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Campaign for Compassion 2013

Restoring Hope



This fall begins a strategic time for Central Union Mission. Increasing numbers of neighbors are homeless and hungry, and many parents are without jobs. Just as every hungry face is unique, so are the variety of ways you can participate in this campaign. God is calling you to help. What can you do?

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GM Keeps Students Rolling



(back row, from left) Mission Outreach Senior Manager Tracy Duncan and Executive Director David Treadwell thank Victoria Mason and Janine Nickel and their children for these new backpacks from GM and for bringing attention to the Mission through their internet blogs.

The Mission with a Heart Returns to the Heart of the City

In 1983, Central Union Mission was forced to move away from its facilities of almost 100 years near 7th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., NW, as the city upgraded Pennsylvania Avenue and opened Metro in downtown DC. Now, approaching 30 years later, the District Government has invited the Mission to return its vital services for homeless men to the heart of the city.

Built in 1881, the historic Gales School is three years older than the Mission and served the community as a school and service facility until 2006. Damaged by neglect, weather and vandalism, the building at 65 Massachusetts Ave., NW, has sorely needed a caring developer. Today the

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Many thanks to General Motors (GM) for helping our students. Through its vehicle loan program, GM engaged the assistance of two “mommy bloggers” to gather school supplies for Central Union Mission’s Operation Backpack. Victoria Mason of *The Mummy Chronicles* and Janine Nickel of *Twofer Mom* collected and delivered 40 stuffed backpacks to the Mission in new GM vehicles. “The corporate stewardship of our churches and businesses reinforces to our families that a strong education is fundamental to a child’s success in life,” said David Treadwell, Mission executive director. See more Operation Backpack information on page 6. ■

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Numbers (and Hearts) Add Up

One in eight Washington, DC, households is struggling with hunger; one in five DC residents lives in poverty, says DC Hunger Solutions. According to The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness, between 2011 and 2012, DC homelessness increased by 6.2% (affecting nearly 7,000 people) and resulted in an increase of 20% in only five years.

At Central Union Mission, we don't need to know those statistics to see the increasing desperation in our community. We see it on the faces

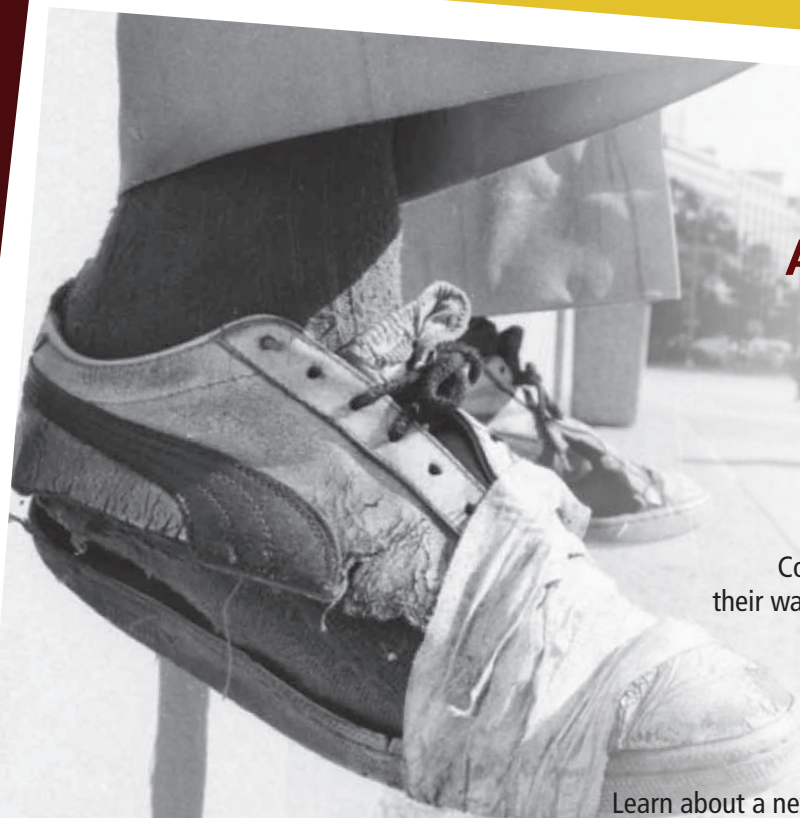
of the homeless men seeking shelter, hungry mothers wondering how to feed their families and lonely senior citizens needing a nutritious meal and a few moments of encouragement.

