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## Campaign for Compassion

Central Union Mission is the oldest social services agency in the District of Columbia. Celebrating 125 years of action, the Mission provides services and Christian counsel for the homeless and hurting men, women and families throughout the Washington area.

Unfortunately after all these years, the needs have not diminished. That's why the Mission developed the Campaign for Compassion. More than just a birthday celebration, the Campaign has drawn awareness to the plight of D.C.'s neediest people as well as to the services that the Mission provides. Fiscal Year 2008-2009 was a challenge, but the Mission met many needs with your generosity and God's provision.



*Cartrail Eaton shared that some men at the Mission laughed when he told them he wanted to go to college, but here he is now a full-time sophomore at Washington Bible College. He successfully completed the STP program and is now a licensed minister of the Gospel at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church (Washington, DC), where he recently preached his first sermon.*

## Celebrating 125 Years

To bring together concerned volunteers and donors with our neighbors in need, the Mission sponsored these anniversary projects and events:

### "Compassion: A Conversation" Blog

The discussion is well underway online at [www.missiondc.org](http://www.missiondc.org). Dr. Patricia R. Johnson, Associate Dean of Nyack College's D.C. campus, moderates this conversation about issues of poverty, compassion and urban transformation.

### 125 Years/125 Stories

Countless people have been woven into the history of Central Union Mission—both those who've come through our doors for help and those who serve the poorest of the poor. Read about them here at [www.missiondc.org](http://www.missiondc.org), and add your own story to the tapestry.

### Take Action!

This awareness and advocacy project encourages action to solve the problems of hunger, homelessness and addiction. Participate online at [www.missiondc.org/petition](http://www.missiondc.org/petition).



*At the Gala, (from left) Donna Duss, Mission Board President Larry Huff, Lynn Huff, Jessica Moseley, Waynetta Washington, Board Vice President D.C. Washington, ABC 7 News Anchor Leon Harris, and Gospel Ministries Board Chair David Van Duzer.*

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR The Growth Continues...

**W**ow! What a year. We truly hope you enjoy this annual report as you review what you've accomplished through your Mission in the nation's capital. For the Mission staff this has been a very rewarding year.

While we have seen our national economy struggling and the needs for assistance among our poor and homeless neighbors increase, it's been our joy to see you, our faithful supporters, respond in a record way. While our growth in number of donors has slowed, the size of our average gift has grown during this season of doubt and concern. We applaud you for caring for homeless and hurting families, men and women—even as you may be facing uncertain times yourself. To God be the glory.

Now, with your backing, we anticipate increasing our services once again in 2010. We operate near or at capacity for men each night, but our work with women, children and families continues to grow. We are gaining new sources for food and other resources to meet the demand from those newly in need. In particular, we expect growth in our work with Hispanics, seniors and children as the weak economy has hit these groups hard.

2010 will also be a critical year for relocating the Mission's center of operations. We recently sold our property on Georgia Avenue in Northwest DC and are putting our full effort into the opportunity to rebuild the old Gales School on Massachusetts Avenue as a state-of-the-art shelter. Many obstacles remain, so we solicit your prayers for this critical project.

For me it is a happy new year, yet one full of challenges. We are so pleased that we can enjoy this journey together, and we wish God's best blessings for you as together we serve our poor and hurting neighbors. It's our goal in 2010 to set a positive example for the rest of the nation in the way we care for those in need.

Blessings,




## Campaign for Compassion

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### 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

On December 5, the first snowy evening of the season, Central Union Mission supporters and friends gathered at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel for an evening of reminiscences and appreciation. To the almost 200 in attendance, moderator Leon Harris, anchor for WJLA-TV ABC 7, spoke of his respect for the Mission's work.

### Sign of Hope: The Story of Central Union Mission

This exhibition, at the Historical Society of Washington through February 28, explores the work of the Mission from its founding in 1884 to today, as well as the ideology behind Gospel rescue missions and their role in transforming urban communities.

