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STP Offers New Hope, New Start



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Robert Hamner, one of this summer's STP grads, displays his certificate with his cousin Lachelle Johnson (left) and his mother, Juanita Davis. Davis volunteered with the Mission while her son was in the STP. She is now a part-time employee with the Food PLUS Center.

Central Union Mission's Spiritual Transformation Program (STP) makes broken lives whole. This free 18-month residential recovery program helps men conquer addictions, improve education and job skills and enhance their personal and spiritual relationships. The STP consists of three phases designed to help men return to their communities capable of making a positive impact.

Phase One is six months of basic recovery and relapse prevention, Bible studies and classes in reading, writing, math, algebra and anger management. We help manage the student's physical and mental health and legal issues in this phase.

For Phase Two, students retreat to Camp Bennett in rural Maryland to focus on relapse prevention, recovery thinking, drug awareness and education. Biblical discipleship offers a healthy lifestyle and effective principles for marriage, parenting,

financial management and conflict resolution. Life-skills training includes handling crises at work and home, managing emotions, job readiness and computer proficiency.

During Phase Three, the men return to Central Union Mission for vocational training and employment outside of the Mission. Employed Phase Three students save half their net income for future housing. Students make a three-year covenant with their churches to deter relapse and promote accountability. We also work on reconciling with families using skills gained from Phase Two.

Please make sure that your human resources office or church counseling department are aware of the benefits available through the Mission's STP. Working together, we can help get men's lives back on track. For more information, contact STP Director **Rev. David Howard** at **202-745-7118** or **DHoward@missiondc.org**.

Nearly 600 Equipped to Learn

Thanks to our generous donors, Central Union Mission provided 592 new backpacks full of school supplies to children in the Nation's Capital. Since education is the strongest deterrent to poverty, we applaud you for making sure these children began school ready to learn!



April Randall is grateful for the supplies that will help her daughter Michaela succeed this school year.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

You Can Keep Up With Us!

There is a rumor going around that Central Union Mission is closed. This, as Mark Twain would say, has been an exaggeration! Not only are we open, we are working harder than ever to provide clean, safe and polite services to homeless and poor people in Washington, DC.

Here's what happened: Recognizing that revitalization efforts in the R Street corridor were pushing poor and needy people out of the neighborhood, we embarked on a quest to find a new location back in the downtown area, where the need for our services is the greatest. We found the perfect location at 65 Massachusetts Avenue, the former Gales School.

However, since we sold our previous home at 1350 R Street, and the new owners were ready to begin their work, we had to find a temporary home for our guests. Our Men's Ministry Program, the arm of the



Warm in the winter, cool during summer. Contractors with Forrester Construction installed, with the utmost of care, a heating and air conditioning system in the historic Gales School.

Mission that shelters overnight guests and men in the Spiritual Transformation Program, temporarily relocated to 810 5th Street, the former site of Gospel Rescue Mission. Our guests and staff were there until our renovated home was completed in November.

With the renovation of a new building for sheltering and serving poor and needy people came the

need to find a new location for our administrative team. In July, this portion of our Mission staff moved into offices located at 2600 12th Street, NE. We dedicated this facility to Christ in September. We anxiously await dedicating our new facility on Massachusetts Avenue later this year.

With all of our recent moves, it's understandable that people could get confused about our whereabouts. But, make no mistake: Central Union Mission is alive and well and as committed as ever to help and serve the neediest in our city. Now that you know where to find us, make sure you spread the good news. We look forward to your visit!

Blessings,



It's Time for Operation Christmas Miracle

You don't have to be an elf to share in the joy of giving. Your sponsorship will provide the only gifts some needy children receive this Christmas.

To sponsor an Operation Christmas Miracle child, contact **Tracy Duncan** at **202-745-7118, ext. 260**, or tduncan@missiondc.org. You will receive the first name and age of a child, along with age-appropriate suggestions for purchasing one book, one game and three toys. Our tax-exempt letter is available for tax purposes. You can deliver your gifts to one of four drop-off locations:

Washington, DC
Central Union Mission
Drop off gifts by December 15
Open: M-F, 9 am - 8 pm
Gospel Mission House
Drop off gifts by December 20
Sat, 1 pm - 5 pm; Sun, 2 pm - 6 pm
512 I (Eye) Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
Phone: 202-417-3745
202-745-7118, ext.260

Virginia
Immanuel Bible Church
Drop off gifts by December 15
Drop-off hours: M-F, 10 am - 4 pm
6911 Braddock Rd.
Springfield, VA 22151
Phone: 703-941-4124

Burke Community Church
Drop off gifts by December 15
Drop-off hours: M-Th, 9 am - 5 pm;
F, 9 am - 1 pm
9900 Old Keene Mill Road
Burke, VA 22015
Phone: 703-425-0205

Maryland
Camp Bennett
Drop off gifts by December 15
Drop-off hours: M-Sat, 9 am - 5 pm;
Sun, 3 pm - 5 pm
(On Sun, call 202-437-5643 first.)
20501 Georgia Ave.
Brookville, MD 20833
Bring bags to the white house.
Phone: 202-437-5643

If you or your group would like to distribute gifts at the childrens' Christmas program on December 21, please contact **Seamus Merrigan** at **202-745-7118, ext. 249**, or jmerrigan@missiondc.org.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Donated Laptops Give Students an Advantage

The radio commercial intrigued Lakeisha Tutt: Central Union Mission sounded like a ministry she wanted to support. Her company, Hewlett Packard (HP), allows its employees four hours every month for volunteering in the community, and she decided to use her time at the Mission. That was in 2010, and she's been a part of Central Union Mission ever since.

