

The
**UNION
MISSION**

MISSION NETWORK

Food, Clothing, Shelter ... and so much more!

GIVE JOY *to the homeless*

The weather is getting cooler and you're starting to think about the holidays. Your mouth is watering just thinking about all the good food you will serve, but for the homeless, a Thanksgiving meal is just a dream ... a memory from childhood or maybe something they've never experienced. It's a lonely time of year for those without friend or family, but you can give the joy of the holidays, and friends to share it with, to a homeless man, woman, or child this Thanksgiving.

**For just \$2.03 you can provide a meal
or bless 10 people for just \$20.30.**

GIVE TODAY

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Thanksgiving!





A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you for making a lasting difference

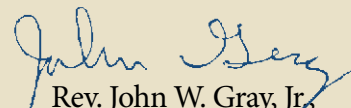
Dear Friends,

I am deeply grateful to the Lord for giving me the privilege of serving at The Union Mission Ministries for over 26 years. As the ministry celebrates its 125th anniversary I am reminded of those who have gone before us who left a legacy of compassion and service to the homeless and poor. Luke 14:13-14a says, *“But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed.”* I am also reminded, that we could not have done this work without your help. Thousands of men, women, and children have come through the doors of the Mission looking for hope for a better tomorrow. Because you cared, they have been treated

with dignity and respect, basic needs have been met, and job and life skills training offered to help them overcome their homelessness. Most importantly, we shared the Gospel with each one and lives have been transformed for eternity ... and you and I who have served them have been blessed.

As we look ahead to the next 125 years, with your support, the legacy will continue. Thank you for making a lasting difference in the lives of those who are hurting.

In His Service,


Rev. John W. Gray, Jr.
Executive Director

“But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed ...”

Luke 14:13-14a

The Face Behind the Call

When your phone rings and you hear a sweet voice say she is calling from The Union Mission, that voice on the other end may very well be a special lady, Linda Smith. She is calling to thank you for your generous support and ask you how we as a staff can pray for you and your family. Linda says ...

“I pray for our friends and donors because they are ‘special people’ who enable us to carry Jesus’ love to the ones who need it the most.”



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Humble Beginnings



“...Inasmuch as you have done it onto the least of these my brothers, you did it onto me.”

— Matthew 25:40

*Serving the poor and homeless
Since 1892*



In 1892, a group of Christian businessmen wanted to help the homeless in the community and founded The Union Mission. Over the years thousands were served, but the ministry lost sight of its original purpose and was badly in debt, when in 1956 Rev. Ted Bashford became its Executive Director. With God's help and guidance, he led the Mission out of debt and restored the Christian environment, at the same time continuing to provide for the needy.



The Mission's work today is different than it was in 1892, and even in 1956, but the vision to mend broken lives and share the Gospel with the lost remains the driving force behind all that we do today.



A leap of faith!

God's people doing God's work!

Reverend Bashford was a humble man of great character and integrity, a man with an unwavering heart of compassion to help the poor and needy.

Ted Bashford accepted Christ as his Savior at 21. "From that moment on I was never the same." He left a well-paying job to attend Bible College, earned a degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and was ordained a Baptist minister. Tennessee Temple University later honored him with a Doctorate.

In 1956 he accepted the position as Director of The Union Mission, without the promise of a salary. "I knew this calling on my life was to increase my faith and dependence on God. Those early days were a struggle, but also exciting to see God's provision."

Under his leadership the ministry expanded to share the gospel through a summer camp, a children's home, a senior adult home, and a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center, while continuing to serve "those on forgotten man's street" ... the poor and homeless.

Rev. Theodore Alford Bashford served The Union Mission until his passing in 2008. His daughter, Linda Bashford Vaughan succeeded him until she retired in 2015. Today Rev. John Gray, who was raised in the ministry's Children's Home, is its Executive Director.

Ted Bashford married Marion Skeeter in 1939. She encouraged him in his walk of faith and fulfilled the calling of being a true "helpmate" to her husband.



"What is most precious to me are the men, women, and children who come to us each day in their time of need ... and seeing their lives, changed for the better."

— Linda B. Vaughan



"As we look to the future with your support, the legacy will continue. Thank you for making a lasting difference in the lives of those who are hurting."

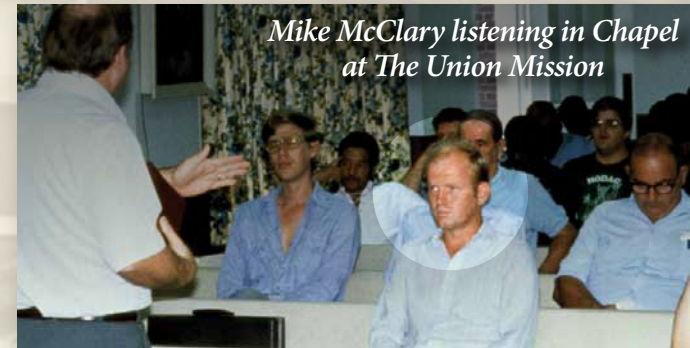
— Rev. John W. Gray

"Having been connected to The Union Mission for over fifty years, the programs have changed and greatly expanded, but what will never change is teaching and preaching the Gospel to everyone who comes through the door."