### Compassion Sundays

Throughout 2010, you can share God's heart for the poor and create a legacy of giving for your community or church group. Contact Deborah Chambers at [dchambers@missiondc.org](mailto:dchambers@missiondc.org) to request a speaker for your Sunday service or advice for starting a ministry to the homeless. ■



*Mission Executive Director David Treadwell presents **The Reverend Latham A. Douglass Award** to Pastor John K. Jenkins of the First Baptist Church of Glenarden (Landover, Maryland.) He is represented by Minister Chester Belling, a long time chapel minister at the Mission (left.) **The Reverend Herbert and Mrs. Mabel Eberhardt Award** is presented to Immanuel Bible Church (Springfield, VA), represented by George Lawrence, Elder Chair, Michael Connor, Missions Pastor and Deedee Collins, Outreach Coordinator.*



## Spiritual Transformation Program

### One Life at a Time

After 27 years of life-changing work, in 2009 the Spiritual Transformation Program (STP) served more men than ever. 544 men came to the Mission for help with problems stemming from life-controlling addictions or abuse. This is 200 more men than last year, a consequence of local joblessness, says STP Deputy Director Don Ross. Chaplain Ross oversees the program with Director James Lewis.

The STP is rigorous, requiring students to succeed in literacy classes, job training and Bible study. The Life Skills class includes managing money, learning social skills, getting a high school diploma and learning anger management. Those who persevere gain a firm foundation for success in starting their lives over. This year, 31 men graduated from the 3-phase 18-month program.

Recent graduate James L. shows how far the STP and his hard work have taken him. The Mission arranged for him to attend Washington Bible College as a full-time student. He recently showed Chaplain Ross his report card with four A+s. He is also being considered for a management position at the local Starbucks where he works. The Mission recently found him housing, and he is on his own.

The STP is also proud of Phase Three student Derrick B. A Washington, DC, native, Derrick has been at the Mission since 2007. He interned at the Mission and got a commercial drivers license. He is employed by Washington Area Metro



*December Spiritual Transformation Program graduates and supporters*

Transit Authority. During his 2:00 am to 7:00 am shift, he transports seniors and disabled people in a Metro Access van. In our pre-Christmas blizzard, Derrick was such a reliable driver that Metro hired him for extra hours and paid for a hotel room for him to rest. He is still living at the Mission but is in the process of finding a home in Virginia near his job.

We rejoice with our STP graduates on how God's hand has guided them. Through your support, these men left the hopelessness of addiction and gained strength and direction for their lives. Please contact [www.missiondc.org](http://www.missiondc.org) or 202-MISSION for more information. ■

## Volunteer Spotlight

### Volunteers Offer Hands and Hearts

The Mission has truly been blessed by its increasing number of volunteers. When money is tight, it seems that even more are donating their time to serve their community. In 2009 the Mission hosted more than 10 different special events, and each was staffed with eager volunteers. On Thanksgiving Day alone, more than 150 people showed up to serve dinner and dine with the men. That's a tremendous turn-out!

We thank God for our volunteers. If you would like to volunteer at Central Union Mission, contact Sarah Spinler at 202-MISSION or [sspinler@missiondc.org](mailto:sspinler@missiondc.org) or register online at [www.missiondc.org](http://www.missiondc.org).



*Generous volunteers serve up a delicious Easter luncheon.*

## Outreach Department

### Seniors Luncheon

This year, more than **715** seniors joined us for our monthly Seniors Luncheons. With themes ranging from “Growing in Grace” to “The Harvest is Ripe” to “March Madness: Crazy About Jesus,” neighborhood seniors enjoyed good food, conversation and a spiritual boost.

### Food Depot

Although finances were tight this year, God provided enough food for our Food Depot clients, and no one was turned away. We served nearly **160,000** meals through all the Mission’s food services this year, provided turkeys and offered special holiday meals to the public.

