

1892-2017 | *Serving the homeless and poor with food, clothing, shelter...and so much more!*

Our Mission:

To aid the poor and needy; to reform the erring; to help those that are out of the way; to feed the hungry; to shelter the homeless; to preach the gospel; and to rescue the perishing.

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125
years
of changing lives

New Found Faith & Ambition for a Better Life

Tony's parents never married. His grandmother raised him when his mother was sent to prison. After high school he ran the streets and joined a gang.

When he was seventeen his uncle rescued him and took him to live with him to escape the bad influences. He tried college but dropped out when he met a girl and moved in with her family. They had a child and got married but it didn't last long. He had a good job and saw his daughter every weekend

but in 2008 his mother passed away on Mother's Day and it hit him hard. When his grandmother passed away soon after, the loss was too much to bear and he turned to cocaine. Addicted, he realized he needed help and started seeing a counselor, telling him he was ready for a change. "I had heard of this

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"The David Program brought me back to life"

—Tony

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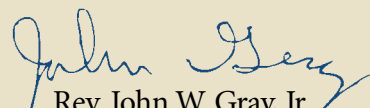
A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

On Easter Sunday, we will rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior and what He has done for us while we were yet sinners. Ephesians 2:4-5 says, "God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead." For 125 years The Union Mission has been changing the lives of people who have come to our doors looking for hope for a better tomorrow, because today is more than they can bear. God has been faithful to help us provide that hope all these years, through friends like you.

As you and your family celebrate what Christ has done for you, will you prayerfully consider what you can do to help us continue to provide hope to those in need. Thank you for your faithfulness. May God bless you and your family this Easter.

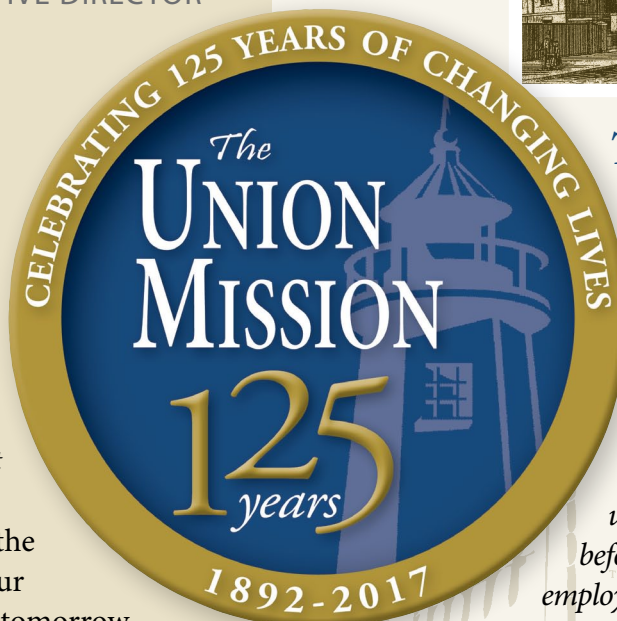
In His Service,


Rev. John W. Gray, Jr.
Executive Director



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Celebrating 125 years of changing lives



The Union Mission has been serving the poor and homeless in our community since 1892.

Please rejoice with us at what God has accomplished!

MINUTES TAKEN ON MARCH 31, 1920

"The last six months have been remarkable months in the life and work of The Union Mission, because of the increased activities and the results that have come from meeting with men, women, and children. Demands upon us have been greater, and of a more peculiar nature than ever before. Men have drifted in from all quarters of the globe, have been assisted, employment secured, and sent on their way rejoicing. Families have been reunited, boys have been sent back home, and many positions secured for them."

These very same words could be used today to describe our work.

God's faithfulness and your support makes it possible to bring about real change in peoples lives. Thank you for caring!

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place called The Union Mission and we looked it up on the internet. I saw all the help and the resources it offered that were so great. It was unimaginable."

Last September he came to The Mission. "I've never been surrounded by so many people with so much great energy. I love waking up to breakfast and being able to take a shower. I have peace of mind here."

When Tony heard about The David Program (Discipleship Program for young men 18-26) he wanted to join, but Tony is 30. "I saw these guys dressed up going

to job fairs and outings and thought, I want to be a part of it. It can help change my life." He spoke to the staff asking if he could join and they accepted him despite his age. He began attending the Bible studies based on the life of King David, classes on "Finding Your Purpose" and a relapse prevention class. "The David Program brought me back to life—back from the misery I had before. Mr. Metcalf (Program Director) is a father to me. They give you extraordinary help here and want you to succeed. That's what makes the whole Mission so great. You are trained

to find God and it works. They showed me how to be disciplined, to look at the whole picture. They are helping me build my character of who I truly am."

Tony has a disease that is causing lesions on his body and affects his vision. It's treatable but incurable, but it doesn't affect his zest for life. When asked about his faith he shared a song he had written. The song was filled with his new found faith and ambition for a better life.

MAKING A WISE CHOICE

Life is full of difficult "fairness" questions like, how should I divide my estate? Should I treat all my children the same? Begin by asking:

- Are they equipped?
- Do some have more genuine needs than others?
- What are their differences?
- Is there a way I can bless my loved ones and the ministries I care about like The Union Mission Ministries in my estate plan?

We would like to help you find answers to these tough questions.

CONTACT US TODAY.

For a **FREE** copy of our special bulletin
"Finding Answers for Life's Toughest Questions"

contact Helen Hayes Sommer at
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(757) 627-8686 ext. 504

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People come to the Mission with just the clothes on their backs. Tired and downcast they need to know someone cares.

It all starts with that first meal, some toiletries, a shower, clean clothing, and a safe place to lay their heads. Once dignity is restored, job and life skills training, and emotional and spiritual counseling gives them hope for a better future.

You can help by donating our most needed items ...

- Men's underwear and black socks
- Women's pajamas and underwear
- Deodorant, razors, travel size toothpaste
- Towels, washcloths
- Bus passes (5-day "Go Pass" available at Farm Fresh)

Contact Linda Jones at lindaj@ummnorva.org or (757) 627-8686, ext. 426.



To learn more, visit our website www.unionmissionministries.org

Staff Needs

Experience required.

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Evenings. Send resume to Jill Gray at jillgray@ummnorva.org

Thrift Store: Production/Assistant Manager
Weekdays / Saturdays. Send resume to Wayne Berry at wberry@ummnorva.org

Donor Services Specialist
Weekdays. Strong Computer Skills. Send resume to Roseanne Dickerson at roseanne@ummnorva.org

Assistant Volunteer Coordinator
Weekdays. Some evenings and weekends. Send resume to Cindy Smith at csmith@ummnorva.org

Your Trash is Someone Else's Treasure

You've heard that old saying but have you really considered it? Do you have a closet full of clothes you are saving because someday you might be able to wear them again? Is your old dining room set taking up half your garage? What about that lamp that no longer matches your furniture or the crib you've been meaning to give away?

Someone needs what you no longer want!
Call (757) 627-8686, ext. 604 to schedule a free pick-up.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE



Dear Rev. Gray,

I want to help restore hope to those in need.

I've enclosed: \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$150 \$_____

I would like to commit to a monthly gift of \$_____. My first gift is enclosed.

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