

ANNUAL REPORT ISSUE





Many thanks to our faithful ExxonMobil volunteers this year, who were champion sandwich makers.

his year brought important changes for Central Union Mission. Through our generous donors' gifts, we renovated the historic Gales School building in the heart of the city to accommodate our much-needed homeless shelter.

Also this year, we merged with our co-laborer Gospel Rescue Ministries (GRM). GRM transfers two of its properties to Central Union Mission's care: The 20-bed Gospel Mission House, renamed in honor of GRM's long history of service, and the Lambert House, offering five apartment units available to poor families. As well, Central Union Mission continues GRM's Ready to Work program, which employs men and women in cleaning up four Washington, DC, neighborhoods.

Along with our loyal ministry partners, we welcome GRM supporters to join us, because your help makes a difference in the community. If you have questions about how to get involved, please contact **Deborah Chambers** at **202-745-7118**, ext. **227**, or *dchambers@missiondc.org*.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Much Is Required

"For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more." Luke 12:48 NKJV

e have so much to tell you about in this annual report. 2013 brought us the completion of our state-of-theart homeless shelter in the renovated Gales School building on Massachusetts Avenue. We

now have room for more guests, safe dayrooms to keep them off the streets and offices for doctors, dentists and lawyers to provide much needed services. We are back in the heart of the city, close to Union Station where many drifters gather.

Our other big event for the year was our merge with Gospel Rescue Ministries. Through this partnership, we are able to serve even more needy people.

I am well aware, however, of Jesus' warning in the parable of the ready servant. We want to be not just good managers but also good investors in God's plan for our city. We're trusting Him to provide the resources we need to serve poor and homeless people in Washington, DC. Thank you so much for your commitment to advancing Central Union Mission's ministries for "the least of these."

Blessings,

David Treadwell Executive Director



COMMUNITY OUTREACH Being a Good Neighbor

his was a difficult year economically for many. Thanks to our Outreach Department, we helped even more needy people in our community.

Feeding Our Community

With your help, we distributed over \$3.4 million worth of donated food through our own emergency and support services and with our partner agencies and local programs.

Food PLUS Center

We renamed our Food Depot the "Food PLUS Center," because we offer more than food: clothing, furniture and appliances, too, all at no cost! With your contributions and donations, we distributed over \$1 million worth of household goods this year.

Operation Backpack

We care about our neighborhood children's school performance because education is a proven way out of poverty. Many parents can't afford to buy school supplies, which can leave children unprepared to learn. With help from our generous donors, we distributed new backpacks filled with school supplies to 1,180 children.

Operation Christmas Miracle

Our compassionate friends made this Christmas so special for our children. For many, the gifts you contributed were the only ones they received this year. Thanks to your generosity, together we gave bags of Christmas presents to 2,002 children of all ages.



Does this one fit? Trying on a new backpack filled with school supplies.

Summer Camp Brings Friends Together

hat better recollection for a child than a week at summer camp? Camp Bennett, in rural Brookeville, MD, made memories for 381 children, who came to learn about how their "True Identities" come from Jesus. We had 25 staff members this summer, including a 10-member group from Redland Baptist Church (Rockville, MD). Campers enjoyed swimming, Bible study, campfires, crafts and many more traditional camp activities.

We're proud to congratulate two new married couples who met through Camp Bennett. Most of our staff attended Austin McNair and Lillian Pinheiro's wedding in July. Best wishes also to James Johnson and Debora Loppies on their marriage in Indonesia in September; the couple met through mutual counselor friends.

We welcomed Washington Adventist University and Notre Dame Prep High School for fall retreats; the American Veterans (AMVETS) did a Warrior Transition workshop at camp in October. Many thanks to Shady Grove Presbyterian Church (Derwood, MD) volunteers for building a shed for our ropes course equipment.



These Best Friends Forever enjoyed Camp Bennett's wild outdoors and the opportunity to learn about Jesus.

