

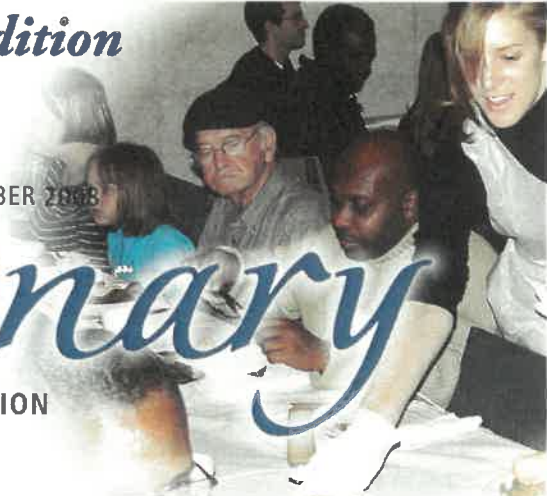


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In Fiscal Year 2007-2008, Central Union Mission continued its Christ-inspired charge to help Metropolitan DC's homeless, addicted, hungry and friendless. Our efforts have been even more necessary this year because the underprivileged experience the devastating effect of a downward economic spiral long before it impacts the broader economy. With your support and His leading, the Mission will strengthen our ability to restore our guests and to bring them closer to God.

Spiritual Transformation Program

No Dream's Too Big for God

Although the Spiritual Transformation Program (STP) at Central Union Mission has been operating for 26 years, the program is still changing lives—one life at a time. This year the Mission has served 341 men who came to us for help for problems stemming from life-controlling situations (like drug addiction, abuse or lusts) that ultimately left them homeless and alone. We are pleased to have the opportunity to embrace them and share with them the Good News of Jesus Christ.

One young man came to us from North Carolina with a dream in his heart. We placed Cartrail Eaton in the Overnight Guest program, and during his stay, he met Donald Ross, deputy director of the STP. He told Chaplain Ross that he had come to Washington to go to Bible College. Other guests laughed; they thought Cartrail's dream would never come to pass.

Nonetheless, Chaplain Ross urged Cartrail to enroll in the STP. Cartrail successfully completed all three STP phases, which focused on addiction recovery, spiritual guidance and life skills training. He studied the Scriptures, and over time he began to encourage other Overnight



Chaplain Don Ross awards Sean Griffin his STP graduation pin, with Pastor James Lewis and Social Work Director Shirley Johnson.

Guests, telling them about God's power to transform their lives. Now, Cartrail is enrolled as a full-time freshman at Washington Bible College—proof that God can make dreams come true.

According to Director James Lewis, this year the STP graduated 16 men. The graduates are all planted in churches that provide follow-up services to help them walk with the Lord. Five of the 2008 graduates elected to give back to the

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Growing in Service and Ministry

Wow! How fast the years fly by when pressing forward in the Lord's work! We hope you enjoy reading about all that the Lord brought forth at the Mission this year. These are exciting and challenging times as our ministries continue on even as our economy struggles. We anticipate serving and obeying our sovereign God in this new fiscal year.

Many of you have read that our efforts to renovate the historic Gales

School on Capitol Hill into a state-of-the-art shelter are under attack from the ACLU and Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. I'm not permitted to go into the details of their lawsuit, but rest assured the truth will come out. We know our God is in control; may He be glorified as we remain steadfast (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Thank you for all your prayers, volunteer hours and financial support that made 2007-2008 another year of victory for homeless men and addicts,

destitute families, worried immigrants and needy children. We pray that you will stand with us in the exciting year ahead, as we need your help more than ever.

Blessings,




Outreach Department

A Heart for the Community

Through Central Union Mission's Outreach Department, we communicate Christ's love to the neighborhood. Director Deborah Chambers reports that last year the Outreach Department served those in need through these ministry programs:

Seniors Luncheon

At our Seniors Luncheon, we fellowshiped with some of the most delightful people ever! These dear heroes of the faith came every second Wednesday of the month. This year, the staff formed the "CUM Worship Band" that now performs during the service at the Luncheon.



Hearts and voices lift in praise at the Senior Luncheon.

Food Depot

The struggling economy made this year tougher, but by the grace of God and through the extra efforts of our staff and donors, we successfully secured adequate nutritious resources for our Food Depot clients. We distributed over 150,000 meals through all the Mission's food services this year. We also provided turkeys and served special holiday meals to the public.

Operation Backpack

In August, Operation Backpack prepared children for the new school year; our donors and community partners brought backpacks filled with the many supplies required for school success. This year we provided 1,410 backpacks—that's 586 more than last year!

Christmas Gifts for Children

Every year Central Union Mission provides Christmas gifts—clothes, books, toys and games—for underprivileged children throughout the



Serving up friendship with the cranberries at the Great Thanksgiving Banquet.

