

THE Mission



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Mission of
**TARRANT
COUNTY**
Serving for 123 Years

Stories of the Lord's Provision Through You in Tarrant County



Strong souls and
healthy bodies,
growing up in the
Lord with your help!

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but Not Alone
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from Home

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Don Shisler PRESIDENT

YOU ROCK!

Dear Friend,

You can't help but notice the little sticky note in Dr. Curl's office here at Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County. I don't think I'm exaggerating when I say it's one of his most prized possessions. In a teen girl's handwriting, it says, "You guys rock! I'll miss you when I leave. You were a lot of help. Sincerely, Rochelle"

It's a little note with a big story. When Rochelle came to us with her mom, the turmoil of her mother's addiction had taken over her young life. She'd failed the fifth grade, and was well on her way to failing the eighth.

Rochelle had plenty of potential—our staff could see it. But without peace in her heart, she would never become the woman God intended her to be.

Peace. It's in short supply out on the streets. The faces that come through our doors every day at mealtimes are anxious, frightened, angry...tired of the battle against hunger, bad weather, and the fear that things will never get better.

That's why we always have a chapel service before our meals. I wish you could see how the simple message—Jesus loves you, God hears your prayers, you are precious—brings peace into the hearts of our guests. Their faces relax. They laugh and talk over their meal instead of rushing. And for a little while at least, they are quiet inside, able to listen for God's voice and the possibility of hope.

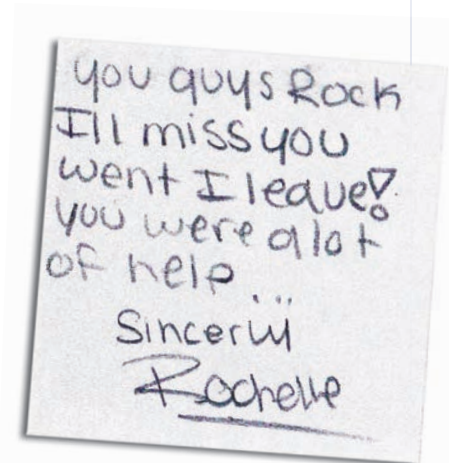
**"He says, 'Be still,
and know that I
am God...'"**

—Psalm 46:10, NIV

Rochelle, too, found peace here, thanks to your generous support. She received tutoring, encouragement in our Children's Enrichment Program, and got involved in a loving church. Today, a year after her mother's graduation from Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County, Rochelle is a freshman in high school...and an honors student. Her future looks bright!

The need in Tarrant County continues to be high today—hundreds of children like Rochelle, and their families, are searching for hope. Will you help keep up the good work with another compassionate gift today?

This month, I'll reach a personal milestone—turning 60. I've been with Union Gospel Mission since 1993, and I can't begin to tell you how many incredible people I've met: staff, volunteers, guests, and donors. In the words of Rochelle...you rock!



In Christ,

Starting Over...**But Not Alone**

A car fire is a disaster for anybody. But for Jeff, it was just about the last straw. You see, his car was also the only home he had for weeks last summer, after his savings ran out and he could no longer afford to rent a room.

"I was shocked!"

Jeff's a plain-spoken man, and a hard worker. He even owned his own flooring business for a while... until the economy drained away all his customers...the alcohol didn't help either. But he doesn't dwell on all he's been through, and he's eager to get back to work—maybe even start a whole new career.

He'd be glad to tell you what a difference your support has made in his life. "I was shocked," he says of his first day at Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County. "I said to myself, 'this is really, really nice.' The food was good. All I had to do was work with my case worker and carry out the duties I was given to earn my keep. I was happy, you know?"

Unexpected Growth

Using the resources in our WorkForce program, Jeff quickly

experienced amazing personal growth! "Going to chapel every day has really helped me," he explains enthusiastically. "It's really

"If I see somebody in need, I tell them about this place."

uplifting to be around people on the same wavelength as you are, to know you can sit down and talk to them about God."

Then he adds, "[The staff] don't just want to feed and take care of you, they want to get you back on your feet. They really care. If I see somebody in need, I tell them about this place."