— Connolly Phillips

From the streets to the pulpit! A life transformed ...

Mike McClary came to the Mission in 1982. "My stomach was empty. I was given a bowl of soup, some bread, and attended Chapel where I heard the solution to



my problems and asked the Lord to save me." With a heart for the inner city, Mike studied the Bible and joined the staff of the Mission. In 1983, he was ordained a Baptist minister. With tears running down his face he said ...

"For twenty years I had been an alcoholic, a drug addict; now, here I stand — a minister of the Gospel!"



Mike McClary is Founder and Executive Director of Good Samaritan Ministries in Richmond, Virginia.

A Word from the Past ...

Excerpt from Board Minutes - January 1928

"Gentlemen, it's a wonderful work and should be a source of great satisfaction that we have a part in this worthy cause. Jesus, when on Earth, was constantly engaged in salvaging wrecked lives of men and women, giving them another chance to come back and make good. In this great organization of ours a two-fold service is rendered, i.e.

First, we reclaim the body, by cleaning him up; feeding him up; cheering him up; and making him decent and self-respecting.

Second, we claim or reclaim his soul and rekindle his spiritual life by making him see the mistakes of the past and bringing him in close contact with the great and gracious God, who is always willing and ready to save."



Leroy Vaughan, late husband of Linda Vaughan, served as Associate Director until his passing in 1991.

STATISTICS

1892-2017

125 YEARS
OF CHANGING LIVES

LODGING



7,330,367

MEALS



21,845,159

SALVATIONS



586,821

CLOTHING



1,299,430

FOOD BOXES



788,426

CAMPERS



200,230

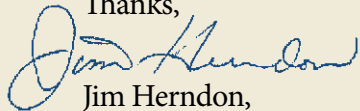
"This program helped me become a bigger man than what I was. They helped me out spiritually, helped me get a job and housing, and counseled me. My future is looking bright. I thank God I had the opportunity to experience The Union Mission." — Eugene LeDoux



The UNION MISSION Today

Food,
Clothing,
Shelter ...
and so
much more!

“As we celebrate the 125th anniversary of The Union Mission Ministries, I cannot help but reflect on the ministry’s impact on my life. I joined the Board of the Mission in 1989 and have served as President since 2003. It has been a blessing to witness the impact the ministry has had on the thousands of people it has served over the years, and most importantly, given the opportunity to find healing for their souls. The staff and leadership of the Mission are true saints, and it’s been my privilege to support them. The opportunity to see God’s miraculous provision of the ministry’s needs is a humbling experience. To God be the glory.”

Thanks,

Jim Herndon,
President
Board of Directors

EMERGENCY SHELTERS — provides basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter. The Gospel is shared and there is hope for a better tomorrow.

RESTORING HOPE — offers classes in life skills, employment readiness, and spiritual development, helps overcome adversity, and restores independence.

WELLNESS PROGRAM — working with area health agencies to provide medical care and education for those who are ill, bringing wholeness to body and mind.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH — assists impoverished families in the community with basic needs while sharing the love of Christ with each person.

The Union Mission is a work of faith and labor of love
supported through generous contributions from people like you whose hearts have been touched with compassion for their homeless neighbors for 125 years.

“This work is too important not to continue” — John Saunders, supporter

You can Continue the Legacy

Join the Bashford Legacy Circle and leave a legacy through your will or estate.

Become an Anchor of Hope through a commitment to monthly giving.

Pray for our staff, Board of Directors, and the hundreds of hurting people we serve daily.

VISIT
unionmissionministries.org
TO LEARN HOW



“I’m looking forward to what my future brings instead of being scared of it. The Mission saved my life.” — Jonathan King



*"I had no idea!"
"It's not what I thought."*

These are the words often heard when someone tours The Union Mission.

Come see for yourself. It's not what you think!

Contact Vickie Smith at vsmith@ummnorva.org to sign up for **Walk-thru-Wednesdays** during the month of October.

SINGLE RESIDENCE DECLINANCY (SRO)

You gave Eric a New Start in Life!

Eric was raised by his mother. His father was non-existent in his life. After graduating high school, he joined the Navy as a culinary specialist. Shortly after leaving the Navy, all his hopes and dreams went up in smoke when a condo fire destroyed everything he owned and caused the end of his relationship with the girl he lived with. Broken and defeated, Eric quit his job and wondered where he lost control of his life. When the police came to investigate a noise complaint, Eric unloaded his frustrations on them. Intoxicated and belligerent he ended up in jail. "It was the best thing that could have happened to me. I was hanging around with the wrong people and getting into trouble. It wasn't an easy path but it helped me turn my life around." After leaving jail he stayed with a friend but it didn't work out and he ended up on

the streets. One day on his way to the library to fill out an application for college, Eric ran into someone who told him about The Union Mission. "It wasn't my intention to be homeless but I had no place to eat, shower, or rest my head. Coming here was a blessing." Eric went to school during the week and worked nights at a restaurant – a job he eventually lost because, "I got in with the wrong crew. I thought 'how can this be happening again?'" He wanted to give up until his Case Manager told him about the David Program. "I thought it would probably be a lot of rules, but I decided to check it out."