### Operation Backpack

In August, our donors and community partners brought backpacks filled with new school supplies for children who might not otherwise have any. This year we provided **1,620** backpacks--that’s 210 more than last year!

### Operation Christmas Miracle

Every year we provide Christmas gifts—clothes, books, toys and games—for underprivileged children throughout the 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 gifts to **1,358** children.

Outreach Director Deborah Chambers reports that your ministry support is making a difference in our community. If you would like to contribute or volunteer, please contact her at [dchambers@missiondc](mailto:dchambers@missiondc) or 202-MISSION. ■



*School success is easier with the right tools.*



*In September, seniors went on an outing to see *I Can Do Bad All By Myself* and enjoy lunch at Golden Corral.*



## Overnight Guest Ministry

### Courage to Move Forward

**W**hen most men come to a Rescue Mission shelter, it is their last chance, and usually they've lost all hope. Those of us in the Mission's Overnight Guest ministries are on the front line for restoring lost hope. This begins with a chance to rest and refocus through a warm meal, a safe place to stay and clean clothing. Then, through chapel services, Bible studies, counseling and our Social Work department's efforts, hope is restored. Our guests gain training in basic life skills so that they can have a new start in life.

When "John" first came to the Mission, he was "beat down, no hope, ready to give up." Mission counselors worked with him, and he attended Bible study, where he found Jesus as his Savior. With this new hope and life, he was reconnected with his community resources, and encouraged to go to school to learn a trade and computer competency. "With the encouragement I received from staff and guests at Central Union Mission, I had the courage to move forward. Now I have income and a place to stay. I praise God and Central Union Mission for being here." John comes back to the Mission regularly to volunteer or participate in Chapel or Bible study.

Men like John find more than just the immediate help of food and shelter here. This fiscal year, **223** overnight guests accepted Christ as their Savior, **9** were baptized, and **236** have rededicated their lives to Christ. Legal Aid Services ministered to **119** guests, **728** received care at the medical clinic, **143** came to our Health Fair, **5,014** were involved in Bible study and **45,648** participated in worship at our evening chapel services.

Joseph Stevens, our intern from Wesley Theological Seminary, led twice-weekly Bible studies and two small groups for Overnight guests, in addition to helping in other ways. Minister Rutherford Cooke and Rev. Charles Jones continued to teach evening Bible studies and offer support and pastoral counseling to our guests, as well. We appreciate Director of Overnight Guests David Howard and Senior Director of Ministries James Lewis, as well as our volunteer and part-time staff.

John described our Overnight Guest Ministry this way: "Central Union Mission is the best shelter in the city: it's clean and safe, the people are helpful and they don't judge you by your looks." The Mission is also the first step to a new hope for life. If you are interested in supporting the Overnight Guest Ministry, please contact Pastor Howard at [dhoward@missiondc.org](mailto:dhoward@missiondc.org) or 202-MISSION. ■

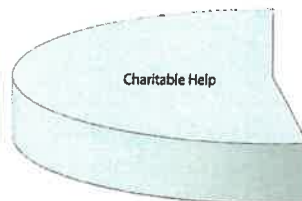
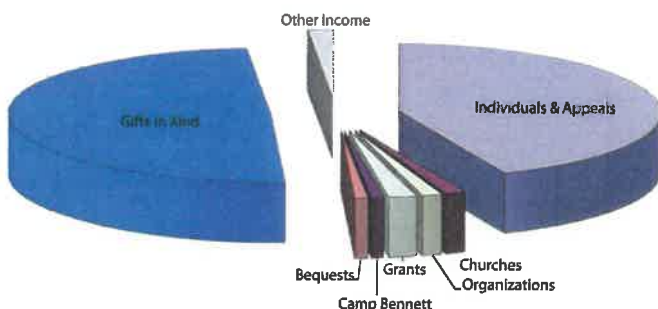


*Some of the Mission's Overnight Guests, friends and sponsors participated in November's Help the Homeless Walkathon in downtown DC.*

