

NEW LIFE

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A Newsletter of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission – Fall 2023

A Heart of Thanksgiving

Jacy wants to share how your support changed her life!



Anticipating This New Season with Thanksgiving



A Message from ANDREW PORTER

It's hard to believe we're here again: over halfway through another year. Here at Tri-City Union Gospel Mission, preparations for our busy fall season are already underway.

Outside, the weather is starting to cool. But inside our doors, it's still warm and inviting as **we get ready for the many men, women and children who will come to us during the months leading up to Thanksgiving.** It's one of my favorite times of the year, and it's possible thanks to the generosity of friends like you.

As I think about this time of the year, I'm reminded of the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1: *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."*

Each time someone comes to the Mission for help, their season changes. They leave a time of pain and struggle that

they may not have anticipated and certainly didn't desire – and they **choose** a season of support and recovery. **I truly believe this is God's hand at work through your partnership in this life-giving ministry.**

Now, as we prepare to serve an estimated 31,500 meals in the coming months, I ask you to pray for every struggling man and woman who finds a seat at our tables. Pray that if the time is right for a new season in their life, God will make it known and see it through.

Thank you. I'm thankful for you now, and always.

Andrew Porter
Executive Director

HOW YOU'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



- See how **you** are supporting people who are homeless and struggling in our community
- Read stories of how **you** are helping change people's lives
- Find a list of urgent needs **you** can provide
- Learn how **you** can volunteer at the Mission

To see the difference you're making, please visit our website at tcugm.org.

Join Our

2023 **Thanksgiving** CAMPAIGN

31,500

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

This Thanksgiving, countless guests will gather at our tables. Many are alone... longing to overcome homelessness and poverty... wishing they could reunite with their families for the holidays.

For just \$2.25, YOU can provide a meal to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift surrounds hurting people with loving care that leads to a better life through:

Safe, welcoming shelter

Warm clothing, coats & shoes

Christ-centered programming

God's life-changing love

Please help our neighbors in need this holiday season! Send your 2023 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at tcugm.org.

Meet Jacy – who is thankful for your support!



“I feel like a
totally different
person!”



Jacy wasn't raised with religion, but she made a high school best friend who introduced her to the Bible. It became the center of their conversations. Just as Jacy was committing her life to Christ, her friend suddenly passed away. Heartbreak sent Jacy spiraling. “I didn't want to talk to God anymore,” she admits.

Confused about who to trust, Jacy went on to make poor decisions. She tried to escape by losing herself in relationships with boyfriends, which often lead to feelings of insecurity and abandonment. Without the skills to set healthy boundaries, she was eventually persuaded to try drugs.

After a decade of opioid use, Jacy got into treatment, but realized she had no real support in her day-to-day sobriety. She relapsed, then

found herself in trouble with the law – something she never imagined.

Through a recommendation from the Benton-Franklin Drug Court program, **Jacy received a second chance at the Mission, where she found safety... and hope.** “I was scared, but the welcome I felt dashed all my fears.”

During her managed short-term stay at the Mission, Jacy was provided with three hot meals a day, safe shelter and the guidance of our staff to help her connect to community resources. Through these services, she's maintained her sobriety and healed from the pain of

“People notice admirable qualities in me they wouldn't have seen before I came to the Mission.”

her past.

“Going to chapel each day lifted a spiritual blockage and restored my connection to the Lord,” Jacy says. She credits her recovery to a supportive, intimate setting and the lasting friendships she's made.

“I'm able to trust and have close relationships once again,” she smiles. Passionate about sharing what she was given, she hopes to make a difference in the lives of other women.

Jacy is filled with thanksgiving for God's redeeming love in her life – and your incredible generosity and support! “Although my path to the Mission was painful, I'm profoundly grateful for the experience, and I wouldn't change a thing.”



Chapel Changes Lives

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." - Psalm 119:105

Attending chapel at the Mission can be a major turning point in the life of someone who has lost all hope. After struggling with homelessness, addiction, abuse or other heartbreak, many find it difficult to trust God.

Chapel helps build faith!

Through regular prayer, worship, the teaching of the Word and fellowship, men and women feel inspired to make positive changes in their lives... and many even experience God's love for the first time!

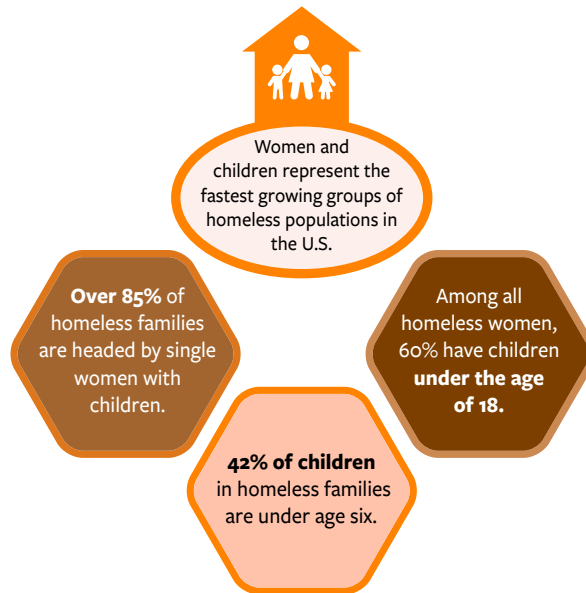
Chapel becomes a refuge for our guests, where they can seek God in prayer, study His Word and discover the good plans He has for their future.

Are you or your church interested in getting involved with chapel or donating Bibles for our guests?

For more info, contact us at
(509) 547-2112 or
volunteer@tcugm.org.

WOMEN & CHILDREN AT RISK

Did you know the U.S. has the largest number of homeless women and children among industrialized nations?



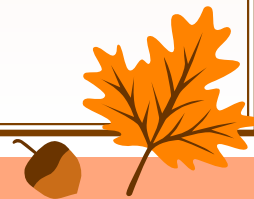
You can help women and children at risk in the Tri-Cities! Visit **tcugm.org/women-and-childrens-shelter** to learn how.

Jacy's Recovery Update



This past May, Jacy graduated from Drug Court by successfully completing the intensive treatment and strict accountability-based program. