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## Fall Focus on Men's Ministries

Although Central Union Mission helps people of all ages, it is mostly known for its men's emergency shelter and recovery programs. In this issue, we share about the services the Mission offers men through compassionate donors like you.

**Overnight Guests** who need more than the basics have access to rehabilitation, medical, dental and mental health care. Next, the **Spiritual Transformation Program** (STP) provides education, literacy and counseling with a spiritual foundation. In the **Ready2Succeed** programs, where they earn a wage and are trained in baking, cooking, recycling, cleaning or landscaping. After that, a student is ready to gain a productive job and live on his own. Steve and Shawn are living testimony to how with God's help, a Mission guest can have a restored life:

### Steve Powell

Steve was beaten down. He had recently survived an ugly divorce that ruined his reputation, lost him his job and left him homeless. He was grateful to complete the STP, then he volunteered as a front desk clerk and shower manager. He then joined the Mission's Ready2Work program, where he was hired by the Mt. Vernon Triangle CID to be on their Clean Team. His job is to keep the community clean—in rain, shine, heat or snow. In April 2017, he won the Clean Team's award for his outstanding performance.



Steve in the kitchen of his new apartment.

Steve qualified for a Habitat for Humanity one-bedroom condo in Northeast DC. Having his own home has made it possible for him to re-connect with his 16-year-old son who lives in Silver Spring. Mr. Powell says that Central Union Mission taught him about dealing well with people. He says, "Life is all about kindness. If you're real with others, they can see that and are more open to your guidance. I like to share all that I've learned."

### Shawn Chinn

When Shawn was honorably discharged from the Army, frustration and boredom led him to experiment with drugs. Before long he was bouncing in and out of jail. "Drugs didn't help my climb: they just gave me a shovel, and I



Shawn's hard work and the Mission's support helped create this new family.

kept digging," he explains. At his final release, he picked Central Union Mission from a list of shelters because he was told it was the cleanest.

He learned about the STP during his first meal at the Mission. "That was the defining moment for me. I knew I couldn't recover on my own. I realized I needed Jesus; I knew He could help me."

After he completed the STP, Shawn attended Lincoln College of Technology and graduated with highest marks. While in school, the Mission assistant director

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# Find Greater Fulfillment in Retirement



EVER FEEL LIKE FULFILLMENT ENDED WITH YOUR CAREER? While retirement does present a monumental shift, it's also a time to experience significance. God wants you to rediscover passion and purpose. What's the next step? Start by being willing to see your resources with fresh eyes.

- **Time:** How can you make each day count? Join a Bible study, take a mission trip, volunteer or begin a new hobby.
- **Financial Flexibility:** Fixed income or not, you can still live generously. Blessing a charity like Central Union Mission as a beneficiary on your IRA or through a giving account can help lessen your family's tax burden and bless eternal work.
- **Wisdom:** You have knowledge, skills, abilities and leadership that are worth more than any other gift you could pass along. Just because your workplace address has changed doesn't mean that the work you're called to is over. God promises to be with you throughout your entire life. Isaiah 46:4 says "Even until your old age, I am the one, and I'll carry you even until your gray hairs come." ■

For the full version of this article, request a FREE copy of **4 Keys to Finding Rest in a Chaotic World** by contacting Minister Deborah Chambers from Central Union Mission at 202-745-7118, ext. 227 or [dchambers@missiondc.org](mailto:dchambers@missiondc.org) or bless your family today with a God-honoring Will at [christianwill.org/missiondc](http://christianwill.org/missiondc).

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of strategic partnerships made an impression on him, and he and Dené were married in May 2012.

Today Shawn works with Ecolab repairing and installing commercial kitchen equipment. He and Dené are raising their daughter Moriah and son Elijah in the house they own in MD. They both serve at Shechem Covenant Outreach Ministries in Forestville, MD, and are close to their family nearby.

Shawn calls the Mission "a great launching pad. You can come let the Spirit of God work on you and be watched over because the Mission takes care of necessities that support life. God's hand is on this place."

With determination and hard work, Mission program graduates are leaving behind a life of hopelessness and finding a promising future. Thanks to your generous gifts, their new lives are possible. ■

## Your Gift Impacts the Future

THE MISSION IS MORE THAN "THREE HOTS AND A COT." Some of the unexpected but necessary issues we help men address are: obtaining state-issued identification, driver's licenses and health insurance; medical and dental care at our free clinics; mental health screenings, counseling and medications; legal advice from the Mission's legal aid office; high school graduation; life skills like anger management, conflict resolution, communication and self-esteem; family reconciliation; work readiness and career skills; and building a successful resume.



