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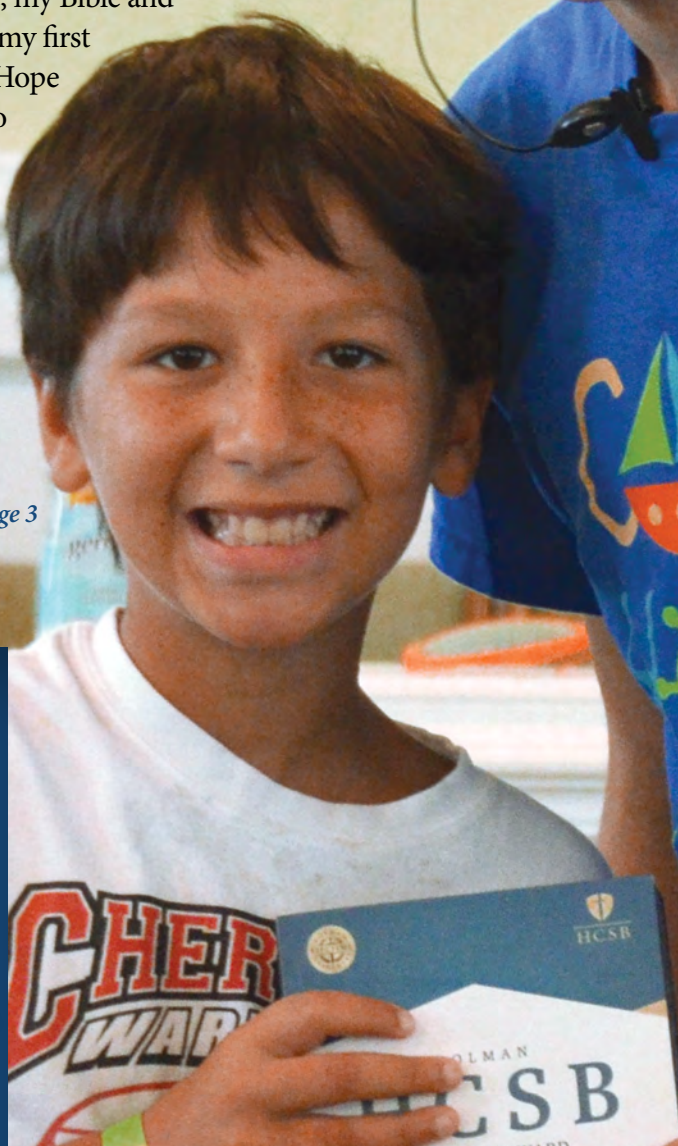
"Whatever happens, make sure you get the top bunk."

"Armed with this bit of advice, my Bible and some hand sanitizer, I started my first week as a counselor at Camp Hope Haven. I was terrified. How do two counselors show the love of Christ to 12 eight-year-olds simultaneously? What do you do when your cabin reeks of smelly feet? How do you convince your campers that brushing their teeth is more important than chasing frogs in the dark?

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Our Mission:

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





A WORD FROM OUR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Proverbs 22:6

You are changing lives for the better ... thank you!

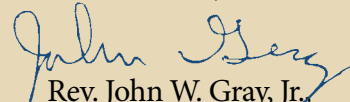
Dear Friends,

It is encouraging to me to hear the stories about the many young people The Union Mission Ministries is helping through Camp Hope Haven and through the David Development Program. Children who come from troubled families and poor neighborhoods eagerly wait to see if someone will sponsor them to come to camp this summer. And without your help, the young David men, without someone to guide them, could become the forty or fifty-year old homeless men we so often see at the Mission. Proverbs 22:6

says, “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”

Whatever their age they need training in God’s Word and a chance at a more productive future. Won’t you join us by supporting these programs that are changing lives and consider how you can discover your “calling?” Thank you for your faithful support.

