GED preparation and other skills.
Men’s Ministry Report

Ready2Succeed

51 men and women were served in the Ready2Succeed Program: 23 in Ready2Work, 2 in Ready2Recycle and 26 in Ready2Cook (Mission Muffins and the Culinary Training Program);

57 men in the Work Therapy Program (working and living at the Mission);

49 men in the Special Circumstances Transitional Program;

and 26 men were housed in the Gospel Mission House transition home.

Bernard is learning business skills while selling delicious “Muffins with a Mission” to passersby at the Mission Muffin stand open daily.
After haircuts, shaves and clean clothes, Mission guests enjoyed a candlelight Christmas dinner cooked by National Harbor’s Granite City Chef Tony Beverly and Gaylord Executive Chef Karen Delos Reyes at this year’s Show Some Love event. LeDroit Chamber Players’ performance also enhanced this evening.

After his dad threw him out of his truck on I-95 in Wilmington, DE, Frank Lopez met a man sitting outside a Walmart who told him about Central Union Mission. A hundred miles later, Lopez found the Mission, and after only a four-day stay, decided to enroll in the Spiritual Transformation Program (STP).

“I’ve just been devoting myself to the Word and trying to figure out my calling,” Lopez comments about the STP. He’s committing himself to finishing because he wants to provide for his four-year-old daughter in Washington State. “I would like to thank the people who give their time and money to this place because the Mission really does help people who want to succeed.”

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Family Ministry Update

Food PLUS Center

With your help, the Mission was able to distribute $1,156,505 worth of clothing, furniture and household goods and $8,658,734 worth of food.

The Mission served or provided 4,142,935 meals for hungry men, women, families and children.

Besides nutritious groceries, the Food PLUS Center offers our neighbors clothing, housewares, furniture and toys—all at no cost!
Camp Bennett

404 children attended week-long summer camp at Camp Bennett.

Camp Bennett gives inner-city children a cool place to play, make friends and learn about Jesus.
Seniors Luncheons

Every month, senior citizens join us for a game of Bingo, a delicious lunch, an inspirational message and a bag full of groceries.

12 Seniors Luncheons were held in both English and Spanish.

7 families lived in the Mission’s Lambert House, our low-income housing facility.

Our seniors’ responsibilities don’t end with retirement. The Mission’s Seniors Luncheons provide fellowship, encouragement and counsel as well as food and fun.
Family Ministry Update

Operation Back Pack and Operation Christmas Miracle

660 children received new back packs filled with school supplies through Operation Back Pack, and 2000 children received Operation Christmas Miracle gift bags.

Tracy Duncan, director of family ministry (left), encourages a high school student at Operation Back Pack. It’s not only the little ones that benefit from back-to-school supplies.

Generous donors, including the law firm Akerman LLP, gave our children the only gifts they would receive this Christmas.
Donors

Generous supporters donated $14,832,838 in money and gifts-in-kind.

Mission donors bequeathed $212,351 in legacy gifts this year.

Marilyn Anderson’s commitment to Central Union Mission came by marriage. During college, her husband Lambert “Andy” Anderson performed in the Ninth Street Christian Church quartet that often sang at Central Union Mission in the mid-1940s. They married in 1953 in California; Andy pursued a career as an FBI agent, Marilyn was an occupational therapist, and they later had three children.

When they moved to the DC area in 1962, Andy remembered the Mission. “He always wanted some of our donation to go to Central Union Mission,” Marilyn noted. Andy passed away in 2014, and his friends and family made many contributions to the Mission in his memory. Marilyn and her family may be our donor with the longest giving history. She participated in a Mission luncheon and the Ready2Recycle program, and we’re grateful for her support to this day.

Your commitment to serving God and helping the poor can be a lasting part of your personal legacy. For more information about including Central Union Mission in your will, please visit christianwill.org/centralunionmission.
The Mission’s second **HeArt & Sole** event brought friends together to sample good food, enjoy cooking competitions and live music and mingle with local celebrities—all while helping provide one million meals for hungry, hurting and homeless neighbors in need.

**More than 30 talented chefs donated tastes of their unique cuisines to delight and inspire the Mission’s faithful supporters.**

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**Volunteers**

7,922 volunteers served and 9,311 volunteer opportunities were filled at all Mission locations.

Volunteers donated 18,662 volunteer hours.

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation volunteers served a healthy breakfast as part of the Foundation’s Health Fair, which offered free medical testing and other services to our community.
Financial Report
Fiscal Year ended
June 30, 2016

Visit Missiondc.org/stewardship for our complete audited financial statements.

We gratefully thank Amazon for donating $10,000 worth of products used to serve our guests and run our office.
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