With God's perspective, we can look past those large numbers to the hearts of the people in need. Through your generosity, addicts find freedom, and lonely men reconcile with their families. Hispanic families receive food and clothing, and our staff and friends nurture our older residents. Inner-city children enjoy a week outdoors at summer camp and new school supplies. And Jesus' love and

compassionate forgiveness are offered to all.

Your gifts are the way God makes these things happen. We thank you so much for responding to His call to rescue the hungry men, seniors and families in our community.

Blessings,



Central Union Mission
invites you to

A Day in My Shoes

Wednesday, October 24 and
Wednesday, November 7

6:30 pm

20 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Come hear the stories of men who found their way off the streets, away from addictions, violence and heartache.

Gain insight from those who serve people in despair and pain.

Learn about a new facility designed to restore hope and dignity to the poor in the Washington Metropolitan region.

Confirm your attendance by Wednesday, October 17, 2012, to **202-MISSION** or eglidden@missiondc.org

In Grateful Memory

Central Union Mission is thankful for the service of Patricia Beal, one of the “Golden Girl” team who worked tirelessly to help our community. Ms. Beal, 87, volunteered at the Mission along with her friend Mardelle Richey since 2001 serving Friday night meals to our Overnight Guests. Ms. Beal was an active volunteer in her Bethesda, MD, neighborhood and at the Washington National Cathedral. We so appreciate her time, service and friendship. ■

“Golden Girls” Pat Beal (right) and Mardelle Richey were a Friday night fixture in the Mission dining room.



Men of Valor Bring Home the Bronze

In this summer’s playoff finals, Central Union Mission’s basketball team, Men of Valor, finished third in a league of eight teams. The Mighty Men of Valor is made up of Spiritual Transformation Program students, Work Program men and Mission staff.

Coach and Mission Executive Assistant Ryan Simpson won “Coach of the Year 2012” from the North American Amateur Basketball Association. According to Mr. Simpson, “The men played their hearts out. They were a positive example on and off the court, and they displayed that “never give up” effort. I let the men know that we have already won the battle, so let’s just have fun.” ■



Men of Valor teammates Dorian Ward and Reveria Sauls display Coach Simpson’s “Coach of the Year 2012” award.

Honors for Work Well Done

We congratulated our Employee and Co-managers of the Year at a ceremony taking place at the restaurant Fogo de Chao on Pennsylvania Avenue this summer. Many congratulations to Database Assistant Ashley Grier, Outreach Manager Tracy Duncan and Database Manager Dené Chinn, whose dedicated efforts enable us to communicate with you and our community and to care for hurting people in Metropolitan DC. ■

2012 employees of merit Dené Chinn, Tracy Duncan and Ashley Grier with Executive Director David Treadwell



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Volunteer

We'd like to see you at your Mission. Every day, the Mission serves nutritious meals to homeless men. We offer clothes and groceries to families at our Food Depot events. Our monthly Senior Luncheons provide our senior citizens fellowship and a special meal. Spiritual Transformation Program students need tutoring in job skills and GED exam-taking, and Hispanic Family Ministry students need English language practice. Your church group can provide worship music at an evening chapel service. Your community group can paint, clean, organize and serve in many ways. Whatever task you do, your time is a blessing to this desperate community. For details, contact **Seamus Merrigan** at 202-MISSION, ext. 249, or jmerrigan@missiondc.org.



Thanks to Converge Conference participants who donated their time to help out at the Mission Distribution Center, folding and organizing clothes and preparing groceries.

Converge is a church growth movement that met this year at First Baptist Church of Glenarden (Landover, MD) in late June.

Attend or Sponsor an Event

You can attend one of our new "A Day in My Shoes" programs for the Mission. Hear personally from men who have gotten a new start in life from the Mission's Spiritual Transformation Program.

