

# THE Missionary

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*No one  
should live  
hungry and  
homeless*



## I'm Someone

### Someone Like Us

Sometimes we can forget that a person experiencing homelessness is someone just like us. An illness or job loss can be devastating for anyone. When someone is at their lowest, Central Union Mission is there to pick them up.

With you and your compassion, Central Union Mission can continue to renovate hundreds of lives—as it has throughout its 135-year history. Thank you for your commitment to serving our neighbors.

**Joseph Mettimano**  
President & CEO

*Because of your partnership with us, together we've helped heal hundreds of lives in 2019. Thank You!*

## Men's Ministry

CENTRAL UNION MISSION'S Men's Ministry programs not only provide for physical needs, we also give people the skills to return to their community successfully—restored knowing they have the educational, vocational and spiritual foundation to stand on their own.

In 2019, Central Union Mission provided **62,843** bed-nights of shelter for men experiencing homelessness. **Five** employed men, graduates of Mission programs, live at our Lambert House transitional home. In addition to food, shelter and clothing, we provided **2,514** medical and dental exams.

The Restoration & Transformation Program helped **81** men rehab from life-consuming addictions, nurture their walk with Jesus, strengthen their abilities and determination and gain an accountability network, which included help from **5,808** counseling sessions.

The Workforce & Development Program provides job readiness training, résumé building and interview prac-

tice, which prepared **202** men for employment and personal responsibility. The Mission provided shelter residents and program participants **13,928** hours of instruction in English literacy, GED/high school diploma preparation and computer training.

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### I WORK

*"I'm building skills and resilience. I got a second chance."*



# Writing a Love Letter to Your Family

**P**EOPLE LOVE A GOOD STORY. Imagine the impact you could make by writing down your personal story to share with your loved ones.

Have you ever heard of a Legacy Love Letter? It's not a legal document, although it can be added to your estate plan. It's a letter you create simply to pass a blessing on to the next generation and can include:

**Your beliefs and values.** What experiences helped to shape your journey of faith? What do you believe regarding money,

raising children or marriage? What Christian causes or ministries are you passionate about and why?

**Life lessons.** Can you list the defining moments that impacted the trajectory of your life? What were some of your biggest joys and regrets? How did these help develop Christ-like character in your life?

**Words of encouragement.** Nothing makes a person's heart swell quite like "I love you." Are there especially meaningful or encouraging words or Scriptures you want to leave with those you love most?

Your story matters, and your loved ones need to hear it. ■



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## From the President 2019 is a Wrap



**O**NE THING IS CERTAIN in the rescue business—you always have plenty of customers. Again in 2019 we reached even more men, women and children with necessary shelter, nutrition and care. I can't wait for you to see in this update all that your volunteer time and donations accomplished this year.

With God's providence, we're anticipating re-opening our upgraded Camp Bennett, we expect to renovate the Lambert House residence for our new program graduates, and we're also hoping to add medical care to our Family Ministry Center offerings in 2020.

Thanking God for 2019 and looking forward to the future is a blessed perspective we can have only because of our meaningful partnership. Thank you for your faithfulness. ■

**Joseph J. Mettimano**  
President & CEO

P.S. By the way, I'm glad to send you a copy of our full 2019 Annual Report. Please let me know at 202-745-7118 or [jmettimano@missiondc.org](mailto:jmettimano@missiondc.org). May God continue to bless you in 2020.

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Overall, the Mission found permanent housing for **52** program participants this year, and **106** gained successful employment outside the Mission.

## Family Ministry Center

AT THE FAMILY MINISTRY CENTER, besides providing **253,800** bags of groceries, Mission friends donated Operation Christmas Miracle presents for **2,200** children and new backpacks and back-to-school supplies for **480** students. Camp Bennett is undergoing renovations and will re-open with an updated program in 2020.



