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*No one
should live
hungry and
homeless*

An Investment in the Future

Cassaday & Company, Inc., a wealth management firm in McLean, Virginia, attracts both clients and employees with one of their core values: "Always do the right thing." One of the company's many expressions of this value is seen in their giving back to the community. Central Union Mission is honored to be a recipient of their support.



Controller **Anna Shkrabaliuk** is a member of the board of trustees for the firm's Donor Advised Fund, which has a mission to create opportunities that otherwise would not exist by providing basic necessities. She notes, "All our employees are mission-driven and donate to various organizations, so when we established this fund for the firm, we literally had 100% participation. When the firm introduced a 200% match, our employees increased the amount of their donation, as well! It's a great program—good for morale within the firm."



Anna Shkrabaliuk



Michelle Tigani

Michelle Tigani, manager of marketing and communications, explains, "Not only does our founder encourage us to donate, he also urges us to spend time at these places. Around the holidays, our staff goes in three or four groups to volunteer for a few hours. We toured Central Union Mission before the pandemic and are looking into volunteering once the world gets back to normal."

Why is Cassaday & Company partnering with Central Union Mission? According to founder Steve Cassaday, "The mission of the organization was totally consistent

with our family's charitable goals to help people help themselves, and we are committed to a long-term giving plan with the organization."

Michelle adds, "It's important for us to give back. We feel very lucky and blessed to have the jobs that we do and to be able to support others who aren't as fortunate." For her, the Mission is a great example of a "one-stop-shop" for people who need help: "We love that Central Union Mission is giving people skills and opportunities to advance their lives and to improve



and grow." Plus a benefit of supporting a local charity is that "you can get a better sense of what's going on in your own neighborhood."

According to **Steve Cassaday**, "We consider a donation to Central Union Mission to be an investment in the future of our community that has a high probability of driving meaningful change and literally transforming the lives of the neediest and most vulnerable in our community."

Would your company like a way to share its impact with the community? Contact **Deborah Chambers** at 202-827-3078 or dchambers@missiondc.org to learn how a corporate partnership with the Mission can help. ■

Because You Care



"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you"

Colossians 1:3

The Art of Giving

YOU'VE PROBABLY SEEN John Trumbull's famous painting, Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, but did you know his art was part of one of the most creative charitable giving arrangements in history?

The year was 1831 and painter John Trumbull found himself widowed and penniless, surrounded by nearly 100 paintings in his otherwise lonely apartment. He decided to donate them to Yale. His donation funded the first museum on any campus in the United States—the Trumbull Gallery—



and the rest is, as they say, history. Have you thought about how a little creative giving from your will could impact lives for years to come?

In addition to providing financially for heirs and supporting eternal work, there are many benefits associated with having an up-to-date will including:

- Deciding how your estate will be distributed
- Choosing who will take care of your minor children
- Loved ones not being burdened with a lengthy or stressful probate process
- Estate taxes minimized

One of the most remarkable things about John Trumbull is that he became a famous painter with the use of only one eye. Art critics believe this lifelong effect from a childhood injury is ultimately what influenced his detailed painting style.

Today, millions of people continue to walk in Trumbull's shoes, creatively impacting lives through charitable giving—even after their lifetime. A gift in your will to Central Union Mission can leave a beautiful legacy people will appreciate for years to come. *"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed"* **Proverbs 11:25.** ■

For the full version of this article, request a FREE copy of **Start a Revolution in Giving** by contacting Rev. Deborah Chambers at dchambers@missiondc.org or (202) 827-3078, or bless your family today with a God-honoring Will at www.christianwill.org/missiondc

From the President Called to Serve and Lead



EVERY DAY, Central Union Mission ministers to the brokenness and pain of people experiencing homelessness and poverty, including African-American men and women who have endured the consequences of generations of historic injustice.

Every day, we provide an atmosphere of safety and trust for Mission employees, as well as the people we serve. In our discipleship sessions, as well as our staff meetings, Mission folks have been generous and vulnerable in sharing their experiences of hurt, which has increased understand-

ing and helped renew our commitment to stamping out bias and its damaging effects.

Over the past 135 years, Central Union Mission has practiced radical love, modeling to all of Washington, DC, what it means to treat everyone with the same dignity, respect and care we offer to our Lord and Savior. As our nation calls for racial justice, we are honored to continue doing what we have always done: love our God, and love our neighbors. ■

Joe Mettimano

Joe
President & CEO

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
John 13:34

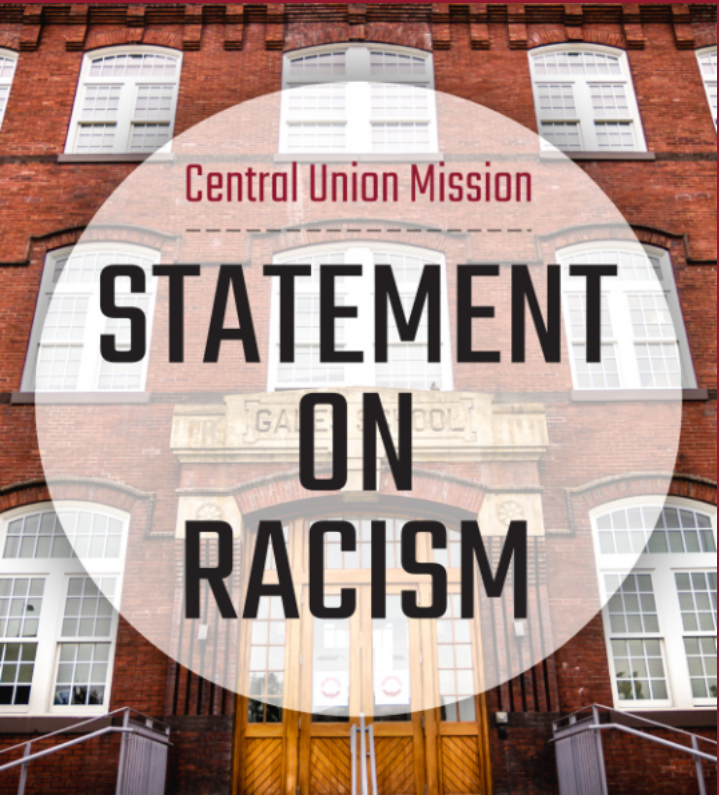
THE EVENTS OF THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS FOLLOWING THE KILLING OF AHMAUD ARBERY AND GEORGE FLOYD HAVE RIGHTFULLY COMPELLED OUR NATION TO FURTHER EXPOSE AND CONDEMN RACISM. Far too many people have suffered and died due to racism over the years. We must join together in unity to stand against racism in all of its forms. This process must begin with an acknowledgment that it still exists, despite the heroic efforts of the many great men and women who have campaigned against it for over 150 years.

CENTRAL UNION MISSION IS A CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION THAT SERVES THE POOR, EQUALLY AND WITHOUT CONDITIONS OF RELIGION, RACE, GENDER

OR ANY OTHER CHARACTERISTIC. We believe all people are created in the image and likeness of God, and we strive to treat all people with love, dignity and respect. Therefore, we oppose racism in all of its forms and believe it is sinful, unacceptable and antithetical to the teaching of Christ.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ENDING THE RACISM THAT EXISTS IN OUR SOCIETY IS NOT A SMALL TASK, AND WE

KNOW THE BATTLE WILL NOT BE WON ON SOME DISTANT FRONTIER, NOR BY POLITICIANS, THE MEDIA, THE COURTS NOR THROUGH PROTESTS. While all of these things may serve a purpose, we know that the only lasting remedy will be a change in the hearts of men and women. At Central Union Mission, we believe all people can experience this transformation through an authentic, deep



encounter with Jesus Christ. In response to His love, we have the capacity to love others. This change needs to take place within ourselves, our communities, our churches, our workplaces and in our homes. Indeed, we are called by Christ to love God and love our neighbor. *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your*

soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'
The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
There is no commandment greater than these."

Matthew 22:37-40

We pray that a Holy moment will arise out of the present dialogue in America, and hearts will be led to Christ, and we pray that God will bring healing, justice and peace to all who suffer. ■

Retire Your Car

Donate it to Central Union Mission

Your ride deserves to retire better than just sitting in a garage collecting dust. Have you considered sending your unwanted car to greener pastures by donating it to the Mission?

To get started, call 855-500-7433, or you can submit the secure online donation form at careasy.org/nonprofit/central-union-mission. Within 48 hours, one of our donor support representatives will contact you to complete the process. Donating a vehicle is easy, the pick-up is free and non-contact, and we even take care of the paperwork. Your generous gift could even qualify for a tax deduction.