Through your contributions, Camp Bennett continues to serve as a respite for inner-city children, Spiritual Transformation Program students and local organizations. Thank you for your support.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Sharing Our Most Precious Gift



e're so grateful to all of our volunteer partners for donating their time to help the homeless and hurting people at Central Union Mission.

Georgetown University (GU) groups have been good neighbors this year. We want to thank **GU School of Continuing Studies** for their excellent support in running service projects, writing notes of encouragement to those we serve and helping the Mission commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work on August 24, 2013, the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. **GU Law Center** packed hundreds of grocery bags and organized gift-in-kind donations for their annual Day of Service at our Food PLUS Center. **GU NAACP** hosted our Senior Director of Ministries Rev. James Lewis for a speaking engagement, bringing campus awareness to Central Union Mission's work. **Georgetown Opportunities for Leadership and Development** hosted a Day of Service to support Central Union Mission outreach efforts.

Many thanks also to Pastor John K. Jenkins, Sr., and **First Baptist Church of Glenarden** (Upper Marlboro, MD), who supported Central Union Mission generously as volunteers, providing steady commitment to our Food PLUS Center this fall through the FBCG Helps Ministry and Hispanic Ministry. They also provided hundreds and hundreds of encouraging notes to those we serve through the FBCG Card Ministry.

We appreciate the support from **Immanuel Bible Church** (Springfield, VA) in dependably providing teams of meal-serving volunteers. Additionally, IBC supported the Mission through a service project and a tree-planting event funded by a **Casey Trees** grant at our new location.

We thank also **ExxonMobil** for their continued partnership in supplying more than 50 volunteers for a Day of Caring in August. What a difference they made constructing over 600 sandwiches, painting a 26-foot wall and sorting hundreds of clothing items!

Holland & Knight continued to show their support to the Mission this year. To celebrate Veterans' Day, their DC office completed a Day of Service at our Food PLUS Center, packing food bags and stocking shelves. Even more, they sponsored our Operation Christmas Miracle program for the second year in a row, investing several hours during the workday to assemble Christmas bags for the children.

Reid Temple AME Church (Glenn Dale, MD) is a steadfast volunteer. Again this year, their teams of volunteers supported service projects at the Mission for their annual Pastor Lee P. Washington Appreciation Day.

As well, we are glad for the years of volunteer partnership that **CS Lewis Institute** has provided through their annual Fellows' Urban Service Project. CSLI has conveyed a strong call among the DC area to serve the poor as an indispensable component of discipleship to Christ.



Thank you, Georgetown Law students, for organizing our clothing closet at the Food PLUS Center.

Thanks to Our Volunteers

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OVERNIGHT GUEST REPORT Making a New Start



Harold Kuhn fills grocery bags at the Food PLUS Center for his Work Therapy job.

his year our Overnight Guest program added one more service: the Work Therapy program. We discovered that some guests have backgrounds that prevent them from getting jobs, even after they've worked hard to restore themselves to the community. With the Work Therapy program, ten motivated guests can work part-time doing jobs at Central Union Mission for minimum wage.

Their beds are reserved for up to a year, and they are required to find full-time employment by the end of their term. They save 50 percent of each paycheck, which is used toward permanent housing. They may also be considered for transition to the Mission's Ready To Work or other programs. While working at the Mission, they earn job experience in a supportive environment and are able to accumulate good references to impress potential employers.

Harold Kuhn, 59, has been an Overnight Guest at the Mission since January 2011. In the Work Therapy program, he was given the opportunity to support the Mission's operations at our Food PLUS Center. There he helps load and unload the food trucks, stock the donations, make deliveries and support the staff during the Seniors Luncheons and weekend food distributions to families. Says Kuhn, "If I hadn't listened to that voice three years ago and let the Mission into my life, I'm not sure where I would be today."

Mario Cruz, 54, found himself homeless in October 2013 when his landlord was evicted for mortgage default. He planned to start our Work Program since he had a job, but that opportunity dried up, so he was unemployed, as well.