Starting Over

The day his car caught fire, Jeff must have thought nothing would ever go right for him again. But today, thanks to your support of our vital programs at Union Gospel Mission, he has plenty of hope for the future!

"It's almost like starting over," he says, "but I don't have to start over by myself. I can see myself getting on my feet and really doing something...being a completely different person. You're giving someone a second chance, to see life in a way that perhaps they've never looked at life before—in a good way. People will thank [you] for the rest of their lives."



GROWING UP STRONG IN THE LORD, Thanks to You!

Children are so important—and so treasured—at Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County. When you support our Children’s Enrichment Program, you give them an opportunity to get their lives back...to become the young men and women God meant them to be.

Children’s Enrichment goes beyond the daily necessities of food and shelter. Tutoring brings children who have fallen behind because their schooling has been interrupted back up to their grade level...and further! Babysitting services create a safe environment for the little ones while their parents work and study. Trips to the zoo, summer camp, and other field trips give them all the joys of childhood they’ve missed. And every day they hear, “We love you, and God does too!”



Thank you
for all
you do!





TANGLEWOOD

Dear Union Gospel Mission,

We recently read a story about a young girl who didn't have very much in life. We decided to donate some money to those who may need some help at Thanksgiving time.

Please accept our donation on behalf of children everywhere who care about our others in our community.

P.S. We raised this money by not eating desserts for a while.

Ms. Bellamuna's 3rd grade class



TIGERS



A big thank you to the Tanglewood Tigers for proving you can make a difference at any age!

Check out Union Gospel Mission of TARRANT COUNTY online! Visit our new website at www.ugm-tc.org!

A Huge Step for Healing Shepherd Clinic!

Asthma, high cholesterol, diabetes, depression . . . when you're homeless, where do you go to seek treatment for these and other debilitating and life-threatening conditions?

Since late in 2008, Healing Shepherd Clinic has been available to Tarrant County's homeless men, women, and families. Staffed with volunteer physicians and nurses, Healing Shepherd translates your gracious gifts into excellent healthcare, advocacy, and education.

Thank you for your ongoing gifts and prayers that keep our doors open!



WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE that we've recently received a three-year grant sponsored by Baylor Health Care System, HCA North Texas Division, Methodist Health System, and Texas Health Resources to fund Healing Shepherd's growing ministry! This grant will help offset the clinic's annual budget and allow us to care for more people with even greater resources in the months and years to come. Praise God!

“I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. –John 6:35, NKJV

What makes Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County different from other missions?

We not only feed the body, but we feed the soul as well—with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

How do we do this?

- 32 chapel services each week for our residents and guests, led by 90 individuals and groups
- Transform lives using ALPHA materials led by a cadre of trained ALPHA leaders from local churches
- The Bible-based 12-step program, “Celebrate Recovery,” meets each Saturday evening
- Helping women pray for their children or others through “Moms In Touch International”
- Several AA meetings each week
- Constantly building church connections for our residents and



Chaplain Stanley Maneikis

guests for fellowship, discipleship, and worship

But these Spiritual Development offerings are not without cost. Please consider your gift to help provide:

- Emergency assistance to our residents: \$3,000.00/year
- Spiritual Development, including the ALPHA course off-site retreat: \$7,500.00/year

I often say, “If you can’t follow Jesus, you will follow anyone.” If Jesus isn’t in the mix, nothing else works. But by offering the bread of life—none other than Jesus himself—we can help and encourage the homeless, one person at a time!

Thank you for your prayers and support. We can’t do it without you.

Please **Pray!**

- That we will glorify God in all we do at Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County, from preparing meals to leading chapel services
- That we will build the Kingdom here as God wants
- That we will let God comfort and heal those who come to us, and that God will give our staff and volunteers His grace as they minister to hurting souls
- That we will continue to treat people with dignity, respect, and God’s love as they journey toward new life

Volunteer Opportunities

If you have the time to spare and the heart to share, we can use you at the Mission! Right now, we need friends to:

- Host a drive for our needs here at the Mission (see needs list at www.ugm-tc.org)
- Host a birthday party or baby shower for our adult clients
- Serve a meal or do pantry work at the Mission
- Provide tutoring assistance to children

For more information or suggestions, please call our volunteer coordinators at (817) 338-8402 today!