In His service,


Rev. John W. Gray, Jr.,
Executive Director

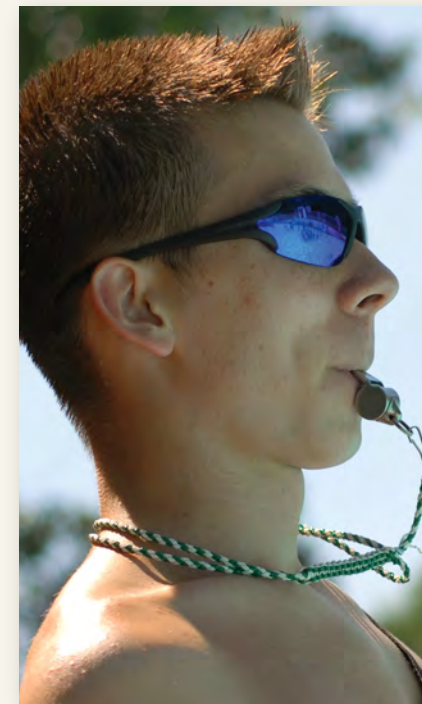
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The Lord used my first week at camp to show me new things about his goodness, my neediness, and the beauty of caring for kids. I cheered for my campers as they swam their deep-end pool tests. I puzzled over their questions about Jesus, sin, and heaven. I laughed as they flew paper airplanes between bunks during nap time. As the week unfolded, I began to see that camp is less about moving through a list of goals and more about waiting on the Lord, listening to my campers, and loving them like Christ loves me. I marveled to see the gospel transform them. Kids don’t need to be fixed so much as they

need to be loved. As the Lord gave me opportunity, I was able to teach them that God loves them and that they have a responsibility to respond to that love. This good news brought unity, freedom, and joy to many

souls — campers left having met the *Friend* who sticks closer than a brother.

Is the top bunk safest? Perhaps. But I learned that the best place for kids is in the arms of the Savior.”



Isaac Tan has served six years as a counselor, life guard, and program leader. This summer he will serve as the Boys Teen and Kid Camp Leader. He is also the founder of Switchback a year round program at Camp Hope Haven providing in-depth Christian leadership training for young people 15-25.

Camp begins June 25th. Isaac and other camp staff are busy getting cabins ready, training new counselors, lifeguards, barn workers, and kitchen staff. All they need are the children; but most come from families who make less than \$20,000 a year and can’t afford to send their children to camp ... without you. Will you sponsor a child for \$150 for a week of fun and learning that God loves them? (See next page)

Visit unionmissionministries.org/camp

Discover Your Calling

Have you ever wished you had a good code-breaker to help identify your “calling?” Jordan Raynor, the author of the best-selling book, “Called to Create” identifies three crucial questions for identifying a calling ...

1 What am I passionate about?

God created us with unique passions, interests and dreams. Isaiah 64:8 says, “We are the clay. He is our Potter.” Can you identify specific interests He’s formed in you? Causes you’re drawn to? Have you considered they may be for a specific purpose?

2 What gifts has God given me?

Beyond your passions and interests, what developed skills and natural talents do you have? Pastor Timothy Keller stresses the importance of having a “ministry of competence.” Exercising well-honed gifts brings glory to God, helps us love our neighbor, and provides a sense of personal fulfillment.

3 Where do I have the greatest opportunity to love others?

When we find the “sweet spot” where our passions and gifts intersect, there’s an opportunity to practice good stewardship of who God made us to be. It also means we can impact lives. Have you considered how your interest in The Union Mission may be a part of your calling to love

others well? From volunteerism or prayer support, to including a gift in your will, there are so many ways your passions could align with the work we do.

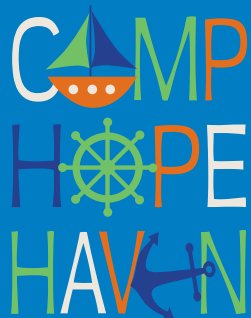
Please consider including The Union Mission in your will. Contact Helen Sommer at (757) 627-8686, ext. 504 or hsommer@ummnorva.org, or go to christianwill.org/umm to bless your family with a God-honoring will.

“We pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power ...” 2 Thessalonians 1:11

One week can change a child's life!

Camp Hope Haven's summer camp provides an opportunity for fun and growth through swimming, horseback riding, sports, and other fun-filled activities, blended with the truth of God's Word. Children learn that Jesus loves them ... many of them hearing that message for the first time.

Some of our campers come from single-parent homes facing real financial challenges, while others come from troubled homes of neglect or even abuse. Still others come from average families living on a shoestring budget with nothing extra to send a child to camp. Loving sponsors provide opportunities for children to attend camp — there is no cost to the child.



