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

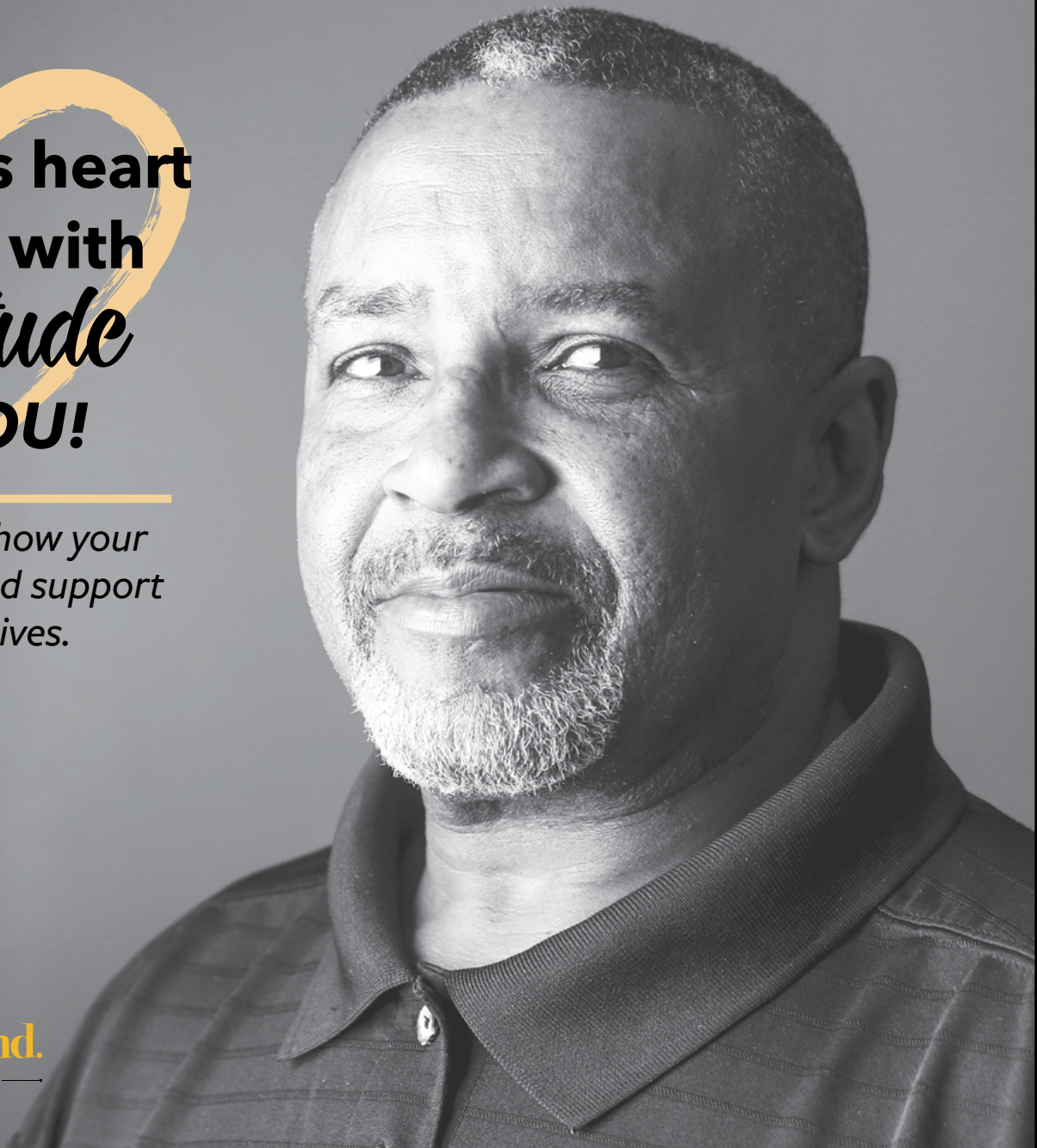
NEWSLETTER FROM THE UNION RESCUE MISSION

Herman's heart
is filled with
gratitude
for YOU!

Inside: Read how your
compassion and support
changes lives.



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“WHEN GOD COMES INTO YOUR LIFE, AMAZING THINGS HAPPEN. **I HAVE MY LIFE BACK!**”

Herman was raised by loving grandparents, but he longed to be close to his mother and father. “My dad and mom were married to other people. They cheated and that’s how I came to be,” Herman says. “They weren’t in my life, and I always felt like something was missing.”

He was a gifted athlete, earning a football scholarship and going on to the semi-pros. Meanwhile, he married and started a family, but the hole in his heart remained.

Then he sustained a knee injury in a football game, and when he began taking pain medications, he discovered that they numbed his heartache. It was the beginning

of a struggle with addiction that cost Herman jobs, destroyed his family, and eventually left him homeless.

But his children never gave up on him and their love was the catalyst for him to change his life. **“My kids said, ‘Dad, we want you around and we need you to be there for our children,’ so I decided to get some help. My son suggested the Mission’s New Beginnings Program.”**

Through our chapel services, Bible studies and Christian counseling, Herman had an encounter with the Lord that filled the hole in his heart. “I found a personal relationship with Christ. That’s what was

missing all along.”