This fall is a good time to sponsor a Compassion Sunday event at your church. Central Union Mission will provide a guest speaker and printed material to help spread the word to your congregation about our work in the city.

For you athletes, why not sponsor a Mini Walk at your business, school or church program? The Mission will help you organize your event to gather pledges and donations while having fun walking with your friends. Contact **Seamus Merrigan** for information about these events at 202-MISSION, ext. 249, or jmerrigan@missiondc.org.



A Central Union Mission Mini-Walk features a stroll around Logan Circle.

Make a Donation

Now more than ever, Central Union Mission needs your financial support. You can give a one-time gift (on our website at www.missiondc/donate/), or you can become one of our Meals-A-Month partners who contributes a monthly gift (www.missiondc.org/support_us/meals_a_month/). You can donate food, clothes, furniture or household goods to help our needy families. You can buy Christmas presents for our neighborhood children through Operation Christmas Child.

If your business has products you can donate, you may receive a tax benefit. You can donate your used car, which we will use for rides to job interviews and doctor appointments. Your employer may have a contribution matching program, or you can join many others in our Nation's Capital by giving through **United Way #9617** and **Combined Federal Campaign #85786**. You can also make a gift through your estate.

Sharing the financial blessings God has given you is a critical way of showing your devotion to Him. Please help Central Union Mission with your faithful offerings. Please contact **Deborah Chambers** at **202-MISSION, ext. 227**, or dchambers@missiondc.org for details on how you can give.



With your contributions to Operation Christmas Miracle, these elves will be busy this Christmas.



Support Our Renovation

Central Union Mission has begun renovating the old Gales School on Massachusetts Avenue to accommodate even more neighbors, and there are plenty of ways you can help.

Since we're nearly doubling our number of overnight guests, we need twice as many beds. Would you consider buying a bed for the Mission? As well, there are various naming opportunities that you, your business or church may be interested in pursuing. To learn more, please visit our "Renovating Lives, Restoring Hope" web page at www.missiondc.org/campaign2013.

In addition to hot meals and clean beds, we plan to provide free dental, medical and legal services to our guests. Our goal is to have the new Mission facility (shown in this artist rendering) renovated in time to move in late Spring 2013.

School is Tough Enough...



"Look what I got!"—brand new supplies for the first day of school.

How about going to school without any of the necessary supplies? If your parents can't afford to buy paper and pencils, it's hard to keep up with your classmates. That's why Central Union Mission works with generous donors to provide brand new backpacks stuffed with supplies for the children in our city.

In August, Hispanic Family Ministries (HFM), the Hispanic outreach arm of Central Union Mission, distributed 398 backpacks at its Operation Backpack program, with the help of 22 dedicated volunteers. According to HFM Director Jorge De Casanova, "This year we were able to help more families than ever send their children to school prepared to learn."

At the Mission's Operation Backpack event for English-speaking children, we gave out approximately 400 backpacks—many for first-time recipients—with the help of 30 volunteers.

Children's needs don't end with back-to-school time. You can help them get the only Christmas presents they will receive this year through our Operation Christmas Miracle. Check online at www.missiondc.org for shopping lists and other instructions. Your generosity is the only bright spot in many children's futures. ■

Much More than a Party

For some of the older people who live in our community, our Senior Luncheons are not just fun; they are critical lifelines. Often our neighbors are poor and alone.

When they come to a Senior Luncheon, they enjoy a hot, nutritious meal and fellowship with friends and Mission volunteers. After a competitive game of Bingo, the seniors settle in for a message from a local minister and some worship time with volunteer musicians, followed by a tasty lunch. As they leave, everyone receives a full bag of groceries.

This August Senior Luncheon, a Hawaiian luau, was a particularly special celebration. With music from a Center for Student Missions group (from North Carolina) and Maceo Kemp (Plymouth Congregational UCC), Rev. Chester Bellinger (First Baptist Church of Glenarden) spoke and encouraged our guests to put their trust in Jesus Christ, especially during trying times. In addition to meeting emotional and physical needs, our Senior Luncheon helped fulfill spiritual needs as well. According to Outreach Senior Manager Tracy Duncan, "Our Seniors look forward to attending this event every month. They know it will be fun and relevant to their lives. God is using this program to bring people closer to Him."