Cruz is a licensed cook and has his certified food handler's license. With experience cooking for Marriott International, Hilton Hotels and Resorts, Georgetown University and other organizations, the Mission was able to benefit from his talents. He is serving up meals to everyone's delight and is working towards a permanent position on the Mission's kitchen staff.

Work Therapy participant Mario Cruz mans the grill at our Souper Bowl party.



These Family Ministry participants received Christmas presents from our Operation Christmas Miracle donors and a visit with the "Big Guy" himself.

FAMILY MINISTRIES On a Strong Footing

hen asked about her family income, Dayni, a young mother of two, started to cry. Her family of four had a total income of less than \$15,000 a year, with most of their money going toward rent.

That's where Family Ministries was able to help. We gave her family some food and clothing, and we advised her to start English classes as soon as possible to open up more job opportunities. Now Dayni is studying English four hours a day. Motivated to improve her financial status, she is already able to speak basic English and fill out a job application. Because of your support, Dayni's family has a way out of poverty.

Some of Family Ministries' events this year included an Easter program at Camp Bennett serving 151 people, baby showers with supplies for 121 mothers and a brand new Diaper Distribution program providing coverage for 42,000 bottoms. Thank you so much for your continued support.



SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT UPDATE More to Learn and Achieve





Congratulations to STP student Vincent Ten Eyck who graduated from DC Central Kitchen's Culinary Arts School. His classmates voted Vincent "Most Valuable Player," and he was the only graduate to receive a perfect attendance certificate. He celebrates here with Mission Social Work Director Shirley Johnson (left) and Sarah Riley, DC Central Kitchen job placement coordinator (right.)

ur year brought more opportunities to changes lives with education and jobs for our Overnight Guests and students.

Education

Mission students benefitted from weekly on-site visits from counselors from the Rehabilitative Services Administration, an agency of the Department of Education. These counselors advise our guests with physical and mental impairments on life skills and job training. Some of our men are taking commercial drivers' license and barber classes from this program.

Also toward our goal of developing self-sufficiency, our new partnership with MBI Health Services provided 11 guests with life skills training. The men also have access to a tenweek Job Readiness Training Program including culinary arts classes. We also hosted a food handler certification class, enabling seven Mission food service employees to gain this valuable credential.

With so many in our care, we have encountered our share of medical emergencies. To help us respond appropriately, we invited DC Emergency Management Services to train eight staff members in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). One of our staff members has already used his CPR skills to save a resident's life.

Look What You've Done!

e are proud to share what your contributions accomplished in our fiscal year 2013:

Nutritious Food

- 154,894 hot meals provided for men, women, families and children
- Over \$3.4 million worth of groceries were distributed through our partnerships with other community organizations

Outreach to Children

- 381 children attended summer camp at Camp Bennett
- 1,180 children received backpacks filled with school supplies
- 2,002 children received Operation Christmas Miracle bags

Household Support

• Over \$1 million worth of clothing, furniture and household goods distributed

Residential Recovery Services

- 43,110 nights of shelter through the Overnight Guest Ministry and Spiritual Transformation Program
- 4,940 counseling sessions and home or hospital visits provided
- 320 men received continuous housing and social service support

Education, Medical and Legal Help

- 530 individuals received physicals, eye exams, testing or private medical or legal consultations
- 4,318 hours of instruction in English literacy, GED preparation and other skills

Job Opportunities

Our Special Circumstances students have had some outstanding successes in career opportunities as well. One student gained a department manager job at newly opened Walmart; one is going to school for graphic design and has started his own company. One student's excellent work at a law firm led to paralegal school. We have new health care employees, a construction worker, a mental health aide intraining as well as Macy's and Safeway employees. We also have several students in job readiness programs and four employees in our new Work Therapy Program. If you have employment to offer our qualified students, please contact Shirley Johnson at 202-745-7118 ext. 225 or *sjohnson@ missiondc.org.*

"This Was the Place for Me"



Charles Hill

I lost everything due to drugs and alcohol. I had nowhere to go except to God," acknowledges Charles Hill.