After being on-site for a while, she saw a need she was uniquely qualified to fill. "Working for a technology company, it just made sense to me to donate laptops to the Mission," she responded. Through an HP gift-in-kind program that contributes 75 percent toward computer cost, Lakeisha contributed the remaining 25 percent and donated six laptop computers to Central Union Mission.

Some of the computers are used at the Mission's administrative offices, and some are for the Spiritual Transformation Program's Phase Two participants at Camp Bennett. According to Mission Assistant Director of Education Bonnie Pritchard, these computers are the first that some STP students have ever used. "Some have no computer skills at all, but at the end of their training,

they have completed their first resume." Pritchard added, "The men can't wait for their time during class to get on the computers. Even those with little computer experience are anxious to jump on and learn what they can." Learning how to type and to use Microsoft Word gives students a competitive edge in job hunting.

Thanks to Lakeisha's generous heart and Hewlett Packard's community service philosophy, Mission students are sharpening technology skills that will assist them in re-entering the job force and community.



Hewlett Packard Project Manager Lakeisha Tutt, PMP, used her company's community service programs to volunteer and donate laptop computers to the Mission.

Honor Someone Special with a "Gift of Love"

Structural renovations at the Mission's new facility are done. The historic Gales School is ready to shelter its new occupants: staff, guests, and volunteers of Central Union Mission. It's time to turn the building into a home fit to welcome "the least of these," God's much-loved children who have fallen on hard times. "Show your encouragement to the homeless people in our city with a "Gift of Love."

We need your help to provide a safe and inviting respite from the streets. Beds, lockers and desks as well as sponsorship of entire rooms like the Kitchen, Pantry or Laundry Room are needed. A named "Gift of Love" is the perfect way to honor or memorialize a loved one and to show Washington, DC, that you care. An attractive inscription with donors' names will be displayed as a testament to your compassion. Smaller personalized gifts like wall tiles will remind our guests of the generosity of others and that many are praying for them and for Central Union Mission.

For information about naming opportunities or a tour of our home, please contact **Jocelyn Harris** at **202-745-7118, ext. 221**, or jharris@missiondc.org.

Here are some of the Naming Opportunities available for you or your church, business or community group:

Chapel	\$100,000	Lounge	\$4,200
Dining Room	\$100,000	Staff Offices	\$10,000
Desks and Chairs	\$450	A/V Equipment	\$20,000
Dental Office	\$15,000	Computer Stations	\$2,500
Emergency Quarters	\$75,000	Floor Tile	\$100
Residential Suites	\$35,000	Elevator	\$40,000
Staff Quarters	\$10,000	Beds	\$500
Day Rooms	\$20,000	Lockers for Program Men	\$250
Board Room	\$25,000	Overnight Guests Storage Tubs	\$75
Clothing Room	\$10,000	Clothing Racks Tables	\$100
Exercise Room	\$20,000	Bike Rack	\$500
Kitchen	\$45,000	Park Benches	\$500
Kitchen Appliances	\$5,000	Building Signage	\$5,000
Pantry	\$20,000	Street Signage	\$15,000
Laundry Appliances	\$10,000	Landscaping	\$10,000

JOIN US!

Operation Christmas Miracle Donations Due

Friday, December 15, 2013
 Contact **Tracy Duncan** for details at 202-745-7118 or tduncan@missiondc.org.

Operation Christmas Miracle Program

Saturday, December 21, 2013
 Volunteer to distribute gifts to our neighborhood children.

Christmas Banquet

Wednesday, December 25, 2013
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 We need help in serving this festive Christmas celebration.

Grocery Baggers

Every Tuesday
 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Please come help us prepare grocery bags at the Food PLUS Center.

Food Distribution

Every Wednesday
 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
 We need your help to hand out food to our hungry neighbors

Also, we need help for bagging emergency groceries, parking and running the emergency food registration table every Monday through Thursday. The Food PLUS Center work is located at 3182-B Bladensburg Road, NE, Washington, DC 20018.

Please visit www.missiondc.org/volunteercentral for more details, schedules and to register yourself or your group.

We Thank God by Helping Others


When you are enjoying the holiday season with your family, do you stop to consider our homeless DC residents? You can make your own celebration more joyful by setting a place at Central Union Mission's table for some of our hungriest neighbors.



They will be comforted by the tasty meal, hot shower and clean bed, but more importantly, they will be intrigued by what sets Central Union Mission apart from some other shelters—our devotion to serving God.

When you provide funds for hot, nutritious meals and safe accommodations, our guests are free to re-examine their lives and take advantage of our Work Program or Spiritual Transformation Program. A meal can lead to a relationship with Christ and a productive return to the community.

As we come to the end of the year, please remember that your financial gifts have even more impact on these hurting men, women, families and seniors. You encourage them with your compassion and give them the support they need to thrive. We thank you so much for your generosity.




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I Want to Help Others

I want to help uplift hungry and needy people in Washington, DC, this Fall. I have enclosed:

- \$39.60 to serve a nutritious meal to 20 guests
- \$59.40 to serve 30 guests
- \$89.10 to serve 45 guests
- \$_____ to serve as many guests as possible

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.*