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**“URM
saved my life!”**

**GRATEFUL THIS
THANKSGIVING!**

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From the Desk of...

Doug Nolte | Chief Executive Officer

A grateful heart in this season of thankfulness.

As we enter the fall season thankfulness fills my heart.

*"Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble.
Then your light will shine out from the darkness,
and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon."*

Isaiah 58:10

Friends, I am eternally thankful for your hearts that support our work at the Mission to provide for our neighbors in need! I am grateful for the prayers and financial support that allowed us to stay focused on helping our community throughout the pandemic. As we look towards this Thanksgiving, I am excited about the ability to get back to normal and the opportunity for us all to be the light of Jesus for our neighbors who are still struggling.

One of my favorite traditions around here at Thanksgiving is the creation of meal boxes. Generous donors provide turkeys and other groceries for the meal boxes that our staff and volunteers put together with such love. Then the Wichita Police Department volunteers their time to deliver the boxes to families in need. What a simple yet beautiful way to come together and live out scripture right here in our community!

Please pray today as we enter this season of thanksgiving that together we meet the needs of the hungry and homeless with rescue, recovery, restoration and re-engagement!

Giving thanks for you,

Doug Nolte
Chief Executive Officer



Dreams Rebuilt! Capital Campaign Update

Through friends like you, the Mission is over halfway to our capital campaign goal of \$3.8 million!

Our Dreams Rebuilt Campaign answers the rising needs of the homeless in our community. Dozens of men are eager to join our Solid Ground program to get off the streets and begin turning their lives around. However, we don't have room for all of them.

The Dreams Rebuilt Campaign will double our current capacity to help more people in need! Your support will:

- Renovate our new downtown building and relocate our emergency shelter. This will provide 125 beds.
- Supply a kitchen and dining area, laundry, chapel, common lounge and courtyard in the renovated facility.
- Increase our Solid Ground program capacity to an additional 20 men.
- Establish a new gathering space for 100 guests so they can network and encourage each other.

Thank you for your prayers and support of Dreams Rebuilt.

For more information, contact Sherdeill Brethett (316) 687-4673, Ext. 143, sherdeill@urmwichita.org. Or go to urmwichita.org/dreams-rebuilt-campaign



“The work of the Lord is in this building.”

Paul doesn't know where he would be without Union Rescue Mission . . . or even if he would be alive.

His troubles started early. Raised by grandparents, Paul began smoking at 10 years old. He had his first drink of alcohol at age 12. A difficult teen, Paul was sent to group homes until he took off on his own at 17.

Paul's life continued to spiral down while in and out of prison for various crimes. Eventually, Paul married and had two children. However, when his wife introduced him to meth, Paul's life really began to spin out of control.

“I went back to prison. I lost my wife, my kids, my family,” he recalls. When Paul's wife died, he realized that he had to turn his life around or he would suffer the same tragic end. Paul came to Union Rescue Mission, and it was the turning point of his life. Paul enrolled in programs at the Mission that rooted him in Scripture, prayer and provided life-changing support groups. He says, “URM saved my life!”

Today, Paul works at the bookstore at the Mission and has hope for his future.

“Every day is a day to learn and grow stronger,” Paul says. “I've been offered a future and work at the Mission. The most important thing is that I've been learning about Jesus. I'm becoming a different person than the man who first arrived here. All glory to God!” As Thanksgiving nears, Paul says he is grateful for the Mission and all who support it. “I appreciate the meals, clothes and life needs. I arrived here with nothing but prison clothes,” Paul explains. “I can't thank the donors enough for the new life I have found through the mission. I'M THANKFUL! The work of the Lord is this building.” Please continue to pray for people like Paul who arrive at the Mission needing a fresh start.

Thanksgiving is coming!

Your support gives the hungry and homeless a reason to give thanks.

The Thanksgiving season is a busy time around the Mission. Together, we join friends like you in giving thanks for our blessings by blessing those in need.

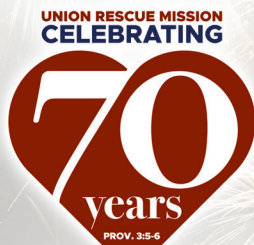
One of the ways we celebrate Thanksgiving is by partnering with the Wichita Police Department to prepare holiday food boxes for the hungry. Last year, friends like you helped distribute 150 at Thanksgiving and 130 at Christmas. Your support also makes possible Thanksgiving meals at lunch and dinner for our overnight guests and program men. We must plan for 10,608 meals by Thanksgiving. Will you help?

It takes just \$2.15 to prepare one hot meal for someone who is hungry this Thanksgiving. Please help us now to prepare for the thousands of meals we'll serve to our homeless and struggling neighbors throughout the Thanksgiving season.



This time of year we also gather cold-weather items and supplies specifically for the men's Christmas bags. We welcome donations such as hand-foot warmers, gloves, hats, scarves, underwear, winter socks, flannel PJ bottoms, t-shirts, toiletries and candy.

Please consider a generous gift today to help us feed the hungry and provide for basic needs during the Thanksgiving and holiday season. Make your gift online at urmwichita.org.



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Join the Celebration!

Please join us for a very special evening, our 70th Anniversary Celebration Banquet on Thursday, November 11th. This memorable event will be a time of thanksgiving for all that God has done through the ministry of Union Rescue Mission over the last 70+ years and for our veterans who have served faithfully for our country.

Pete Ochs — a noted local author, and successful businessman and faithful friend of the mission — will be the featured speaker. We are looking forward to his inspirational message, as well as special music and a delicious catered meal.

To reserve your place at the table, please mail \$70 per couple, \$35 for a single ticket or \$250 for your table of 8. For more information or to reserve online please go to www.urmwichita.org/celebration-event-2021 or email devassociate@urm.org.

We look forward to coming together with you to rejoice how God is using friends like you to provide rescue, recovery, restoration, and re-engagement!

WHAT: 70th Anniversary Celebration Banquet

WHEN: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 11

WHERE: Central Christian Church

2900 N Rock Rd, Wichita, KS 67226



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By the Numbers

Thanks to you we have provided:

January - July 2021



59,660

Meals Served



377

Food Boxes



33,593

Nights Of Shelter



1,926

Volunteer Hours



Leave a Legacy of Transforming Lives!

You can ensure God's work continues for the hungry and homeless in Wichita long after you are gone through planned giving.

Please prayerfully consider Union Rescue Mission in your will, life insurance, or through a donor-advised fund. A legacy gift will help meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those experiencing homelessness in our community for years to come.

To make a gift to the Union Rescue Mission through a will, bequest or donor-advised fund, call Sherdeill Brethett at (316) 687-4673, Ext. 143, or send an email to sherdeill@urmwichita.org.

Get Involved

Keep track of the latest Mission news, make safe online donations and more.



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www.urmwichita.org