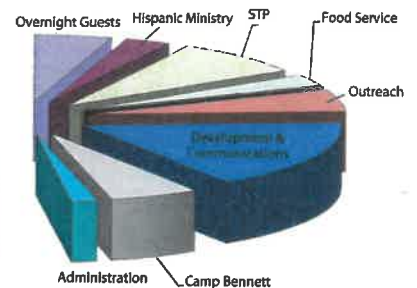
## Financial Report

2008-2009

Total Income: \$8,010,586



Total Expenses: \$8,036,982



## Camp Bennett

### A Rare Summer Respite

Camp Bennett is a welcome break from the hot city for many needy Washington, DC, area children. This year, the camp welcomed **395** children—21 more than last year—for a week of nature, crafts, swimming, Bible lessons and new friendships. **58** children accepted Christ. We thank the **24** counselors (9 of them new) for their commitment to the children.

Also this year, volunteers from Chantilly Bible Church (Chantilly, VA) replaced the floor in the Andrews Lodge bathroom. Church of the Epiphany (Herndon, VA) volunteers replaced four windows in the boy's cabin bathrooms, and they fixed some water damage outside other cabins.

Camp Bennett brings friends together and children closer to God. If you'd like to support or volunteer at Camp Bennett,



*This Camp Bennett camper enjoys creating leather crafts.*

please contact Director Kevin Hollowell at [khollowell@missiondc.org](mailto:khollowell@missiondc.org) or 301-774-4420. ■

## Hispanic Family Ministry

### Ministry Meets Increasing Needs

According to Ministry Director Jorge de Casanova, "This past year has been horrible for the Hispanic community. The focus of the economic crisis was in the construction and hospitality industries, just the kinds of jobs that the Latino community holds." To accommodate the increased need, the Ministry moved to Mount Gilead Bible Church (Washington, DC) in March.

Through your donations, Hispanic Family Ministries was able to provide more food and clothes than ever before. We are grateful for the **142** volunteers who worked with us this year sorting, preparing and distributing clothes to **4,881** people. Other volunteers helped teach English for **32** students and prepare **5** for their citizenship exams. We counseled **192** people and helped others with literacy, tutoring and job applications.

At the Food Depot, we distributed **3,082** bags of groceries and **201** Thanksgiving turkeys. We gave **13** used computers to our students. With your donations for needy children, we provided **326** backpacks filled with school supplies, **378** bags of gifts from Operation Christmas Miracle (about 120 more than last year) and summer camp at Camp Bennett for 117



*Maria Esther Rodriguez helps distribute diapers, an expensive necessity.*

children (more than double last year's number.) As well, **326** people enjoyed Hispanic Family Day at Camp Bennett on the day after Easter.

Through your generous gifts, Hispanic Family Ministries honors the needs and dignity of the community. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Jorge at [jdecasanova@missiondc.org](mailto:jdecasanova@missiondc.org) or 202-MISSION. ■



## Social Work Department

### A Hand Up, Not a Hand Out

The Social Work Department continues to support men in becoming self-sufficient members of society. We placed 81 men into their own apartments this year. As well, Carl M. recently purchased his own home. After making a decision to follow Christ at the Mission, he married his girlfriend of 20 years. Through the support he has earned at the Social Security Administration, he qualified for a first-time homebuyers' program.

#### Reuniting Families

2009 was a year of reconciliation and restoration. Kennedy M., a recovering drug user for 26 years, regained custody of his 7-year-old son. Edward A. had lost contact with his sister for over 3 years; we were able to locate her and reunite them. Ricky J. had been estranged from his family for 23 years; they thought he was dead. We reunited them and sent him home to Georgia to visit with them for a week.

#### 2009 Literacy Report

Literacy is critical for successful community life and is a foundational initiative for the Mission. This year we wrote and produced a new current events curriculum in digital format. Our Wesley Theological Seminary intern Erica Benjamin taught the class in 2009, and new intern Caitlin Talmadge began teaching in January.