Washington, DC, area. This program has long been a welcome miracle for parents who find it difficult to buy presents. This Christmas the Mission distributed bags filled with gifts for 1,337 children.

We accomplished all of these outreach services because of faithful partners who helped serve "as unto the least of these." Your ministry support, whether through financial contributions, volunteering, teaching, preaching or just sharing a friendly smile, is making a difference in the lives of the neediest in our community.

Overnight Guest Ministry

"A Gift I Never Had Before."

The Overnight Guest ministry at the Mission is always busy, especially this year since the DC shelters downsized their number of available beds. We offer clean, safe, and courteous shelter, nutritious food, warm clothing and medical and legal assistance. More than that, we offer hope through God's Word at nightly chapel services, in Bible studies, and through a staff who shows genuine love and concern. This is exactly what James needed.

When James first came to the mission, he was a broken man: "I was drawn to Central Union Mission. I knew that this was where I needed to be. While here, I had time to find work, and I learned how to take care of my family. People can fake things, I know, but the daily chapel services and Bible studies have changed me: I am different! Now I have a gift I never had before."

Men like James find more than just the immediate help of food and shelter here. Last year we held special events such as our Souper Bowl party for 141 Overnight Guests. We partnered with Christian Legal Society, Unity Health Care and the Veterans Administration to provide high quality services. Our Work Program gave men a stable place to live and save money as they re-entered the work force and



At the Everyone's Birthday Party, guests received duffel bags full of donated toiletries.

moved toward independent living. Partnering churches furnished opportunities for worship and Bible instruction, reinforced by intern chaplains from area Bible schools and seminaries.

According to Senior Director of Ministries Pastor James Lewis, 296 overnight guests accepted Christ as their Savior, 21 were baptized, and 323 have rededicated their lives to Christ. Legal Aid Services ministered to 101 guests, 496 received care at the medical clinic, 5,749 were involved in Bible study, and 30,615 participated in worship at our evening chapel services.

Change has taken place in the staff as well. We thank Chaplain Gerard "Mack" McManus for his faithful service; Pastor David Howard has stepped in to take his place. Along with our Howard University School of Divinity interns, God has added three new interns from Wesley Seminary to labor with us.

Perhaps the importance of the Overnight Guest Ministry is best described by James, himself: "There are a lot of other shelters in DC, but I would not have found what I needed at any of them. I thank God for this place every day." ■



Volunteers prepare to serve football cake for all at the Souper Bowl Party.

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Mission by serving as interns. As a result of our Recovery Training, some of our graduates have been certified as addictions counselors and conduct recovery groups at the Mission. We also helped many students move into

affordable housing and reunited them with their families.

It's not hard to see God's hand on this powerful program: recovered lives and fulfilled dreams are testimonies

to His faithfulness. We praise Him for His love, and we thank our donors for their tireless support. ■

Social Work Department

Getting Ready for a New Life

The Social Work Department provides a vital link between our residents and the broader community. According to Director Shirley Johnson, the department connects with other organizations and provides community support as it serves the Mission's clients.

In 2007-08 we continued our long-standing relationship with World Vision DC. Our men who volunteered to help World Vision DC realized that they could give back to their neighbors. With heads held high, they prepared bags, boxes and pallets of new donated items for others in need, serving more than 828 volunteer hours this past year.

Our partnership with AmeriCorps has also been invaluable. AmeriCorps is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which is an independent federal agency. With AmeriCorps' help, we were able to have a full-time educational instructor. With 200 hours of

teaching, the instructor equipped our residents with low literacy to meet basic career requirements and become self-sufficient.

The Social Work Department secured \$756,712.00 in gift-in-kind donations from area merchants and a college scholarship from Long and Foster University Training Academy for an STP graduate. Other key accomplishments included:

- 1,853** counseling sessions
- 256** hours of instruction in our first computer lab, which began in March
- 233** goal-setting sessions
- 200** hours of instruction for 100 men in our Current Events class
- 112** basic literacy classes
- 87** new housing situations obtained
- 107.5** hours of Life Skills training classes
- 4** new business partnerships established, adding to 32 existing partnerships

With your prayers and support, the Social Work Department will continue to get the work done: preparing Mission men for their productive new roles in the community. ■



A Mission resident helps distribute Christmas bags to excited children.

Employees of the Year



Director David Treadwell congratulates Ministry Associate and Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Spinler (left) and Office Manager TaJuanna Patterson for their service as Mission Employees of the Year.

Camp Bennett

Something for Everyone

Even with its hectic schedule of crafts, stories and campfires, Camp Bennett made time for some remodeling and improvements this year. Thanks to generous volunteers, the camp is looking good.

