

# URM TODAY

SUMMER 2019

Changing the Future of the Homeless... One Life at a Time

NEWSLETTER FROM THE UNION RESCUE MISSION

## From Homeless and Desperate to the Power of *God's Love*

Because friends like you  
*give where you live*, Carlos  
and others like him are  
rebuilding their lives.

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92-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

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## A Message from DOUG NOLTE

### Help Meet the Challenge Here at Home

Coming to work at the Union Rescue Mission feels like coming home.

During my 26 years on the Wichita Police Department, I shared the Mission's concern for the homeless and lost in our community. While serving as Captain and Bureau Commander, I had the opportunity to lead our department's Homeless Outreach Team, often connecting the hungry, homeless and lost with the food, shelter and life-changing programs here at the Mission.

When it came time to retire from the force, God laid it on my heart to serve at the Mission, working with you to help save and transform the lives of those in need here in Wichita. I'm so grateful for your partnership, and pray you will continue to stand alongside the Mission. Right now, you can *give where you live* through our summer campaign.

Your generous gift during these hot summer months will provide nutritious food and cool shelter, and addiction recovery, faith-based guidance and job training through our New Beginnings life-change program for men who've lost all hope. Together, we can let them know they're not alone.

I'm looking forward to all God has in store for the Mission and our partnership. God bless you for your compassion.



*Doug*

Doug Nolte  
Chief Executive  
Officer

## Through the 3 MONTHS of Summer your gifts will provide...



20,757 meals



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**Give Where You Live!**  
**Our 92-Day Summer  
Campaign is underway now.**

✉ Send your gift today.

🖨 Give online at [urmwichita.org](http://urmwichita.org).



*This time of year, gifts typically drop off, so we need your help now more than ever!*

**GIVE *where you* LIVE**  
92-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

## We Need Your Helping Hands

The Union Rescue Mission offers countless opportunities for volunteers to bless others with their time and talents:

- Food drives
- Office duties
- Chapel support
- Meal service
- Improvement projects
- Sorting donations
- General maintenance
- and more!



For more information or to volunteer, contact Tracey.

☎ (316) 687-4673 ✉ [volunteer@urmwichita.org](mailto:volunteer@urmwichita.org)



**“The Mission  
gave me back  
my dignity.”**

**C**arlos prided himself on being a responsible, independent man, with a good job and an excellent work ethic. Then Type 1 Diabetes turned his world upside down. “I kept getting sick, more than a dozen times in about a year, and had to be hospitalized,” he says. “I just couldn’t physically do my job or pay my rent anymore. I was depressed.”

During his last hospitalization, Carlos lost his apartment, and when he was well enough to be discharged, he had nowhere to go. It was then when a social worker told him about the Mission, and Carlos came to our Emergency Shelter. “They provided all the basics so I didn’t have to be anxious about where I was going to sleep and eat,” he says. “And they helped me get to the doctor and get my medications easily.”

Carlos went on to our STEPS (Steps Toward Economic and Personal Stability) Program, where Bible studies, chapel and Christian counsel led him to surrender his life to the Lord. “At first, I was mad at Him, but now I know He never turned away from me,” he says.

Carlos has also developed resume writing, interviewing and work skills in our Jobs for Life class. “It’s important to make myself look good for a prospective employer,” he says. “I have a long-term goal of becoming a 911 emergency operator.”

He graduated from the program, came on our staff as a driver and stays here as a Working Guest.

**— “I’ve given everything  
over to God.” —**

“Everything has been looking up,” he says. “My health is better. There’s no more depression. I feel important again. The Mission gave me back my dignity.”

Carlos is now looking forward to getting his own place and continuing to grow in his walk with the Lord.

***And he’s grateful to friends like you for your continuing support of the Mission:*** “They taught me not to give up on God. He’ll never give up on me.”

PLEASE HELP WITH OUR



**SUMMER**



Our "Summer Six" are items we need all summer long to provide our guests with a comfortable environment and life-changing assistance. Please deliver your donations to 2800 N. Hillside in Wichita, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays until 11:30 a.m. We're grateful for whatever you can share.



1. Bottled water
2. Hand sanitizer
3. Toothpaste
4. Toilet paper
5. Paper towels
6. High-efficiency laundry soap



## A Front Row Seat for Miracles

When I became Chief Executive Officer of the Union Rescue Mission seven years ago, God gave me a front row seat for daily miracles.

It's been such a blessing to see the lives of broken, hopeless men transformed by the power of Christ through our recovery and rehabilitation programs. And it's only been possible because of you – people with a heart to respond to God's urging to love the lost, the last and the least.

Doug Nolte, the Mission's new Chief Executive Officer, shares your heart, demonstrated in his years of law enforcement and community service, including leadership of the Wichita Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team. He has a clear sense of call on his life, and I'm confident that he is God's man to lead URM in the coming years. I know he'll rely on the Lord's guidance in all the decisions he makes.

As I retire and hand the torch of leadership to Doug, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the community of Wichita. Everything we do at the Mission, every service we provide, is only possible because you share your blessings to help change others' lives. It's been a great privilege working with you.

Denny Bender

## A Dream Come True

Our beautiful Eagles Wing is now complete, rooms are furnished, and men who've graduated from our discipleship and recovery programs are happily settled in. **Our deepest thanks** to everyone who helped make this vision a reality through your financial and prayer support! Because of you, our graduates will have the time and support to smoothly and successfully transition back into society. We couldn't have done it without you!



VISIT [urmwichita.org](http://urmwichita.org) to read stories of hope, learn more about our ministry & securely donate anytime.



## I'll Give Where I Live!

Doug, here's my special summertime gift to provide meals, shelter, care – and hope!

- \$25       \$50
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