Central Union Mission accepts cars, trucks, RVs, and more—almost any type of vehicle donation that meets the following basic requirements:

- Vehicle has a clear title
- Vehicle is in one piece and towable
- Vehicle is accessible for safe towing
- Vehicle does not need to be running

Trust us to do right by your ride, and donate it to Central Union Mission today. Our vehicle donation program has been taking care of vehicles just like yours for more than 16 years. ■

Come Visit Camp Bennett Christian Ministry Center

BECAUSE OF MARYLAND PANDEMIC REGULATIONS, Camp Bennett is not open to our regular student campers this summer. However, beginning in July, portions of Camp Bennett Christian Ministry Center are available for rentals, retreats and special events in compliance with Montgomery County and CDC guidelines. Camping is a great way to safely connect with family and friends while maintaining social distancing. You're invited to Camp Bennett for a private tour so you can learn more about the facilities and all the camping possibilities. Please contact Michael Tate at mtate@missiondc.org to arrange your tour today. ■



Camp Bennett is undergoing an exciting upgrade this summer and offers private primitive riverfront campsites for families and small groups

“This is the Place”

By *Peter Hong*

AT THE START OF A NEW MILLENNIUM, January 2000, a young associate minister at New Samaritan Baptist Church in Washington, DC, received a calling from God: to spend his Sunday evenings preaching, praying and encouraging the men temporarily sojourning at Central Union Mission. Twenty years later, Pastor Tommy Terrell, III, has never looked back—until we asked him to reflect on his time as a disciple-maker of men.

“One of the things that stands out to me is the relationships I've developed with the men over the years,” said Pastor Terrell. “For instance, one day, I was walking down the street, and someone blew a car horn at me. I went over to the car, and it was Arthur Thomas, aka “Big A.” Big A said, ‘Pastor, I just want to thank you for helping me develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.’”



Pastor Tommy Terrell, center, and his wife Pastor Beverly Terrell receive a Mission certificate of appreciation from Chaplain Robert Garrison thanking them and Shechem Covenant Outreach Ministries in 2016.

A Place of Purpose
It was those kind of success stories that have been keeping Pastor Terrell and the church he planted in 2007—Shechem Covenant Outreach Ministries in Forestville, Maryland (www.shechemmd.org)—going strong. “God was involved in my experiences with Central Union Mission, because I learned that it would become my place of purpose,” said Terrell. “God’s used me in large measure because the men identify with me and my presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It’s as if God opened a door and gave me access into His Kingdom work and said this is the place—‘This is the part of My vineyard I want you to serve in.’”

Terrell said that twenty years of sharing the gospel message and discipling “Mission men” has borne much good fruit, including three ordained deacons and numerous van drivers, choir members, ushers and—of particular interest to Central Union Mission—homeowners.

Terrell said that’s because Shechem, like its namesake in Joshua 20, serves as a place of refuge where men at Central Union Mission can find community and fellowship. He added that Jesus referred to His own homeless status in Matthew 8:20.

Room for More
Terrell highly encouraged other churches and ministries to “plug into Central Union Mission where they can have the best impact for the Kingdom of God.” Noting that while Shechem provides a place for men to receive pastoral care and discipleship as well as to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus, “there are so many other aspects to Central Union Mission in addition to what we (at Shechem) do. There’s food service, Camp Bennett, employment services, clothing and other areas where churches and ministries can plug-in and be a blessing to homeless men.”

Central Union Mission thanks Pastor Tommy Terrell, III, and Shechem Covenant Outreach Ministries for following God’s direction and lead for the past twenty years and looks forward to the blessings the next twenty years will bring. ■

Peter Hong is a Christian writer, lawyer and evangelist living in Northern Virginia with a passion for ministering to people experiencing homelessness. We thank him for volunteering to write this article.

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Family Ministry Center guests are careful about social distancing. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen a 50% increase in emergency food requests.

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THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC continues to spread through Washington, DC, but due to the Mission's early and effective efforts, we have had no confirmed COVID-19 infections in the shelter, the Lambert House transition home or the Family Ministry Center (as of July 10, 2020). Our health checks, sanitizing protocols, sheltering-in-place and social distancing programs are working to keep our open layout and large dorm rooms safe. While the Mission men and staff do the cleaning, we've been surprised by the cost of sanitizing products. Your contribution of bleach, wipes and paper towels, as well as masks and gloves, would be a big help. Your great financial support helped make this possible, but we still need your support to ensure we continue to serve and protect those in need during what is sure to be a financially challenging period ahead of us. You can donate to our COVID-19 rescue effort at missiondc.org. ■

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Summer is a Dangerous Time of Year

If you're homeless, increasing temperatures bring the risk of dehydration and heatstroke. Struggling neighbors on the streets urgently need our help! Your generous gift will help to care for folks who have been living without hope.

Thank you for your compassion.

Please use my donation of:

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- ☐ \$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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