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You Can Make a Miracle This Christmas

Who enjoys Christmastime more than children? For many of the children in our community, there will be no Christmas since their hard-working but underemployed parents are struggling just to get by. A terrific way to show God's love to these children and their families is to make sure they experience the joy of the season with a bag of toys and clothing.

Central Union Mission's **Operation Christmas Miracle** pairs thoughtful friends like you with our neediest neighbors. It's easy to do: shop for the items on your sponsored child's wish list, and deliver them unwrapped to one of our area collection sites by December 13. Your office or church group can work together to collect gifts for one or more children.

To learn about sponsoring a child, please contact **Tracy Duncan** at 202-745-7118, ext. 260, or www.missiondc.org/christmas/. You'll receive a child's wish list along with other important directions. This is the perfect time to introduce Jesus to some very eager children; please be an Operation Christmas Miracle donor today! ■



With your help, children like these will have a joyous Christmas.

Chef Tony Finds His Calling

When Anthony Johnson came home to his DC apartment in October 2011, it was empty. While he was out of town, his roommate stole everything Anthony owned. For a while, Anthony lived in a rooming house until his landlady made it difficult to stay. He still had his seasonal job doing hospitality work at Georgetown University but couldn't afford to live on his own. He called Central Union Mission and discovered he qualified to be part of the Mission's Work Program.



Anthony Johnson

Anthony moved into the Mission in February 2012. Only a month later he committed his life fully to Christ during a chapel service. With a tremendous new hunger for prayer and knowledge, he read Josh McDowell's book *More than a Carpenter* and practiced the spiritual discipline of fasting.

When his temporary job ended in early summer, he started as a grill cook at the restaurant at Bethesda Naval Hospital. There he found he could suggest some improvements to bring in more customers. After his trial period impressed his manager, she created a permanent position for him writing recipes, and she gave him his own office. One of his favorite entrée updates is his Holiday French Toast (see page 3.)

With his outgoing personality, he easily made friends with employers and employees at staffing agencies and venues like the Verizon Center and Nationals Park. When his employment agency asked if he could send in 10 potential recruits, Anthony called his brothers at Central Union Mission, and most were hired.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Merry Christmas, One and All



Chestnuts, open fires, Jack Frost: the most wonderful time of the year is here—unless you are homeless. Then Christmas is just another freezing, lonely day on the street. That's why Central Union Mission offers gracious hospitality to our desperate neighbors during the holidays.

Through our Operation Christmas Miracle, needy children are receiving the only Christmas presents they'll get this year. We have bags of groceries for Hispanic families, and our older citizens can fellowship at a festive Christmas Senior Luncheon. On Christmas Day, we'll be serving all comers a hot, delicious holiday meal and providing an encouraging Christmas program. And of course, as on every other day of the year, we'll have clean, safe and polite lodging for our Overnight Guests.

As you prepare for your family's Christmas season, please remember the growing number of needy men, women and children in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. We are so grateful for your generous financial donations, Christmas gifts and volunteer time.



Our celebrity guests and precious volunteers know how to make the season bright!

We pray that you and your family will have a very joyous Christmas.

Blessings,



Year-End Giving Helps Everyone

As 2012 comes to a close, you need to plan your year-end giving for tax considerations. You'll want professional advice to make your final decisions, but here are some strategies that can help both your estate and the homeless in Washington, DC, at the same time:

Giving cash is tax-deductible up to fifty percent of your adjusted gross income. If you have larger gifts, they can be deducted in upcoming years. You may also double your impact with your employer's gift-matching program. As well, our community would greatly appreciate unneeded merchandise and supplies from your business. We also make good use of your donated vehicles. **Dené Chinn** at 202-745-7118, ext. 255, or dchinn@missiondc.org can advise you on **gifts-in-kind**.

If you are required to take distributions from your **retirement fund**, your donation to the Mission could spare you higher income taxes. **Charitable gift annuities** and **real**

estate gifts are also ways to serve God through the Mission while managing your estate economically.

Gifts of stocks and bonds can benefit the Mission as well as give you a tax advantage, whether your investment has gained or lost value. You can contact **Wanda McDow** at 202-745-7118, ext. 261, or wmcdow@missiondc.org with questions about donating stocks and bonds.



You may wish to remember loved ones with **Tribute Gifts** in their honor or memory. To create this recognition, please contact **Dené Chinn** at 202-745-7118, ext. 255, or dchinn@missiondc.org.

Year-end giving is an opportunity to share God's blessings wisely. Not only will your generous gift improve your position with the IRS, it will encourage

many hungry, desperate people in our community. Please call **Deborah Chambers** at 202-745-7118, ext. 227, or dchambers@missiondc.org for details. ■



Shopping with Purpose

Did you ever wish you could give a homeless person a warm blanket or a safe, clean bed? With the Central Union Mission Christmas Gift Catalog, you can do just that.

“Ordering” from our catalog is a great way to honor a loved one while giving the gift of hope to someone in need. See our website www.missiondc.org/shop/ for all our available gift options. No shipping necessary; free compassion and blessings included! ■



Chef Tony Finds His Calling

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This, he learned, was what God had in mind for him: using his relationships to help match employers with employees. He began helping Mission men network, craft resumes and practice interview skills. “God sent me here to do this for Him. Now I’m just flowing in the Mission, giving without hindrance and getting blessings from Christ by helping others.”

Now that he’s found a one-bedroom apartment in an Oxford House building, he realizes that “God was setting me up to move out but not to stop helping.” He advises the other men to take advantage of all the resources the Mission has to offer: “The Mission’s been around for over 125 years—long enough to know what works and what doesn’t. Learn to be selfless at the Mission, respect authority and follow the guidelines, and you will see progress.” ■

Chef Tony’s Holiday French Toast

4 whole eggs	2 T. brown sugar
1 c. half and half	1 t. cinnamon
1 t. lemon juice	1 t. nutmeg
8 oz. coconut milk or coconut cream	1 loaf of bread, sliced

Beat eggs until well blended, and then beat in remaining ingredients. Soak bread slices in egg batter, then fry on a greased skillet, flipping to brown on both sides. Serve with Pecan Syrup. (serves 5)

Pecan Syrup

1 stick butter or margarine	1 c. heavy cream
2 c. brown sugar	1 c. pecans

Melt butter in a saucepan, then add sugar and cream, stirring until sugar is dissolved and syrup is smooth. Add pecans, and serve warm over French toast.



Stay Tuned...

In mid-October, WHUR radio celebrities broadcasted live from our R St. facility. Listeners and passers-by donated \$1,000.00 and 70 winter coats for children. Thanks also to more than 20 volunteers from Howard University and The City Church, DC for their generous help at this event. ■

Many thanks to this family from The City Church, DC who helped collect donations for children.



WHUR 96.3 personalities Marc Clarke and Troy Johnson encourage listeners to contribute coats for children.

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Banquet

Thursday, November 22, 2012

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

We welcome volunteer groups. Please notify us early of your group's availability to help serve holiday meals.

WHUR Toy Drive

December 8, 2012

12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

You can help us collect toys for children as WHUR celebrities broadcast live at the Mission.

Senior Luncheon

December 12, 2012

10:00 am

Help us encourage our older neighbors at this Christmas-themed program.

Operation Christmas Miracle Party

December 15, 2012

(English and Hispanic)

December 22, 2012 (Hispanic)

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

You can be one of Santa's helpers distributing gifts and helping families enjoy the Christmas program.

Food Depot Christmas Party

December 17, 2012

10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Food Depot clients celebrate the season with a meal and an encouraging worship service.

Christmas Dinner

December 25, 2012

3:00 pm

Help us celebrate Christ's birth and spread God's love by serving dinner to our hungry neighbors.

All events take place at Central Union Mission, 1350 R St., NW, Washington, DC 20009.

For volunteer information, please contact Seamus Merrigan at 202-745-7118, ext. 249, or jmerrigan@missiondc.org.

A Cold City in Need

As 2013 approaches, our city is experiencing one of the most severe economic situations in decades. The demand on Central Union Mission for food, clothes and household supplies has doubled since just last year.

There's no better time to display Christ's love to our neighbors and their children.

When you make your year-end giving plans, we ask you to include the homeless and hungry served at Central Union Mission. With your compassion, prayers and generosity, together we can show God's love to more hurting people than ever before.





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Count on Me

I want to help care for the hungry and needy people in Washington, DC. Please use my gift of:

☐ \$39.60 to serve 20 nutritious meals

☐ \$59.40 to serve 30 meals

☐ \$89.10 to serve 45 meals

☐ \$_____ to serve as many meals as possible

Please make checks payable to "Central Union Mission." To donate by credit card, please see our website at www.missiondc.org.

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