Easter will be here before you know it. And this year, we’re expecting to serve more than 57,900 meals to those experiencing hunger and homelessness in the D.C. metro area.

Will you help with a gift now so nobody gets left behind?

Every $2.09 you send will provide a nutritious Easter dinner that carries a powerful message of hope and practical help like counseling, life- and job-skills training and addiction recovery for those struggling to get back on their feet again.

With so many people expected to come to the Mission for help this Easter, we’re already preparing so there will be enough for everyone.

To make a life-changing impact this Easter, return your gift today in the envelope provided with this newsletter.

Or to put your gift to work even faster, give a secure online gift by visiting missiondc.org/Easter

Thank you. And God bless you!

Be part of the Season of Miracles

For many, Easter means new life. And at Central Union Mission, new life often begins with a hot meal.

Ask anyone who’s coming off the streets, and they’ll tell you that when you’re hungry, your thinking is clouded. But satisfy that nagging hunger, and life begins to look different. Suddenly, hope seems within reach.

If that meal comes at Easter time, the possibility of new life through Christ’s resurrection suddenly becomes real — leading people to reach out to God for a second chance. Miracles happen at this time of year because of God’s grace and your giving!

This Easter, your gift can restore a broken life, reconnect people to their Heavenly Father and rekindle hope where there was once only despair.

Please give again and be a part of this year’s Season of Miracles. With each meal costing just $2.09, you have no better way to see our community transformed!

3 EASY STEPS to transform a life this Easter

1. Choose one or more of the Meal Tickets to send with your gift.
2. Write out your check for that amount.
3. Return your Meal Ticket(s), reply form and check in the envelope provided.
Knowing he couldn’t keep panhandling with another bitterly cold winter about to bear down on Washington, D.C., Jonathan joined our Restoration and Transformation Program, which is designed to free men from drugs, alcohol and other destructive behavior.

Although Jonathan admits the first six months were hard, he finally surrendered to God’s redemptive love — and saw his life do a dramatic 180-degree turnaround!

“This program does exactly what the title says,” Jonathan explains. “It restored my whole life and helped me reconcile my relationships with my family,” including reconnecting with his ex-wife and their four daughters. “It transformed me.”

Thanks to God’s grace and your support, Jonathan is rejoicing this Easter because you helped restore him to wholeness. Now he’s working on his bachelor’s degree in biblical studies and will soon be joining D.C. Central Kitchen’s culinary arts program, which he hopes will lead to full-time employment.

“Once I’m fully independent,” he adds, “I look forward to pouring back into Central Union Mission the way they poured into me.”

This Easter, please be generous — and give others like Jonathan a second chance at life, starting with a meal. Thank you!

The Mission announces a critical expansion of our Family Resource Center

Together, let’s flood the Washington, D.C., area with hope

Over the last two years, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on thousands of poor people in the Washington D.C., area.

As much as we’ve tried to keep up — providing food, overnight shelter and other assistance such as healthcare, legal aid, counseling, addiction support and housing assistance — we haven’t been able to keep pace with the need. But that’s about to change in a dramatic way. Thanks to you and other generous and faithful supporters, we can announce that we’ll soon be expanding our Family Resource Center.

This expansion will deepen support programs, add services and increase the number of people being served — now as many as 5,750 each month. Changes will include:

- A wider variety of educational opportunities (especially computer literacy) and retraining for jobs in the new economy
- An expanded daycare referral program
- Increased health care assistance
- Greater access to help with addiction recovery
- Transportation access
- Expanded veterans’ benefits
- Increased availability of legal assistance

This is the vision God has given us for the coming year — a vision that can only be accomplished through your commitment to helping people in crisis find stability, restoration and hope.

You’re a part of every success story at Central Union Mission. Thank you for standing with the Mission to address the growing needs of our community through highly effective ministries like the Family Resource Center.

By working together, we can flood Washington, D.C., with hope and bring the opportunity for new life to every corner of our community.

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