You have been a refuge for the poor; a refuge for the needy in their distress. Isaiah 25:4

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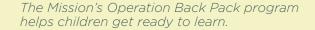


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## A Message from Our Executive Director Your Blessing and God's Promise

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped." Proverbs 11:24-25 (The Message)

I like to contemplate God's promise in Proverbs 11 because of how it directly impacts Central Union Mission donors like you. When you make a gift to the Mission, your world and your spheres of influence actually expand! I'm sending you this annual report today so you can see for yourself the people in this bigger world you're creating.

You're expanding our ministry by helping even more people in need, and you're also expanding the lives those who hear about Jesus' saving love. Homeless men who reconcile with estranged loved ones, families who find nourishing food for their children and seniors who develop loving safety nets within their community are only a few of the people your expanding world has sustained.



David Treadwell gives our supporters a tour of the Gales School shelter at one of our Executive Luncheons.

But the verse goes on to promise that as you bless and help Central Union Mission, God is bringing blessing and help to you. What does that look like in your life? God's promises never fail, so you know your compassion for the poor is always rewarded.

Thank you so much for your commitment to helping poor and homeless people in our community. We see your love in every contribution, and it touches the lives and eternities of God's children. Please take pride in what your gifts have accomplished this year.

Blessings,



Often, over 200 overnight guests and program participants are fed at one meal. We serve three hot meals a day, and 150 sandwiches are provided daily for walk-ins. Students and overnight guests work diligently to keep the shelter clean, safe and polite.

#### Men's Ministry Report

## **Overnight Guests**

This year, **58,081** nights of shelter were provided through the Overnight Guest Ministry and Spiritual Transformation Program, as well as **4,565** counseling sessions and home or hospital visits.



The Mission's Spiritual Transformation Program provides men job skills and education, but—most important—it offers wholeness and reconciliation based on biblical truths.



## Men's Ministry Report Spiritual Transformation Program

This year **107** men participated in the Spiritual Transformation Program (STP).

1,311 appointments for eye exams, testing or private medical or legal consultations

and **16,173** hours of instruction in English literacy, GED preparation and other skills were provided.

**Orvin White**, a 2015 STP graduate and Work Therapy participant, says, "You get a lot of love at the Mission; the staff is really great. You'd be surprised how many people care." White is working at the Food PLUS Center.



Ready 2 Work employees clean the streets and improve the grounds in the historic Dupont Circle neighborhood.

After starting with R2W in 2013, **Jimmie Carter** is now supervisor of seven R2W employees in the Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District. Alcohol addiction lost him a landscaping business and several important relationships, but "RTW has really gotten me to be the best I can be. It showed me things I didn't know I could do." He is living with his new wife in their new apartment and is active in their church.



## Men's Ministry Report Ready 2 Work

29 men and women were served in the Ready to Work Program;
32 men in the Work Therapy Program (working and living at the Mission);
62 men in our Work Program (working offsite and living at the Mission);
36 men in the Culinary Training Program;

40 men in the Special Circumstances Transitional Program;and 23 men were housed in the Gospel Mission House transition home.



The Show Some Love event offered encouragement and dignity through haircuts, nice clothes, a fancy meal and entertainment. Because of your financial support and help from our volunteers, men know they are loved—by us and by Jesus!

Thanks to volunteer hairstylists, who helped the men look sharp.



## Men's Ministry Report

## Show Some Love

Thanks to the dedicated volunteer event planners, we gave Overnight Guests and student participants an inspirational day of dignity and celebration.

#### Thank You to Our Sponsors

Bethany African Methodist Episcopal Church Direct Electric Services Evelyn Dorsey Effie's Catering Emmanuel-Brinklow Seventh-Day Adventist Church Perry Flint Berhane Kassa Steve Maggio K Neal International Trucking Elizabeth O'Connor Jennifer Roberts Caroline Savage Safeway Donna Turner Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Wardell Zion Hill Baptist Church



# Family Ministry Update Food PLUS Center

With your support, the Mission was able to distribute **\$641,962** worth of clothing, furniture and household goods

and **\$7,093,365** worth of food.

We served or provided **3,393,955** meals for needy men, women, families and children

The Food PLUS Center has many senior citizen clients because donations of food, clothes and housewares help their retirement checks last through the month. Family Ministry Update

### Camp Bennett

**400** children attended summer camp at Camp Bennett

A week at Camp Bennett in the wilds of central Maryland is transformational for city children, who learned about our "Awesome God" during last summer's camp season.

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# Family Ministry Update Seniors Luncheon

Senior citizens join us every month for a morning of Bingo, a delicious lunch, an inspirational program and groceries to take home.

**24** Seniors Luncheons were held in English and Spanish.

7 families were housed in the Mission's Lambert House, our low-income housing facility. Lola Parker is one of 200 seniors who regularly attend the monthly Seniors Luncheons. She enjoys the fellowship, a safety net that helps encourage our isolated seniors.



Spanishspeaking seniors can now enjoy a monthly luncheon in their language.



Going back to school is a little easier when you have the right supplies for learning.

#### Family Ministry Update

## **Operation Back Pack and Operation Christmas Miracle**

763 children received backpacks filled with school supplies through Operation Back Pack, and

1,100 children received Operation Christmas Miracle bags.

Your donations to Operation Christmas Miracle bless children who would have no Christmas gifts.

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#### Partner Ministry Focus

### Donors

Faithful supporters donated **\$15,567,461** in money and gifts-in-kind.

Central Union Mission supporters donated **\$207,150** in bequests this year, with a three-year total of **\$782,079**.

Your compassion and godly obedience are part of your lasting legacy to your family and this city when you remember Central Union Mission in your will.



Chef Rock Harper (right) brought together his creative friends like Chef Monique Woodward (center) with volunteer event planner Sharnikya Howard (left) to share their compassion for our homeless neighbors. Chef Jerome Grant of Mitsitam Café and Steve Fitzhugh, motivational speaker and former Denver Bronco, review their cook-off challenge basket.

#### Partner Ministry Focus

## **HeArt & Sole**

The Mission's first HeArt & Sole event matched compassionate local chefs with generous supporters to make an evening of good food, friends and helping the community.

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## Partner Ministry Focus Volunteers

1,956 volunteers served,

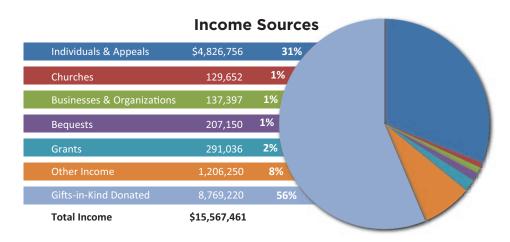
and **7,292** volunteer opportunities were filled at various Mission locations. Volunteers donated **14,584** volunteer hours.

Volunteer event planners Celeste Myers, Terry Lee, Larry Strange, Mary Kate Costello, Elizabeth Ayodel (left) and Brenda Buckner (center) planned our Show Some Love event, with helper Nekisha Loache (right). The team said there's "nowhere we'd rather be" than volunteering at the Mission. These ladies wanted the older kids to feel included at the Hearts of Hope baby shower, so they brought hand-made friendship bracelets.



## **Financial Report**

Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2015





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#### **Mission Statement**

To glorify God by proclaiming the Gospel and meeting the needs of hungry, hurting and homeless individuals and families in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area.



We partnered with United Way to host Project Homeless Connect, which energized volunteers from local businesses to introduce neighbors to critical social services.

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