Guests praying at the August Senior Luncheon.

Our Senior Luncheon is held on the second Wednesday of every month. We need you or your group's help to decorate, serve food, play Bingo or provide music for the service. Please contact **Seamus Merrigan** at 202-MISSION, ext. 249, or jmerrigan@missiondc.org for more volunteering information. ■

Renovation Update

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District Government has opened the door for Central Union Mission to restore this historic building to provide a place for men off the streets. The Mission's goal is to provide excellent services that will help men be restored to their community.

This building is in an ideal location for a Rescue mission: it's only two blocks from Union Station trains and the Metro station, near interstate and local transportation, close to supporting services and convenient for volunteers. When opened in late spring 2013, the facility will provide a 150-plus-bed shelter and dining room for homeless and hurting men. The facility is designed to accommodate men during the day with training opportunities and in safe day rooms.

We will offer dental, medical and legal assistance, as well as counseling, Bible studies and chapel services. The building will also include emergency family housing as needed and flexible suites for staff offices.



At the Groundbreaking Ceremony, Mission attorney Keith Styles and his assistant Cathy Seymour examine architect's plans for the Gales School renovation.

Lovingly designed by Cox Graae and Speck Architects, Forrester Construction has accepted the challenge to restore the building to its original beauty. While the District has granted us \$1/year rent for the next 25 years, we are responsible for raising over \$12 million to both renovate and equip the building. Please join with us in prayer and financially as we pursue this wonderful facility for serving Washington's poor and homeless. ■

Look What You've Done!

In 2012, your generous contributions made these critical services possible:

- **179,597 nutritious meals** for men, women, families and children, including daily meals, groceries, luncheons and special events
- A week at **summer camp for 420 children**
- **Presents and clothes for 2,221 children** from Operation Christmas Miracle
- **52,323 nights of shelter** through the Overnight Guest Ministry and Spiritual Transformation Program
- **\$1,500,000 worth of clothing, furniture and household goods** were redistributed to families and individuals.
- Physicals, eye exams, private medical and legal consultations and other **professional services for 831 people.**
- **6,866 counseling sessions** and home or hospital visits for our entire population
- **Education for 10,672 adults** in English as a Second Language, literacy competency, Basic Bible and Conquering Dependency development classes and preparation for the General Educational Development test
- Partnering with other community organizations to help supply **\$4,900,000 worth of groceries** to the neighborhood

Upcoming Events

Health Fair

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church
(1625 13th St., NW)

You can be on hand to help seniors and others participate in free health assessments.

Noonday Chapel Services

Monday, October 8 and 22;

November 12, 2012

12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Distribution Center

You are welcome to join us at these new twice-monthly programs held during Food Depot distribution times.

Senior Luncheons

Wednesday, October 10

and November 14, 2012

10:00 am

Please help us serve a fall festival meal to our neighborhood seniors.

Operation Christmas Child Pre-Registrations

Saturday, October 13, 2012

(returning children)

Saturday, October 19, 2012

(new children)

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

We need your help registering children to receive presents this Christmas.

"A Day in My Shoes" Dinner and Event

Wednesday, October 24 and

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

6:30 pm

Experience personal stories, poetry and music from men transformed by Central Union Mission at 20 F Street, NW, Conference Center. Please rsvp by Wednesday, October 17, 2012, to 202-MISSION or eglidden@missiondc.org.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 22, 2012

1:00 pm and 5:00 pm

Please volunteer your group in advance to help serve a delicious holiday meal to our neighbors.

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


Harder Times Ahead

As the weather starts to cool, the homeless in Washington, DC, gear up for the struggle to come. The economy in our city continues to be miserable. Underemployed parents can't put food on their family's table. Children start school hungry with dirty, worn-out clothes.

This fall, would you please partner with us to help our neighbors? They are trying their best, but without you, they can't make ends meet. Thank you so much for your faithful response to God's call for generosity to "the least of these." ■





This Hispanic Family Ministries family keeps together with help from donors like you.





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I'm Ready to Help

Count on me 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.

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.*

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