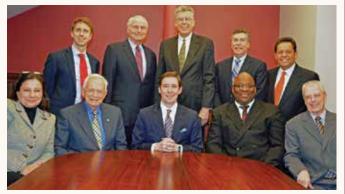
An Army veteran serving from 1974 to 1985, Charles left his adoptive mother in South Carolina to find his real parents in Washington, DC, in 1994. Their reunion wasn't as warm as he hoped for, but his father helped him find a job. He lost that job and more when drugs and alcohol

started playing a role in his life. In early 2012, he lost his girlfriend and his home, too.

He well remembers coming to the Mission on March 18, 2012. He stayed for a few days with the goal of getting back with his girlfriend. Instead the Mission chaplains encouraged him to start in the Spiritual Transformation Program (STP). He decided right then, "If I can't get it together with the Lord, it's not going to happen at all." After about one month in the program he knew "this was the place for me."

He worked hard in the program studying and doing chores like cleaning, loading trucks and working in the kitchen, but his favorite part was the Bible verses. "Every Friday, we were supposed to memorize a Bible verse. Funny how life became easier as I could see my blessings in front of me when I couldn't before! I saw God showing me favor," he recalls.

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relatives were pleased to see his progress. He is living at the Mission and on staff as assistant front desk supervisor, which requires him to interact with and advise homeless guests. He also participates in job fairs and training so he can find employment and housing outside the Mission.

Most of all, he's waiting on God and His Word now for answers to his questions. "I wasn't living the morals I was taught, but the STP returned them to me. I'm learning about the Bible and how to live spiritually every day."

He was raised a Christian: "No matter what happened Saturday night, you were in church on Sunday." However, living and studying at the Mission gave him time to reflect. "I was removed from the bad things I was living for and got a new start."

He graduated from the STP in 2013, and at his adoptive mother's funeral recently, his



STP graduates display their certificates at the Mission's first STP graduation in our new building. Pictured are Tyrone Robinson, Social Work Intern Shrieka McCarthy, Kelvin Austin, James Moore and Peter Fails.



March 2014

fter years of negotiating and planning, Central Union Mission's new home at 65 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, opened to provide services to the homeless men and poor people in the area. We restored this historic school building to its former glory, and we're using it to serve God.

Because of your support, even more will have access to food, shelter, medical, dental and legal care and a safe place to spend

the day. Thank you so much to our partners who contributed to making our new facility a reality.

We're not finished, however. A quarter of our mortgage costs remain (\$3.7 million), and you can also participate in our Gift of Love program to provide furniture, equipment and gifts like personalized paving bricks. Please visit *www.missiondc.org/campaign2013/restore_hope* for some options.

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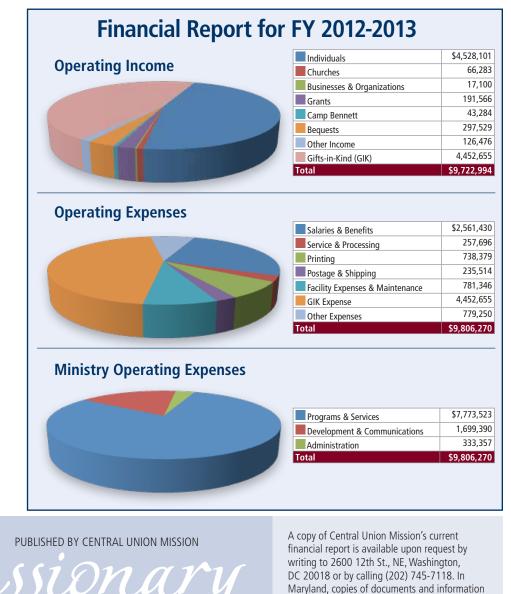
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