



Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County

# 2019 IMPACT REPORT

# FROM THE PRESIDENT / CEO

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## VICTORY IN CHRIST

**W**hat does it take for someone to be transformed from a victim into a victor? At Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County, the answer is simple. It takes faith in Jesus Christ.

In this 2019 Impact Report, you'll read about how Phillip, Breanna and Molesa struggled with and overcame the trials in their lives. Throughout the past year, you gave them the support they needed in the form of meals, shelter, training, resources and recovery programs.

The key to long-term stability, however, is Jesus. When we trust Him with our troubles, He is always there to help us carry them.

You are always there as well, ready to help our guests and residents claim victory in Christ. Thank you for your gifts of time, talent and



treasure as we go forward into another year of new beginnings for men, women and children in North Texas.

In Christ,



President/CEO

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FOR WHATEVER IS BORN OF GOD OVERCOMES THE WORLD.  
AND THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT HAS OVERCOME THE WORLD – OUR FAITH.

1 John 5:4 NKJV



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 love, hope, respect and a new beginning  
 to those experiencing homelessness.*

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# 2020 GOALS

- 1 Increase the number of spiritual programs available to our residents through volunteer-led programs
- 2 Provide a tutor to every school-aged child
- 3 Reach 50–60% participation in Club UGM, our newly launched program for residents
- 4 Increase Domestic Violence Education attendance by 10% from previous year

## MEN'S PROGRAM

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# "GOD LED ME HERE FOR A REASON."

**W**hen Phillip left his job as a truck driver, he had some money saved and thought he would find other employment in a reasonable amount of time. Instead, he admits, "I got lost. I wasn't sure of myself anymore. I let time go by, and I ran out of money."

Reduced to living in his car, Phillip sought a new beginning at UGM-TC, where he joined our Men's Program and enrolled in our Skill Building Program. He soon discovered, "People here care about your future. They're happy to see you get back on your feet. The program changes your life. You feel connected again."

Phillip has also strengthened his connection to Christ since coming to the Mission. "Going to chapel every night, and ALPHA [a UGM-TC Bible study program] every week, helped me find myself and made me stronger. God led me here for a reason."

That reason just might be a new career. It's been 35 years since Phillip went to college, but he's ready to learn something new. He has started taking classes at Tarrant County Community College and would like to pursue a career in counseling. "It's a long way from what I was




doing, but it's never too late to do something you want, and I want to help other people."

Thank you for helping lost people like Phillip find their way back to God and to new lives!

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IN THE WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION;  
BUT BE OF GOOD CHEER, I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD.

*John 16:33 NKJV*

A middle-aged man with a goatee and a friendly smile is sitting on concrete stairs. He is wearing a dark navy blue polo shirt and light-colored khaki pants. To his left is a blue metal railing. The background shows a stone wall and a doorway.

## IN 2019, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED:

- Provide 44,441 sheltered nights to men residents.
- Secure housing and income for 60 Men's Program graduates.

## WOMEN'S PROGRAM

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# "I CAN THINK ABOUT MY FUTURE NOW."

**A**fter ten years of drug addiction, Breanna lost everything, including her children. At her lowest point, she and her husband were homeless and living in their car. "It was so degrading," Breanna remembers. "We had burned every bridge, every relationship. I couldn't even go to my mom's. Nobody wanted us around."

When she heard about UGM-TC, Breanna was skeptical. "I thought, 'It's a homeless shelter. It's going to be horrible. I'm not going to feel safe.' But when we got here, I never felt more safe!"

While her husband went into the Men's Program, Breanna joined the Women's Program. "It literally saved my life. It sets you up for success." Success for Breanna means remaining sober and regaining custody of her son and daughter. She has already been drug-free for nearly a year and is hopeful about her family's future.

In the meantime, Breanna has rebuilt one bridge she had burned. "My mom said she has never seen such a positive change in me. She said, 'I have my daughter back.' She's so grateful."

Breanna also reconciled with God through ALPHA class and Bible study. "I was just mad at



God. I was empty and trying to fill a void with drugs – it didn't work. When I got here, I had a spiritual awakening. That void is gone; I don't crave drugs anymore. I can think about my future now."