You can provide a child the opportunity of a wonderful life-changing experience at Camp Hope Haven. Your gift of \$150 will allow one child to attend camp for an entire week. Won't you help make a difference in the life of a child?

Become a sponsor today...

Go to unionmissionministries.org/camp and give!



Jesus called the children to him and said,

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Luke 18:16



Staff Needs *Experience preferred.*

APPLY ONLINE AT www.unionmissionministries.org

Men's Shelter Evening Manager

Full-time: 3 – 11 pm or 4 pm – 12 am.
Able to work rotating weekend hours (male position).

Men's Shelter Overnight Manager

Full-time or Part-time: 11 pm - 7 pm.
Able to work rotating weekend hours (male position).

Send resume to William Crawley at wrcrawley@ummnorva.org.

Donor Services Specialist

Full-time: Weekdays. Strong computer and reporting skills.

Send resume to Roseanne Dickerson at roseanne@ummnorva.org.

Women's Shelter Overnight Assist.

Full-time 11 pm – 7 am. Must be able to work weekend hours. Must enjoy cleaning.

Women's Shelter Evening Assistant

Part-time: 3 – 11 pm. Must be able to work weekend hours.

Women & Children's Shelter Assist.

Part-time: 7 am – 3 pm. Must be able to work some weekend hours.

Women & Children's Shelter Evening Assistant

Part-time: 3 – 11 pm. Must be able to work weekend hours.

Send resume to Kathy Vaughan at kathy@ummnorva.org.

Thrift Store Assistant Manager

Full-time: Able to work day, evening, and/or Saturday hours.

Thrift Store/Production

Full-time: Able to work day and/or evening hours.

Send resume to C. Wayne Berry at wberry@ummnorva.org.



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You can help change the course of a young man's future

Increasing numbers of young men are experiencing homelessness in our community. Many are living on the streets because of disabilities, poor parenting, absentee fathers — others have simply aged out of foster care. Before we started the David Development Program in 2016, nearly 300 young men between the ages of 18 and 26 found refuge at our emergency shelter. To truly restore their lives, they needed resources that would change the

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Eugene never met his father. He and two sisters were raised by their single mom. After high school, he got a job at Target as an overnight stockman. “I wasn’t very motivated and would rather hang out with my friends.” He lived with a girl for three years and had a daughter, now two years old. When his girlfriend kicked him out he lived on the streets for

three years, sleeping in cars, living house to house, and outside. In 2015, with nowhere else to turn, he came to The Union Mission.

“My state of mind was very depressed. I was lost and didn’t know what to do.” He stayed for two months, but got back with his girlfriend for a year until they broke up for good. Back on the streets, he worked at McDonalds, stayed with friends, then came back to the Mission.

“I thought, ‘Here we go again,’ but the difference is that I was a

continued over ...

Dear Rev. Gray, I want to help change the course of a young person's future.

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

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

Method of Payment: ☐ Check ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card Number _____ CCV Code _____

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*Please make your check payable to **The Union Mission**. To make an online donation go to donate.unionmissionministries.org*



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lot calmer about what to expect. I wanted to change my whole entire self — be a constructive member of society. My Case Manager introduced me to the David Development Program Director. He helped me spiritually; helped me get a job and housing, and talked with me about my problems. He is like a father figure to me. This program

helped me become a better man. I went to Chapel although I didn't take it seriously at first, but the prayers uplifted me. If it wasn't for the Mission, I would still be going from house to house. It wouldn't be good. My future is looking bright. My main motivation is to provide a future for my daughter."

Today Eugene has his own

apartment, makes \$12 an hour at a scaffolding company, has his driver's license, and got his first car. He recently returned to encourage other young men in the David Program. "I thank God I had the opportunity to experience The Union Mission. It's a real blessing."



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You can help other young men like Eugene by joining our **CHANGING FUTURES** Campaign

A generous donor will match your gift by May 31st to **DOUBLE** the impact to restore hope and equip twice as many homeless young men with the skills they need to become productive members of society.

Give now at unionmissionministries.org/donate



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If you would like to donate food or other supplies, or volunteer your time, please call (757) 627-8686. Thank you!

In the event contributions exceed expenses, extra funds will be used to feed, shelter, and care for the hungry and homeless throughout the year.

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