I came to Central Union Mission on November 20, 2009, after being broken and homeless from drug use and major depression. Due to suicidal thoughts, I was involuntarily committed to a hospital.

Once I arrived at the Mission, people seemed to be busy working on important things, so I wanted to be proactive in my situation. God turned my selfish spirit into that of one wanting to serve. In fellowship with the Mission’s pastors, I started to desire what they had—the hope found only in Jesus Christ. I knew about Jesus, but my relationship with Him had always involved my conditions and selfishness. These ministers held me accountable. They were totally consistent, never waverling.

In December 2009, Pastor David Howard asked me to volunteer with the Hispanic Family Ministry, and he introduced me to Pastor Jorge de Casanova and Mrs. Maria Rodriguez. From the moment I started serving, God revealed to me that this is what following Him is all about. God put me at the Hispanic Family Ministry to show me the extent of His love for everyone.

As time has gone on, I’ve been mentored by various members of the Mission staff. Pastor James Lewis even invited me to fellowship with his family on Sundays. The Central Union Mission family has shown me what Christians are supposed to be working on, which is selflessness through love and

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90 Days of Summer

During the lazy days of summer, we often get a chance to relax and get off our hectic schedules for a while. For the people who depend on Central Union Mission, though, there’s no vacation from the daily struggle to survive.

That’s why this season we’ve started the 90 Days of Summer program. When work slows down and families go to the beach, the needs of the homeless people and families in the city can be forgotten. When you commit to donating $30 for June, July and August, you are ensuring that Central Union Mission can continue to feed hungry families and that homeless men can be safe from the stifling streets.

We are so grateful for the compassion you show the homeless and needy people of Washington, DC. Please consider participating in our 90 Days of Summer program today. Contact Deborah Chambers for information at 202-MISSION ext. 227, or check out the response coupon on page four.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Busy Summer Ahead...

The hot humidity of Washington, DC, won’t stop your Mission from being as busy as ever. We start the summer with our benefit golf tournament Tee Off for Kids, then the campers arrive at Camp Bennett. We’ll end August with our back-to-school Operation Backpack project.

And while these events are going on, we’ll continue to feed, shelter and hydrate homeless men. Hispanic families will receive clothes, food and education. Seniors will receive meals, encouragement and companionship—all because of your faithful support.

If you (or your business or family) have decided that you’d like to develop or expand your relationship to the Mission, I’d really enjoy the chance to talk with you—perhaps with a Mission tour, a meal or even a round of golf. Please give me a call anytime at 202-MISSION ext. 224. Again, thanks for all your financial support and uplifting prayers. Your generosity is true worship and service to God.

Blessings,

We Could Use Your Wheels!

The Mission uses some donated cars and vans to transport men to job interviews, bring families to doctors’ appointments and deliver donated goods. Other vehicles are passed on to people and families in urgent need of transportation. However, our fleet is aging and undependable.

Are you planning to replace your vehicle that still has a little life left in it? Your reliable car donation could save us time and money and provide a tax deduction for you. We also need specialty vehicles like commercial vehicles, a bus or a refrigerated truck. Please contact TaJuanna Patterson at 202-MISSION about donating your car.

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service. I also received an ID, health insurance, access to a doctor’s care, my birth certificate, a social security card and so much more.

I want to become a radiology technician in the future, and I trust God for this. I also would like to study theology. Since I have the greatest team of ministers praying, guiding and encouraging me, I try to encourage others to become vulnerable and to trust God to work everything out for them, as He has for me.

Fans Forever

Tune into the day-to-day life of Central Union Mission by becoming a fan on Facebook. Search for “Central Union Mission”—look for the blue and red logo—and click the “like” button. Then you can read all about what’s happening on R Street, and tell your friends!

Visit Central Union Mission at www.missiondc.org today!
Making Lasting Summer Memories

Of course you remember your early camping days: exploring nature, playing sports, making crafts, finding new friends and perhaps even sleeping away from home for the first time. Those summer experiences gave you a new independence and a taste for adventure.

Many Washington, DC, children have only the steamy streets to look forward to this summer. But with your help, these children can experience the magic of summer camp.

For every $75 donation, one needy child can go to Camp Bennett in rural Maryland for one day. Please consider how your church group or your colleagues at the office can join together to sponsor one child for a whole week for $375. For more information about sponsoring a camper, please contact Tracy Duncan at 202-MISSION ext. 260.

In Grateful Tribute

Central Union Mission is grateful for these gifts given in honor and memory of loved ones since January 2010.

In Memory of Andrew W. Allen, Jr.
Mary C. Bettge
D. Scott & Sarah Dickens
Frances Arlene Heater
Charlie & Marjorie Johnson
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In Memory of Hilda M. Collins
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When you select new FIOS internet, phone, TV or long distance services, Verizon will make a contribution to Central Union Mission. You can get the internet speed you need at the lowest rate while helping disadvantaged people in our city. Call this special number 1.888.695.5299, and provide our code #13804 for this offer, and tell a friend!
Count on Me for 90 Days of Summer

I want to feed and care for our city’s homeless people this summer. I have enclosed my gift of:

☐ $30 for June
☐ $90 for June, July and August
☐ $60 for June and July
☐ $ _______ other amount.

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

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________

Please mail to: Central Union Mission
P.O. Box 96763
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