The Social Work department secured \$985,818.28 in gift-in-kind contributions from area merchants. Other key accomplishments included 56 vendors and 136 participants at the Annual Health Fair; 1,921 counseling sessions and 268 goal-setting sessions; 48 Life Skills classes for 120 group and 840 individual hours; 63 gained employment; and 1,213 volunteer hours for World Vision DC.

To support the Social Work Department, please contact director Shirley Johnson at [sjohnson@missiondc.org](mailto:sjohnson@missiondc.org) or 202-MISSION. ■



Erica Benjamin (front) teaches computer literacy to STP students.

### With Grateful Hearts...

Central Union Mission is honored to accept recent gifts from these organizations and foundations:

General operations are supported by a \$15,000 grant from The Neighbors in Need Fund of The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region.

The Employee Community Fund of the National Capital Area (The Boeing Company) provided \$8,800 for the Overnight Guest program.

Clark-Winchcole Foundation provided \$20,000 for general operating support.

Hunger Fund Committee—Episcopal Church, Diocese of Washington provided \$3,000 for the Mission's food service program.

General operation is supported by a \$500 grant from the Jane Bainum Fund of The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region.

America's Charities via the 2009 Exxon Mobil Employees' Favorite Charities Campaign contributed \$647 for general operations.

Philip Graham Fund provided \$6,000 for general operating support.

Central Union Mission participated in the 2009 Payless Gives Shoes 4 Kids Program, a grass roots campaign to deliver \$1.2 million in free shoes to children of families in need.



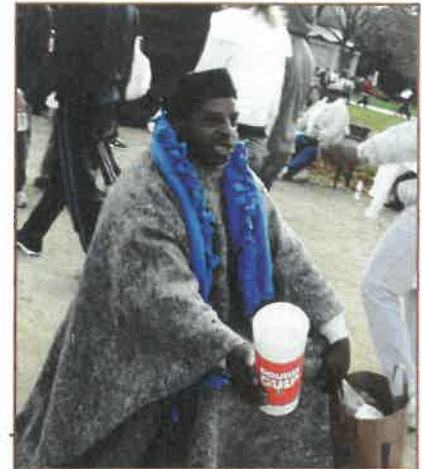
Payless donated 200 gift cards for Christmas distribution for the Children's and Hispanic ministries.

# Warming Hearts and Spirits

**W**hile our December blizzard with a 20-inch snowfall was certainly one for the record books, even a fairly mild winter night can be dangerous for a person living on the streets.

That's why Central Union Mission offers a good meal, a warm bed and spiritual encouragement to those who find themselves in need—this season and always.

Would you consider making a donation today? Your generosity changes peoples' lives and their eternities. Contact **202-MISSION** or [www.missiondc.org](http://www.missiondc.org) for more information. ■



I want to help you feed and care for the homeless in our nation's capital. I have enclosed a gift of:

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## Upcoming Events

### Men's Birthday Party

February 18, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

It's everyone's birthday today; please volunteer to serve cake and distribute gifts.

### Seniors Luncheon

March 10, 2010, 11:00 a.m.

Help serve lunch to senior citizens as they welcome spring.

### Easter Lunch & Open House

April 4, 2010, 1:00 p.m.

Join other volunteers in celebrating Christ's Resurrection with service to the needy.

### Hispanic Family Ministry Day

April 5, 2010, 11:00 a.m.

Families gather at Camp Bennett (Brookeville, MD) for games, Bible teaching and lunch.

### Seniors Luncheon

April 14, 2010, 11:00 a.m.

Join our seniors, and help serve them lunch to celebrate Easter.

All events except Hispanic Family Day take place at Central Union Mission. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Sarah Spinler at **202-MISSION** or [sspinler@missiondc.org](mailto:sspinler@missiondc.org) or volunteer online at [www.missiondc.org](http://www.missiondc.org).

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