Only about \$1,500 a month provides a Work Therapy Program for one man. Nowhere else is the financial cost so low to completely restore a life. Will you prayerfully consider how your gift can help renovate a homeless man's future? Thank you for your generosity.

Blessings

**David Treadwell**, executive director



# Progression of Care

MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAMS match the Progression of Care that each homeless person may require to help him progress to the next level.

## Overnight Guests Ministry

### Physical Needs

Food, Safety, Rest, Medical Care, Clothing, Cleanliness

## Work and Work Therapy

### Emotional Needs

Recovery, Mental Health, Trauma Relief, Reconciliation, Solid Friendships, Hope

## Spiritual Transformation Program

### Spiritual Needs

Faith, Understanding, Purpose, Church Community; Recovery, Mental Health, Trauma Relief, Reconciliation, Solid Friendships, Hope

## Ready 2 Succeed

### Employment Needs

Education, Professional Behavior, Job Skills, Accountability, Legal Issues/Documents, Employment

## Annual Funding Needs

### To operate our Men's Ministry programs, the Mission requires:

Social Worker	\$24,600
Educator	\$18,500
Work Readiness and Job Placement counselor	\$60,000
Program Managers (2)	\$153,000
Assistant	\$8,500
Ready2Succeed wages (11)	\$187,000
Work and Work Therapy wages (12)	\$218,400
Computers and software (2)	\$4,800
Trucks (2)	\$45,000
Educational Materials	\$2,500
<b>Total funding needed</b>	<b>\$722,300</b>

## Overnight Guests Ministry

Men can reserve beds through the daily intake process. After an initial 30-day stay, they go on a two-week in and out rotation to encourage them to find permanent housing.

## Work Programs

The **Work Program** is for guests who have full-time jobs but no place to live. They receive a reserved bed for 90 days and are required to save half of their earnings to secure permanent housing after leaving the Work Program.

In the **Work Therapy Program**, ten guests can work part-time supporting Mission-related activities. They save half of their earnings toward permanent housing and are required to seek full-time employment (or transition into another program) by the end of their one-year term.

The **Special Circumstances Program** is for men involved in school, training or part-time employment.

**Extended Support Program** participants have mental illness, cognitive impairment and/or physical impairment and are eligible based on the Mission's ability to support them. The Mission assists them with obtaining health and income benefits and suitable employment.

## Spiritual Transformation Program (STP)

STP is a residential rehabilitation program that can accommodate 50 students in Bible study, biblical counseling, regular drug testing and work therapy. Classes or tutoring are provided in reading, writing, math, job readiness and computer skills

Men then seek employment and are mentored through a gradual transition into the community. The STP encourages a commitment to a local church to deter relapse and ensure continued growth and accountability.

## Ready2Succeed

**Ready2Succeed** training programs provide job experience and references, as well as saving wages for permanent housing while boarding at the Mission:

**Ready2Work** is a street-cleaning and beautification service provided by homeless men and women for the Business Improvement Districts in the city. **Ready2Recycle** employees pick up and sort donations for the Ministry Resource Center and for sale to benefit the Mission's programs. **Ready2Cook** offers two options: *Mission Muffins* is a bakery run by homeless employees and the Culinary Job Training Program sponsored in partnership with DC Central Kitchen, which prepares people for professional kitchen employment. ■

## No One Should Live Hungry and Homeless



NEARLY 4,000 PEOPLE in Washington, DC, don't have a place to sleep tonight. Central Union Mission is doing its part to keep homeless people safe, warm and fed, but our bigger goal is to renovate broken lives.

With the Mission's progression of service, we are able to meet needs at the moment of need—whether their need is drug rehabilitation, job training or a bag of healthy groceries.

We don't rely on government funding; our compassionate donors' gifts provide for the needs of their own city. Please join with us to help make sure that no one lives hungry and homeless. ■

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## SHOW SOME LOVE!

Christmas is a great time to **Show Some Love** to our homeless neighbors with a special Christmas party on December 15, 2017. After getting haircuts and fresh clothes, our Overnight Guests enjoy a gourmet holiday meal including a festive dessert table and live music. Your company or church group can play a role as a Show Some Love sponsor or as volunteer servers. Please contact Deborah Chambers at 202-745-7118, ext. 227 for more information.



## Count On My Help!

Please use my donation of:

- ☐ \$15 to feed and care for 7 guests
- ☐ \$30 for 14 guests
- ☐ \$50 for 24 guests
- ☐ \$150 for 72 guests
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ to serve as many as possible this fall

Please make checks payable to "Central Union Mission." To donate by credit card, please see our website at [missiondc.org](http://missiondc.org), or visit FaceBook at "Central Union Mission, DC."

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