Today, Eric is working two jobs, attending college, and saving money to pay his jail fines and get his driver's license reinstated. "There are some great people at the Mission. They encouraged me, making sure I was on the right path God wants me to follow. The David Program gives me a sense of what I didn't have – like

family members who care about me – people who will listen and keep me going. I never had a father figure and Mr. Metcalf (Program Manager) is that for me. He's showing me what it means to push towards excellence,

to continue to go above and beyond."

Today Eric has a place of his own. He still gets together with the other

David's wanting to show them it's possible to succeed. "Work hard," he says, "and never give up. I was doing everything I wanted for myself, but nothing the Lord wanted me to do.

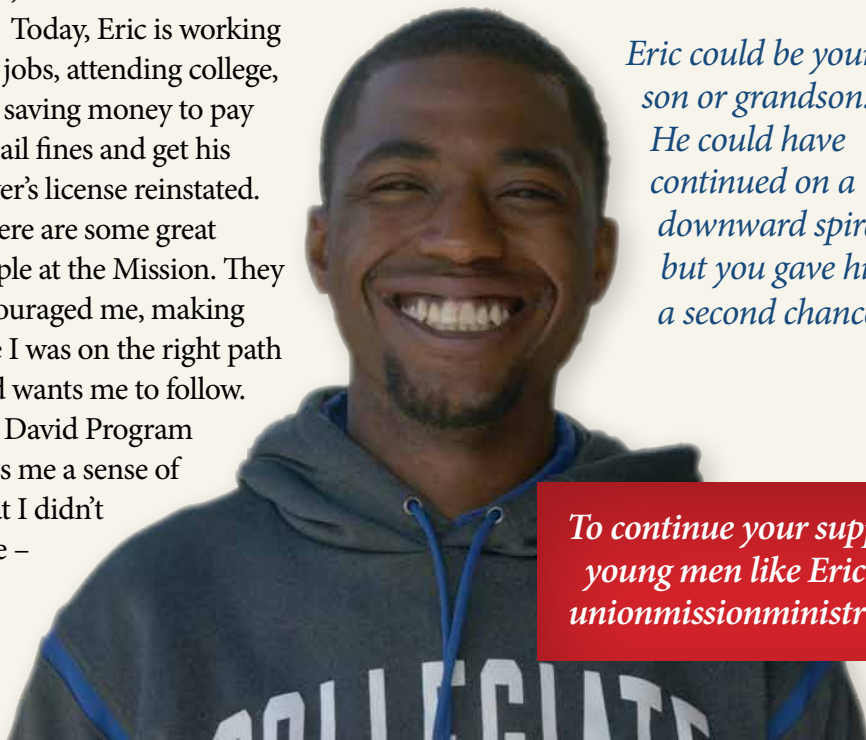
This is a new start."

"It wasn't my intention to be homeless but I had no place to eat, shower, or rest my head. Coming here was a blessing."

Eric could be your son or grandson. He could have continued on a downward spiral but you gave him a second chance.



Give the Gift of Joy this Christmas to those in need. Go to Ways to Give at unionmissionministries.org and see our most needed items.



To continue your support of young men like Eric go to unionmissionministries.org

"Here am I! Send me." — Isaiah 6:8

You changed the life of a veteran who served his country honorably only to find himself on the streets broken and forgotten.

You gave hope to a young mother who lived in her car with her children, frightened and unsure of how she would feed and care for her family.

You gave a future to a young man who never knew his father and had taken a path of destruction with drugs and alcohol. You gave him structure and discipline and helped him find a job.

You gave a young child a week of fun at Camp Hope Haven.

You left a legacy of giving for your children and grandchildren.

*You did so much because you cared ...
Thank you for supporting this work of the Lord!*

For more information on other ways to carry on a **Legacy of Giving** contact Helen Sommer at hsommer@ummnorva.org.

Staff Needs

Experience required.

Thrift Store/Production

Full-time. Able to work Weekdays / Saturdays / Evenings.

Send resume to Wayne Berry at wberry@ummnorva.org

Men's Shelter Managers

Full-time / Part-time

Experience working with men.

Send resume to Rev. Will Crawley at wrcrawley@ummnorva.org

Women's Shelter Evening Assistant

Full-time 3-11 pm.

Able to work Weekends.

Send resume to Jill Gray at jillgray@ummnorva.org



Because you cared ...

755 children enjoyed a fun filled week of camp this summer and 88 accepted Jesus as their Savior for the very first time.

Thank you!

Dear Rev. Gray, I want to help you continue the legacy of compassion and service to the homeless and poor.

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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ADDRESS _____

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EMAIL _____ 09-2017



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