ALPHA UPDATE

There’s no question ALPHA classes feed the souls of our resident men and women, and we couldn’t do it without our dedicated volunteers. This year, our ALPHA leaders donated \$60,000 worth of their time—thank you all!

One of our resident ALPHA leaders is an ex-offender who participated twice in “ALPHA for Prisons.” He is using his experience to make a “wowful” contribution.

In January, we began a new, updated ALPHA course with presentations re-filmed by Nickey Gumble. Currently, we’re looking forward to our “Holy Spirit” off-site retreat on March 11–12, and we ask for your prayers that this will be a time of healing and growth.

In 2010, more than 700 residents participated in Spiritual Development courses, including ALPHA. We have a constant need for more materials and



ALPHA Leader and Resident on ALPHA Retreat

supplies! To find out how you can help, call Rev. Stanley Maneikis at (817)334-0894 today. And to learn more about ALPHA itself, visit www.alphausa.org.

Honors and Memorials



Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of those remembered below. A gift to Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County is a special legacy offering hope to those in need.

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Do you have a loved one you would like to honor? A gift to Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County is an ideal way to celebrate your loved one's birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion by helping our community's neediest people in their name!

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New to Our Board!



W. David White is president and CEO of First Command Bank. A true Texan, he holds his Bachelor's in Finance from the University of Texas and his MBA in Management from Texas Christian University. In addition to showing his concern for the poor through his service at Union Gospel Mission, David is involved with many other agencies that are changing lives in our community, including serving on the Board of Trustees for Trinity Valley School and his work as past chairman of United Cerebral Palsy of Tarrant County. We're grateful for his financial expertise and caring heart. Welcome, David!

Returning to Our Board!



Debby Brown has loved the Lord for more than 40 years, since becoming a Christian in college through Campus Crusade for Christ. She's been married to Chip for 39 years, and the couple is blessed to have their three sons, two daughters-in-law, and four grandkids all living right in their neighborhood. Debby is a former, long-time board member, volunteer, and friend of UGM-TC. In 2010, Debby was President of the Jewel Charity Ball. Welcome back, Debby!

Home Away from Home

As soon as he saw the landlord's note, Robert knew what he had to do. He, his wife Sunshine, and their two small children were staying with an aunt. But she also had her six grandchildren to care for, and now the landlord wanted to raise the rent because so many people were staying in the home. For the sake of the six grandchildren, Robert knew they'd have to move on.



But where?

No Safe Place

Robert and Sunshine both grew up in rough neighborhoods. Robert ran wild, while Sunshine was scarred by childhood abuse. They've been married 10 years, but Robert spent five of them in prison for robbery.

While in prison, Robert realized, "Family is supposed to help you out in your time of need. But my family didn't. The only one helping me was my wife. I wanted to do what I needed to do to keep my family together."

So when he was released, Robert set out to repair his family. But with a prison

Soon, they were learning crucial life skills they had never encountered growing up. Sunshine, for example, discovered constructive parenting techniques completely unlike her own experiences as a child. "I'm learning to talk to my children," she says. "Being here helped me stay on the right track." Robert, meanwhile, learned to control his temper in anger management class. "My case manager opened my eyes to a lot of things," he explains.

"We've matured since we've been here," Sunshine says firmly. "This is our home away from home." With help from Union Gospel Mission, Robert has graduated

from an auto mechanics class. Now they dream of a life that's simple but good—Robert bringing home a

paycheck that covers the bills, Sunshine at home with the children, yard work on the weekends... "everyday" joys within their reach for the first time.

Robert and Sunshine can hope, dream, and plan today because you reached out from your heart to help. Thank you for making Union Gospel Mission a safe, life-changing refuge for families!

For the first time in their lives, Robert, Sunshine, and their family have peace, stability, and hope...because of you!

record, work was hard to come by. They could never afford their own place... but bouncing from relatives to friends was tearing them apart all over again.

New Life Skills

When they came to Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County, you generously gave them their first stable home...ever.



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