

NEW LIFE

SAVING LIVES / RESTORING HOPE / IMPACTING COMMUNITY

A Newsletter of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission – Summer 2021

YOUR SUPPORT IS GIVING JAMES A SECOND CHANCE

and he can't thank
you enough!



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“Through God, all things are possible. He helps everybody.”

James never learned how to cope with loss in healthy ways. So when he was rejected by the military at age 18 and his plan for his life fell apart, he felt adrift.

“I was upset,” he says. “So I fell in with a bad crowd and started using drugs.”

James’s addiction continued to escalate over the years... first after his dad passed away, and then again after the loss of his mom. He spent 34 years of his life trapped in drugs and despair.

James eventually became homeless on the streets for four years. Then one day, he simply had enough. “A homeless person is out of sight... out of mind for other people to see. I got tired of it.”

The day he walked into Tri-City Union Gospel Mission was a turning point for James.

“God brought me here for a reason,” he says, smiling. “I was looking for a good atmosphere with Christian people and I found freedom.”

Only a month after James entered our long-term recovery program, he accepted Jesus into his heart in our chapel. The transformation in his life was immediately apparent.

“Since I accepted Christ, all my anger and bad habits are gone. I read my Bible every night before I go to bed.”

Today, James has a job and continues to save his money while he looks for a place of his own. He’s excited to see what God has planned for his life.

“Before the Mission, I didn’t think about the future... I was just thinking about that day. Now all I see is blessings.”

James is beyond grateful for this second chance in life – and says it’s thanks to the love you’ve shown for a neighbor like him. “Now I have Christ in my life. Around here they call me smiley, because I’m always happy.”

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$2.05!

A Message from ANDREW PORTER

Love Your Neighbor... And Help Meet Our Summer Challenge

The Bible tells us in Mark 12:31 (ESV), "You should love your neighbor as yourself." And in these challenging times as many of our neighbors are hurting, those words are especially important.

You've seen how much people are struggling right now. Many are facing hunger or unemployment... or even greater difficulties like homelessness or addiction. You see their suffering and want to give them a helping hand and show them God's love.

That's why I'm thankful for friends like YOU. The summer months can be difficult at the Mission – the meals we serve during June, July and August require \$57,400 alone. Then you factor in the costs to provide safe shelter and faith-based recovery services during the ongoing pandemic, as more of our neighbors need help, and it all adds up.

We can't meet this summer challenge without your help!

During these busy months, I hope you will remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion more than ever. Your financial support of the Mission is also critical to help make their transformation possible.

Thank you for loving your neighbors this summer and all year long.



Andrew Porter
Executive Director

3 MONTHS OF *Summer*

Help meet our community's needs!

Your gift today provides:



28,000 meals



9,500 beds



hundreds of
hygiene items



countless hours of
counseling & education



life-transforming decisions
for Christ

**DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER...
PLEASE HELP TODAY!**



**LOVE YOUR
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98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN



Give now! tcugm.org Support our Summer Campaign now!

Do you know our **SUMMER 6?**



Our "Summer 6" are essential items in high demand for our Mission guests all summer long.

We'd LOVE if you helped by donating any – or all – of these items!

You can deliver your Summer 6 donations to 221 S. 4th Avenue, seven days a week. It's a great way to care for our guests at the Mission this summer!



1. Bottled water
2. Powdered drink mixes
3. Protein bars/single serve snack items
4. Canned fruits/vegetables
5. Single ride bus tickets
6. Summer clothing/shoes



Homeless women and children need YOU.

One of the fastest growing homeless populations here in the Tri-Cities area is women and children. It's heartbreaking to think of these vulnerable women and their families struggling to find a place to sleep... food to eat... and hope for the future. But you are helping transform lives!

53% of homeless mothers do not have a high school diploma.

Thanks to you, women can work on their GED and get the other skills they need in our case management program.

29% of adults in homeless families are working.

You provide families with safe shelter, food and essentials so residents can focus on things like addiction recovery and finding housing.

42% of children in homeless families are under age 6.

Our Women & Children's Shelter is open to mothers and children of all ages, providing healthcare services, childcare and other resources.

Thank you for creating healthier, happier families!



Visit Us ONLINE!

Our website is a great way you can learn about upcoming events, sign up to volunteer, donate or learn about our many life-changing programs. Here are some other reasons to visit us online:

- You can visit our website any time – 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- It's a great way to stay up-to-date on current events and urgent needs.
- You can read stories of changed lives to see your support in action.
- Donating online is fast, easy and secure. And since it costs little to maintain, more of your donation goes to support our ministries.

So what are you waiting for? Visit our website today at **tcugm.org**.