Herman completed the program and is now living in our Eagles Wing transitional housing, working at a hydraulic systems company and saving money. “I plan on getting a house here in the city, continuing to work and enjoying being a grandpa,” he says.

This Thanksgiving season – and all through the year – your kind generosity fills hearts with hope and gratitude... and transforms lives through God’s love! “When I got here, I was a wreck. People said they could feel my hurt and pain. But when God comes into your life, amazing things happen. I have my life back!”



“
Now I have
LOVE AND PEACE
in my heart.
”

A MESSAGE FROM
DOUG NOLTE

*You fill my heart
with Thanksgiving.*

The past few months have been challenging for all of us. No one is immune to the stress of uncertainty or the fear of the unknown. And especially this year, far too many of our Wichita neighbors have also felt the harsh reality of losing their livelihoods – their ability to provide for themselves or their families. They join scores of others already turning to the Union Rescue Mission for food, shelter and guidance through our New Beginnings life-change program and job training.

Yet, through it all, my heart is filled with gratitude – for God’s faithfulness... the goodness of mankind... and your dedication to serving “the least of these.”

As more struggling people reach out to us, you are there for them. You are among the heroes who put others’ needs above your own. You join us on the front lines of compassion and kindness, loving your neighbors when they need it most. Now, as we anticipate an increased need for food and care throughout the fall, my greatest hope is that you’ll continue your amazing support this Thanksgiving season.

Regardless of the season or the challenges around us, remembering our blessings brings us comfort, peace and joy. This Thanksgiving, as we gather with our loved ones, I pray each of us finds strength in God... one another... and our own grateful hearts.



Doug

Doug Nolte
Chief Executive
Officer

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MEALS NEEDED BY THANKSGIVING

Join our
2020 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN!

Please help us now to prepare for the thousands of meals we’ll serve to our homeless and struggling neighbors throughout the Thanksgiving season. Your generosity will not only provide nourishing food for hungry people, but also opportunities for lives to be restored in our New Beginnings life-change program:

***faith-based counseling • life-skills classes
vocational training • and more!***

Your giving spirit can mean a new beginning for hurting individuals and families right here in our community. Share your heart of thanksgiving by giving your **2020 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.**



Give now using the enclosed
reply card and envelope.



Give online anytime at
urmwichita.org.



***Our hearts are filled with Thanksgiving for
your faithful support!***

SEE HOW YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT!



\$2.15
for 1 hot meal



\$10.13
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN LEAD
TO**



**Practical guidance
and God’s
life-changing LOVE**

READ HERMAN'S STORY TO LEARN MORE!

SEVEN DECADES OF
Compassion

It’s our anniversary! **For 70 years, the Union Rescue Mission has been a Good Samaritan to the hurting and homeless on the streets of Wichita.** Inside our walls they find a place of refuge and restoration, where they receive meals, shelter and opportunities for transformation through the love of Christ.

We’re the largest men’s homeless

shelter in the state. Our staff and volunteers have brought help and hope to thousands of hurting men and families during seven decades of Christ-centered service.

Our guiding principles ensure that our services don’t enable unhealthy lifestyles. Instead, we empower participants to grow personally and professionally so they can find the freedom and fulfillment of healthy, successful, independent living and restored family relationships.

Thank you for walking beside us, praying and supporting us as we bring Christ’s healing love to “the least of these.”

Ministry Expansion Brings *Hope to the Heart* of Wichita!

The Union Rescue Mission is expanding our ministry! Our new downtown shelter, in the heart of downtown Wichita, will provide safe housing, hunger relief and vital, life-changing support services for hurting men in our city.

The downtown shelter will help reduce the number of homeless men on the streets of Wichita. We'll meet their physical needs and equip them for successful, independent living after prolonged periods of homelessness, unemployment or incarceration. Then we'll help them transition back into the community as productive citizens.

The shelter will provide:

- 70-100 beds for men currently living on the streets
- Close proximity to agencies that support men's recovery
- Close proximity to mass transit for transportation to and from work
- Housing for our Courage to Change and Working Guest transitional programs
- Room to expand our programs at 2800 N. Hillside

We value your prayers and support as we expand our ministry to bring healing, hope and transformation to struggling men in the heart of our beloved city.

Thank you!

*It's
Time to Celebrate!*

Come join us for our **70th Anniversary Celebration Day Banquet!** It will be an evening of thanksgiving as we gather to rejoice in all that God has done through our ministry over the last seven decades, and look forward to what He has in store.

Entrepreneur and author, Kary Oberbrunner, will share an inspirational message, and we'll be treated to special music and a delicious meal catered by the Union Rescue Mission's own KP Cuisine.

Tickets are \$45. For more information or to make reservations, call 📞 **(316) 687-4673** or email  **devassociate@urm.org.**

We look forward to seeing you for this special night of celebrating 70 years of lives transformed!

WHAT: 70th Anniversary Celebration Day Banquet

WHEN: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 5

WHERE: Central Christian Church
2900 N. Rock Rd., Wichita



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