Spring break brought college-age volunteers who painted the cabins. Youth from Church of the Epiphany (Herndon, VA), fixed up the water pump house, removing a fallen tree from the roof before replacing the roof and door. James Wilson, a retired electrician, has been updating 50-year-old wiring and doing other chores at the Camp often two days a week. His friend Don Falanga installed new window screens in the dining hall.

Besides this elbow grease, volunteers also worked alongside counselors to give the kids the love and fun that Camp Bennett is known for. This year 374 children (one more than last year) attended camp. As the season went along, word of mouth travelled; the last two weeks of camp were full to capacity. The best part of the summer was that 40 kids accepted Christ as their Savior, and 14 rededicated their lives to Him.

Camp Bennett is also reaching out to the community and local churches. Churches send their congregation retreats to use the cabins that can accommodate 90 people, the two meeting rooms and the gym. Neighborhood groups rent the gym over the winter for sports practices.



No one can resist a quick splash.

Kevin Hollowell, camp director, reports that nearly half of the camp staff from the previous year returned for the 2008 session. This shows how Camp Bennett impacts not only the children who come for a week outdoors, but also how it touches the hearts of its many hard-working volunteers and staff. ■



A church youth group renovated the pump house, which was in disrepair for five years.

Hispanic Family Ministry

Help for Such a Time as This

The Hispanic Family Ministry experienced incredible growth this year—both in need and response. In addition to the increase of the Hispanic population in the metropolitan DC area, the need grew from economic effects. The collapse of the construction industry and the drop in hotel and restaurant business left many families without income.

According to Ministry Director Pastor Jorge de Casanova, in this time of need and worry, the Hispanic Family Ministry responded by giving out 2,165 bags of food in our Food Depot. We also distributed clothes to 4,731 people.

The ESOL classes taught 44 students to improve their English for finding employment or a better work situation. We thank God that 36 people met this goal so far. Also four students in our Literacy class greatly improved their ability to read and to write.

Our six Citizenship students all passed their exams, took their citizenship oaths and became citizens of the United States with full rights and obligations.

This year we sent 51 children to camp, and we gave 319 backpacks and 251 Christmas Bags. In March we celebrated Hispanic Family Day by taking 301 people to Camp Bennett to spend the day with us. This trip did not cost the Hispanic families even one penny.

We provided 161 spiritual counseling sessions to our clients. We gave ten used computers to our students and provided 200 turkeys to needy families. In coordination with Feed The Children, the Hispanic Family Ministry distributed 100 boxes of food and toiletries.

But above all else, we preached the Good News of Jesus to the Hispanic community in its own language and cultural context.

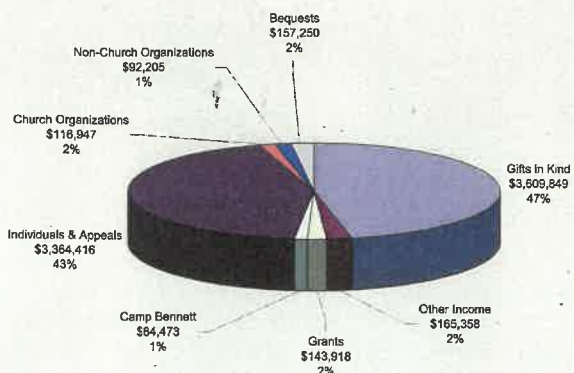
These accomplishments were possible because of the support of churches, individual donations and contributions of many volunteers that have lovingly served the most needy of the Spanish-speaking community. We thank God for their generosity. ■



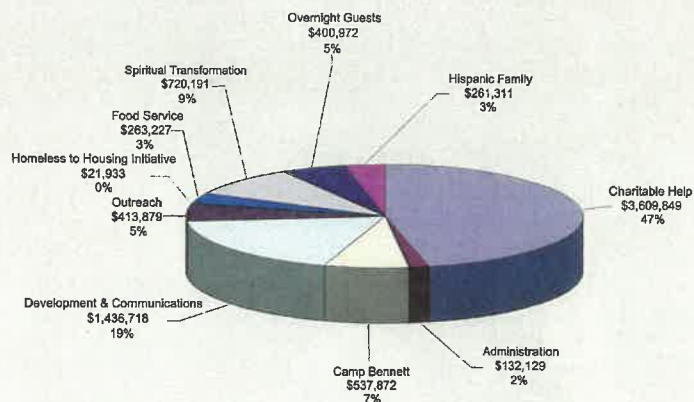
Distributing clothing at Hispanic Family Ministries.