That future, says Breanna, is a stable home for herself, her husband and her children. "This experience brought me to my knees. It humbled me. But now everything is looking up."

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I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.

*Philippians 4:13 NKJV*



## IN 2019, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED:

- Provide 14,136 sheltered nights to women residents.
- Secure housing and income for 56 Women and Family Program graduates.

## FAMILY CENTER

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### “GOD HAS A PLAN.”

**M**olesa, a single mom, was working 50 to 60 hours a week as an Uber and Lyft driver ... until a car accident last November left her without a source of income. She had three teenage children and no savings.

With December rent coming up and no way to pay it, Molesa started looking for a place for her family to stay. She found UGM-TC online. While waiting to see if they got in, she brought her children for Thanksgiving dinner and had a look around. “It was really nice!” she remembers. “Then they called and said we could come in on December 5th. I said, ‘Let’s do this!’”

Since she arrived, Molesa tells us, UGM-TC has exceeded all her expectations. “It was so organized. I like the way the program is set up.” She has attended a number of classes, including Financial Literacy, Parenting and Skill Building. She enjoys the Bible study class, ALPHA — especially the discussions — and appreciates how the Mission supports her faith in Christ.

Molesa’s children, Sara, Isaiah and Moses, have made friends at the Mission and are thriving in



school. “They have tutoring, and they’re in the mentorship program,” Molesa says. Being at UGM-TC has brought her family closer by sharing meals and spending leisure time together. “They see me a lot more than when I was driving. We have a schedule.”

While at the Mission, Molesa is finishing college, working, saving money and preparing for a job as an accountant. Beyond that, she hopes to open a women’s shelter of her own someday. “God has a plan,” she says. “Just being here is training me. Can I do something like that? Yeah, I can do it! I’ll just take it step by step and watch it grow.”

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FINALLY, MY BRETHREN, BE STRONG IN THE LORD  
AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT.

*Ephesians 6:10 NKJV*





## IN 2019, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED:

- Provide 24,575 sheltered nights to family residents, including dual-parent families and fathers with children.
- Positively affect the lives of 145 boys and girls in our family program.
- Allow 71 students to receive structured tutoring.

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE: BRYCE

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**W**hen Bryce's middle school class simulated a night of homelessness to collect donations for UGM-TC, the issue captured her heart. An avid reader, she appreciated the Mission's connection to *Same Kind of Different as Me*. "I knew it was a special place to host a story of that magnitude."

Bryce saw how one homeless man treasured his three battered paperbacks and began collecting donated books. She approached an architectural firm with the Open Book Project, her vision of providing books to homeless shelters. They created five bookcases, pro bono, for shelters in and around Fort Worth — including UGM-TC.

"Homeless people feel unwelcome in libraries," Bryce explains. The Open Book Project now includes more than 10,000 books for anyone to borrow.

Inspired by her project and by UGM-TC, today Bryce is studying psychology and plans to

promote mental health advocacy through public policy.

"Books bring seemingly different people together," Bryce says.

If you would like to make a difference, contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 817-339-8402.



### IN 2019:

- 2,725 volunteers contributed 37,246 hours in time, valued at over \$947,165 in UGM-TC staff savings

## HEALING SHEPHERD CLINIC

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**T**he Healing Shepherd Clinic, established in 2008, is dedicated to providing education, preventative care and medical treatment to homeless individuals in a climate of compassion and dignity.

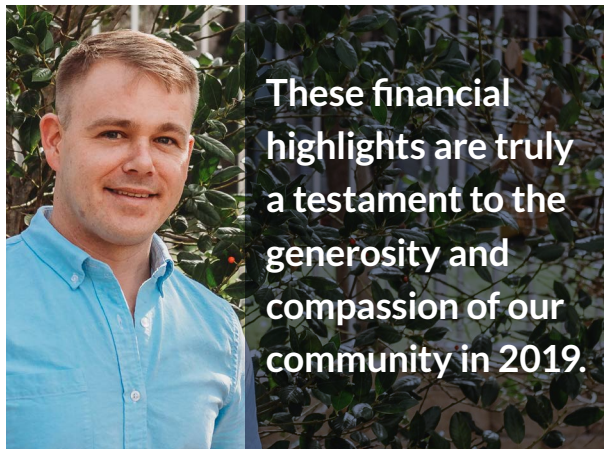
Homeless men, women and children — even families — are exposed to harsh weather, malnutrition, disease and lack of sanitation. Additionally, many are unaware that they have chronic health conditions like diabetes, heart disease or mental illness. Our services are the first stop for residents experiencing a