### I SUPPORT MY FAMILY

*"Working hard, but there's still not enough. FMC groceries help me keep them healthy."*

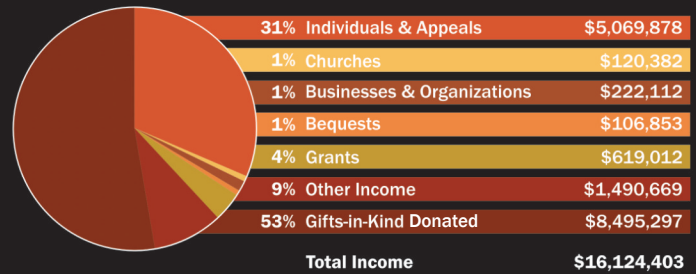
### By the Numbers

The Family Ministry Center also offers these wrap-around services for seniors and families:

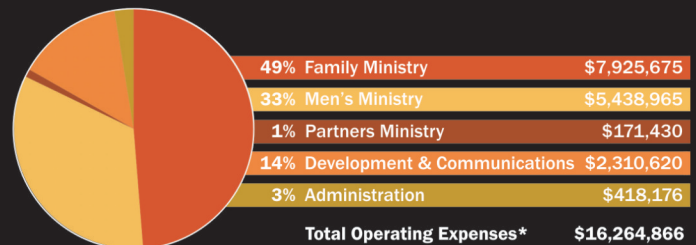
- Clothing and household items shared: **54,015**
- Alcoholics Anonymous participants: **832**
- Furloughed federal employees' families served grocery bags: **13**
- Senior Fellowship luncheon guests: **250** each month
- Mothers hosted at the Baby Shower: **14**
- Baby items donated: **700**
- Thanksgiving turkeys distributed: **730**
- Basic computer class graduates: **27**
- Free computers awarded: **27**
- Families receiving free legal counsel: **33**
- English as a Second Language students: **43**
- Family Literacy Book Club members: **22**
- Prayer requests prayed for: **2,220**
- New and re-dedicated followers of Christ: **11**

## Financial Statement

### Income Sources



### Where Your Gifts Go



\*excludes depreciation expense; in-kind donations included with relevant ministries

## Thanks to Our Supporters

**4,952** volunteer opportunities were filled this year, contributing **7,153** hours of volunteer work.

Generous supporters donated \$16,124,203 in cash and gifts-in-kind, which includes \$106,853 bequeathed in legacy gifts. We are grateful to friends and organizations that contributed critical goods, services and financial support.



### I GIVE BACK

*"I'm able to look out for other seniors and some disabled people because of how the Mission helps me."*

Photos by Scott Strebbe



**GET INVOLVED!** Please visit [missiondc.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://missiondc.org/get-involved/volunteer) to volunteer for these and other events.

### Senior Fellowships

January 17 and  
February 21, 2020  
9:00am–1:00pm  
January 24 and  
February 28, 2020  
9:00am–1:00pm *In Spanish*

Volunteer to offer breakfast, play bingo, celebrate birthdays, distribute food and other gifts and share a word of encouragement.

### Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Service

January 20, 2020  
12:00pm

Join our guests in celebrating a life of service.

### SOUPer Bowl Party

February 2, 2020  
6:00pm

Our friends enjoy the big game with all the snacks. Please help us host this football party.

### KARIS Golf Tournament

March 14, 2020  
10:00am

A day of family fun that also benefits the Mission. Please register at [sowingkindness.org](http://sowingkindness.org).

Unless otherwise noted, please register at [missiondc.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://missiondc.org/get-involved/volunteer). The shelter is located at 65 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001.

*God bless  
you for  
caring!*

# 2020 KARIS Golf Challenge

Saturday, March 14 • Benefiting Central Union Mission



**Topgolf Loudoun**  
20356 Commonwealth Center Dr.  
Ashburn, VA 20147  
Arrive by 9:45 am • Event begins promptly  
at 10:00 am and ends at 12:00 pm

Registration includes a lifetime membership to Topgolf Loudoun, Topgolf games, complimentary golf pro instruction and a brunch buffet featuring brisket tacos and Topgolf's famous injectable donut holes. Topgolf provides meris, women's and kid's clubs if needed. Prizes for top men's, women's and kid's score.

**Adults \$80, Kids 16 and under \$45**

Pre-registration is required

Go to [sowingkindness.org](http://sowingkindness.org)  
to register or become  
a sponsor



**100% of your  
sponsorship goes  
to Central Union Mission**

**We Need Event Sponsors!**  
The first \$10,000 in sponsorships  
will be matched!

KARIS is a 501(c)(3) charity registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia and a financial statement is available from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services upon request.

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## Against the Winter Chill

*I want to help protect vulnerable people from the dangerous consequences of living on the street this winter.*

Please use my donation of:

- ☐ \$20.90 to feed 10 guests
- ☐ \$52.25 for 25 guests
- ☐ \$104.50 for 50 guests
- ☐ \$156.75 for 75 guests
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as many as possible

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