Financial Report

Total Income: \$7,734,416 (pre-audit)



Total Expenses: \$7,798,081 (pre-audit)



Volunteer Spotlight

Gold Stars for Service

Every Friday night for the past seven years, “The Golden Girls” have been serving dinner at the Mission. Mardelle Richey heard about the Mission through her church and brought along her friend Pat Bealle. They have been Friday fixtures ever since.

“I can’t tell you how much I’ve enjoyed helping the Overnight Guests—I just love it!” says Ms. Bealle. “It satisfies me, and I wouldn’t dream of doing anything else on a Friday night.” Adds Mrs. Richey, “We both feel that we get more out of it than we could ever give.”

“I think these two ladies are wonderful,” says Food Service Manager Jeff Toolles. “They get so much joy out of serving. They talk to the guys, and the guys stop and talk to them. Not only are they faithful volunteers, but we have a great friendship.”

We thank God for volunteers like our Golden Girls! If you would like to volunteer at Central Union Mission, contact Sarah Spinler at 202-MISSION or spinler@missiondc.org, or register online at www.missiondc.org/volunteer.



Mardelle Richey (left) and Pat Bealle with the Mission’s kitchen staff and Manager Jeff Toolles (right).

You Provided!

We are grateful for the opportunity to bring relief to men, women and children in Washington, DC. In Matthew 25: 31-45, we learn that heaven records ministry that reaches the last, the lost and the lonely as though it were being directed to Jesus, Himself. Thank you, mission partners, for helping us impact both heaven and earth.

Because of your support, Central Union Mission provided the following services to the community from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

Nutritious Meals

157,275 for men, women, families and children that included daily meals, groceries, luncheons and special event celebrations

Outreach to Children

374 children attended a week-long summer camp at Camp Bennett
1,410 children received backpacks filled with much needed school supplies
1,337 children received Christmas presents

Household Support

4,916 families and individuals received clothing, furniture and household goods

Residential Recovery Services

341 men received assistance in overcoming addictions and other life-controlling issues through the 18-month Spiritual Transformation Program

50,288 men received emergency shelter and bedding through the Overnight Guest Ministry and Spiritual Transformation Program

3,783 counseling services and home and hospital visits were provided for individuals, groups and families throughout our entire client base

Medical and Legal Services

625 individuals received professional services through health fairs, physical exams, eye exams and private medical and legal consultations

Educational Services

456 adults received

instruction in English as a Second Language, literacy competency and preparation for the GED (General Educational Development) test

Community Development Projects

Last year Central Union Mission collaborated with organizations such as World Vision DC, Feed the Children, Christ on the Mall, Fannie Mae Walk for the Homeless, First Baptist Church (at New Hampshire Ave. and Randolph St., NW) and McFarland Middle School.



No camp experience is complete without making lanyards.

For Today and Tomorrow

Did you know how varied Central Union Mission's services are? The Mission offers all that a struggling, homeless man needs—not just for survival, but also for overcoming addiction, finding employment, reconciling with family and becoming an active part of the local church.

But that's not all. The Mission also provides summer camp, school supplies and Christmas presents for children. It gives food and clothing to families and encouragement to seniors. Hispanic parents can find housing, counseling and education through the Hispanic Family Ministry. Above all, the Mission shares God's love and salvation plan to a weary Washington metropolitan area.

Jesus assured the poor that "theirs is the kingdom of God" (Luke 6:20); to Him, our generosity has eternal significance. Will you please contribute today? Contact 202-MISSION or www.missiondc.org for more information. ■



Upcoming Events

Veterans' Day Service of Honor November 11, 11:00 a.m.

Central Union Mission

We honor those who have served our nation in the military with a special service and luncheon. All are welcome.

Radio One Day

November 18, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Radio One stations WPRS-FM, WMMJ-FM, WKYS-FM, WOL-AM and WYCB-AM will celebrate Central Union Mission with a live on-site broadcast.

Help the Homeless Walkathon November 22, 8:00 a.m.

The National Mall

Join us at the 2008 Fannie Mae Foundation Help the Homeless Walkathon and Walk. To register, visit www.helpthehomelessdc.org. Be sure to select Central Union Mission as your beneficiary organization.

WAVA Radio Broadcast

November 25, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tune your radio to WAVA 105.1 FM to hear this live broadcast from the Mission.

Great Thanksgiving Banquet November 27, 12:00 p.m.

Central Union Mission

All are welcome to tour the facility, and join people from every ministry of Central Union Mission for our annual Thanksgiving feast. We need your help as a table host or server.

Christmas Bag Distribution December 13

Central Union Mission

Every Christmas the Mission provides bags full of toys, clothes and books

for children who might otherwise go without. To sponsor a child, please contact TaJuanna Patterson at 202-MISSION.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Sarah Spinler at 202-MISSION, or register online at www.missiondc.org/volunteer.

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