health issue, which keeps emergency rooms clear. With your help, Healing Shepherd Clinic cares for the mental, physical and spiritual well-being of our residents and guests.

### IN 2019, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED:

- Provide care for 574 residents at the Healing Shepherd Clinic.
- Allow 7,033 office visits for checkups and other medical and mental health needs.

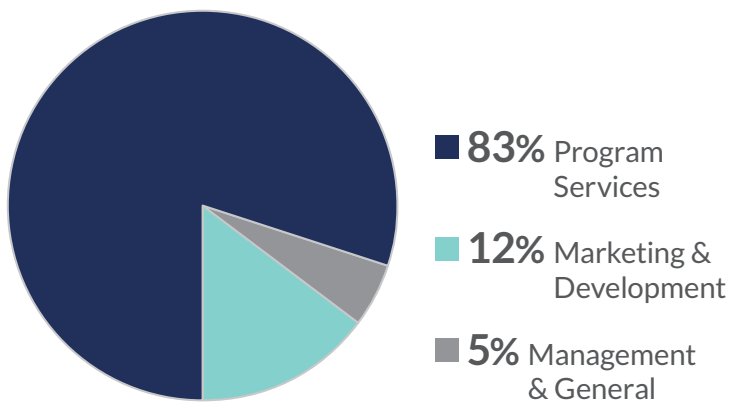
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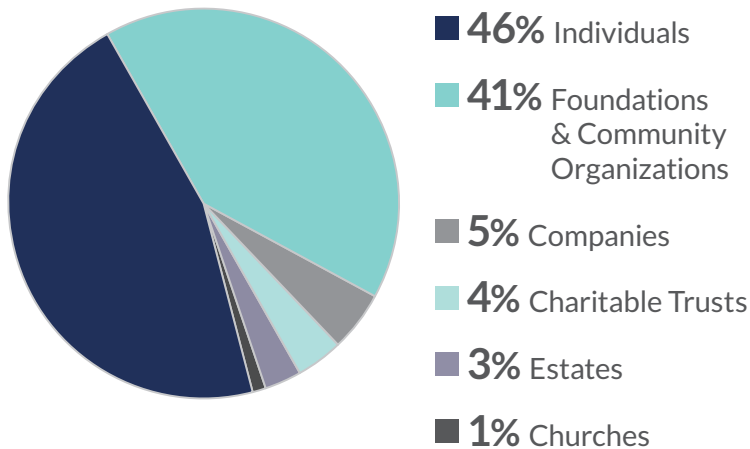
## OUR ANNUAL INCOME

<b>2018</b>	UGM-TC:	\$11,302,318
	Healing Shepherd Clinic:	\$256,511
	<b>Combined:</b>	<b>\$11,558,829</b>
<b>2019</b>	UGM-TC:	\$14,112,574
	Healing Shepherd Clinic:	\$715,808
	<b>Combined:</b>	<b>\$14,828,382</b>

## WHERE YOUR DONATIONS GO



## SOURCES OF REVENUE



### IN 2019, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED:

- Serve 233,649 meals to residents and guests from the street.
- Provide 105,983 sheltered nights to residents and homeless guests.
- Provide services to 5,042 women, men and families.
- Offer 112,533 chapel services to 3,544 individuals.
- Allow 629 residents to attend life skills classes with 9,696 total services.
- 280 residents and referred individuals receive home furnishings from the UGM-TC Warehouse.

Note: Figures shown are unaudited. A complete audited statement is available upon request.

## MISSION

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To provide love, hope, respect, and a new beginning for the homeless, offering a program of care that leads to true, lasting healing.

## VISION

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To continue meeting the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of people who come to us for help.



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