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You Are the Miracle This Christmas

Christmas is a favorite time of year—especially for children. But what if your parents can't afford to buy you any presents? What if instead those who love God step in to help? Through **Operation Christmas Miracle 2010**, you can provide the only Christmas presents some children will receive by sponsoring a child or being a financial donor.

Delores Warren has been bringing her four grandchildren ranging in age from 2 to 15 to Operation Christmas Miracle for seven years now. The children have enjoyed receiving clothes, football equipment, a cd player and other toys. "We really do appreciate Central Union Mission," thanked Ms. Warren.

When you sponsor a child, you select a child's age and gender, and you will receive a list of recommended gifts to purchase. Or you can provide financial support, and the Mission will do the shopping for you. You can sign up online at www.missiondc.org/christmas/ or contact Tracy Duncan at 202-MISSION ext. 260 or at Christmas@missiondc.org. Please make a Christmas memory for a needy child today! ■

"It's Not About Me"

James Terry left the Mission 16 years ago with his addiction cured, but recently after losing his job, he ended up back out on the streets. He decided that he needed to return to the Mission that helped him long ago.



James Terry

The Mission is helping him pull himself together; God gives him day jobs, and he can save money for his children. He says, "God is teaching me to be obedient; it's not about me, it's God doing things through me."

James has a special role as an encourager among the other Overnight Guests. He says that "The other guys notice and ask me questions about Christ. They know I'd give them the shirt off my back." He recently organized the men to repaint the "day room," the basement room where guests wait after signing in for the night. More rooms await their hard work.

James is convinced that Central Union Mission is "a very special place," where he's trusting God and getting the support he needs to regain his footing in life. ■



Central Union Mission is Santa's home base during Operation Christmas Miracle 2010.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR The Holidays are Coming

As we head into this nearly overwhelming season, we recognize that “comfort and joy” don’t describe the holidays for homeless and needy people.

The struggle of unemployment or underemployment demands all of a poor person’s will to survive. That’s why your generous support is so life-changing—especially now.

Where else can you serve a complete turkey dinner to a hungry guest for only \$1.98? Your hospitality encourages our neighbors. Your gifts give smiles to children who will get no other Christmas presents. Your contributions keep the Mission’s overnight guests safe and warm on a winter’s night.

While we hope that the Blizzard of ’10 won’t be repeated, we trust that

God holds His Mission in His hands regardless. He will provide through the compassionate hearts of donors and volunteers like you. We gratefully thank you for your prayers and support.

Blessings,




Our Time of Gratitude



Serving a sweet ending to the Thanksgiving feast.

This fall we’re planning on more than 1,700 guests at our Thanksgiving dinner table. We’re serving turkey with all the trimmings to our homeless neighbors and their families. You can be a part of our celebration, too. Please volunteer to help serve up the feast by contacting Seamus Merrigan at **202-MISSION** ext. 249 or jmerrigan@missiondc.org.

If you’re not in town to help, consider donating money to help us provide the food. For just under \$2, you can buy one guest a full Thanksgiving meal. Please see www.missiondc.org to learn how to donate. ■



Your donation of \$1.98 serves one hungry neighbor an encouraging meal.



Get gifts that truly matter— for everyone on your list

**The Central Union Mission Online 2010
Christmas Gift Catalog is open for shopping!**

Forget the stress. Forget the hassle. Forget gifts that end up buried in a drawer. This year, give gifts that truly matter—and shop from the comfort of your own home or office. The *Central Union Mission* Online 2010 Christmas Gift Catalog offers unique ways to honor your loved ones while helping change the lives of our community's hurting people.

Give holiday meals in honor of Mom. Show Dad he's special by putting a roof over someone's head for a month. Or let Grandma know the comfort she's given you by giving a warm blanket in her name. They'll thank you for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with these thoughtful gifts of love. Start your shopping today at <http://centralunionmission.giving-hope.org/>. ■

Upcoming Events

Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon

**Saturday, November 20, 2010
at 8:30 am**

Visit www.helpthehomelessdc.org to register today, and select Central Union Mission (#DC015) as your beneficiary.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

**Tuesday, November 23, 2010
at noon**

We need your help serving our neighbors during this Thanksgiving-themed program.

Thanksgiving Dinner

**Thursday, November 25, 2010
at 5:00 pm**

Please volunteer to serve and encourage our overnight guests.

Holiday Banquet

**Saturday, December 4, 2010
at 5:00 pm**

Come join us to honor our donors, volunteers and program participants at this festive holiday event. To RSVP, please see www.missiondc.org/christmas/rsvp/.

Operation Christmas Miracle

**Saturday, December 11,
at 10:00 am**

Please assist us in distributing bags full of Christmas presents to excited children.

Seniors Luncheon

**Wednesday, December 8, 2010
at 10:00 am**

Please help us provide a Christmas program and lunch for our neighborhood seniors.

Christmas Dinner

**Saturday, December 25, 2010
at 5:00 pm**

You can help us serve our guests a festive Christmas dinner.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Event

Monday, January 17, 2011

Join us as we celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., with a short program and a meal.

All events take place at the Mission unless otherwise noted. To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Seamus Merrigan at 202-MISSION ext. 249 or www.missiondc.org/support_us/volunteer. ■



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Miracle on 14th Street *donate today.*



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A Blessing at Year's End


As 2010 winds down, we're entering the coldest months when living on the street goes into survival mode. With your assistance, people can get safely warm and back on their feet, then experience the joy of serving Jesus.

Please consider making a year-end gift to strengthen the Mission's influence and prepare us for opportunities in this neighborhood. That is the best Christmas present we and the metropolitan area could ever receive, and it goes straight to God's heart: "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me" (Matthew 25:40 NIV). Thanks for your generosity. ■



Enjoy our Holiday Thank You Banquet

You are invited to our Holiday Banquet on December 4 at 5:00 pm as we recognize and honor the Mission's donors, volunteers and program participants. Please join us for a festive meal at Fourth Presbyterian Church (5500 River Rd, Bethesda, MD). There is no charge for the meal, but please bring a wrapped gift for a boy or girl (infant through age 17) that we can contribute to Operation Christmas Miracle 2010. RSVP online at www.missiondc.org/christmas/rsvp/, or call Rosetta Walker at 202-MISSION ext. 221 for more information. ■








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I Want to Make This Season Bright!

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

- \$11.88 for 6 holiday dinners \$23.76 for 12 dinners
- \$39.60 for 20 dinners \$57.42 for 29 dinners
- \$ _____ to help as many people as possible
- Please contact me with information about Operation Christmas Miracle 2010.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Your gift is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. We'll send a receipt for your records. God bless you for caring. **NKBCNEW**
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