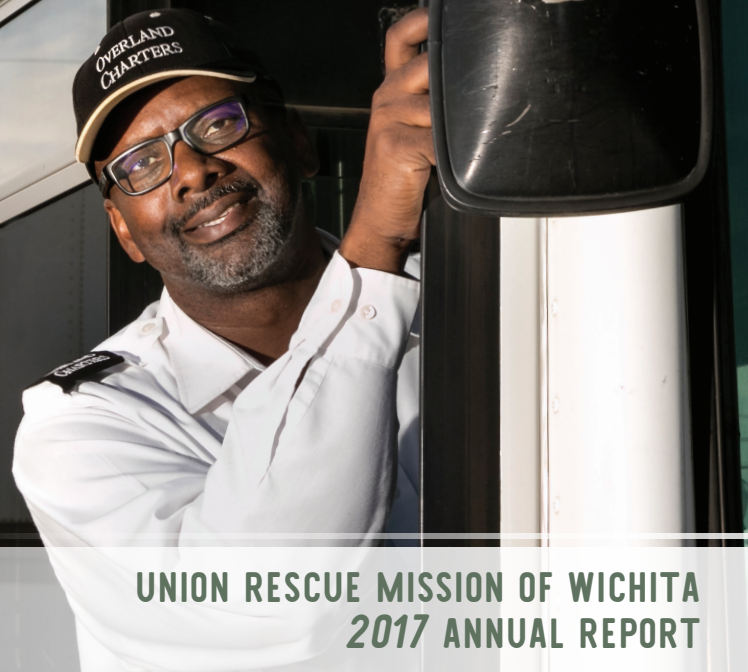


# FREEDOM *RIDES*



UNION RESCUE MISSION OF WICHITA  
*2017* ANNUAL REPORT



*From the day it first opened its shelter on North Hillside, URM has provided free round-trip transportation for its overnight guests. Last year, our chartered bus, driven by Rev. Ken Ollie, delivered nearly 25,000 riders to the Mission and returned them each morning to Wichita's Homeless Resource Center at Second and Topeka.*



REV. KEN OLLIE

No one in Wichita picks up more homeless men and delivers them to a safe haven than Ken Ollie.

An ordained pastor, Rev. Ollie is also the driver of URM's outreach bus. Last year he brought **24,799** riders from downtown Wichita to the Mission's North Hillside facility where they received nourishing food, clean shelter and compassionate care.

But that free transportation is only one of the services URM provides to hungry, hurting and homeless men.

Case managers help overcome substance use.

Counselors teach job skills and place men in living wage jobs. Relationships are repaired and men are reunited with loved ones. And our pastoral staff, helped by dedicated volunteers, led men to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

That's what the Union Rescue Mission was about in 2017—providing rides out of despair and destitution toward a future filled with hope and freedom.



**Denny Bender, APR**  
Executive Director



## THANK YOU, FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT IN 2017

**8,493** individuals, families, churches and businesses provided financial assistance.

**329,356** pounds of food was donated or rescued.

**546** cans of infant formula and **1,143** packages of diapers were provided.

*Book Sales 6.1%*

*Foundations 2.0%*

*Churches 3.1%*

*Businesses 2.8%*

*Other 8.6%*



**\$2,262,590**

## OUR STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR SUPPORT IN 2017

*Fundraising 19.0%*

*Management and General Expenses 6.8%*



**\$2,246,812**

## SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS



**95,329** meals were served throughout the year.

**2,017** food boxes were distributed to **478** needy families. Another **146** food boxes were delivered during the holiday season.



Men in recovery programs participated in **8,106** hours of Bible study, discipleship training and Christian counseling.



Volunteers devoted **4,904** hours of service to Mission programs.



There were **42,338** overnight stays in our emergency shelter (an average of **116** men per night).



**221** men committed their lives to Jesus Christ during evening chapel services and **10** men were baptized.



**17** KitchenPrep students were trained to become food service professionals and **3** men were placed in careers as truck drivers.



**622,697** pounds of books were diverted from local landfills thanks to the NewLeaf Book Mercantile.



*For more information on the programs and services  
of the Union Rescue Mission of Wichita  
visit [urmwichita.org](http://urmwichita.org) or call us at (316) 687-4673.*



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A photograph of two men embracing. The man on the left is wearing a plaid shirt and a baseball cap. The man on the right is wearing a dark shirt and has a cross necklace. They are both smiling.

*"I WILL INDEED **BLESS** YOU,  
AND I WILL GREATLY **MULTIPLY** YOU."*

HEBREWS 6:14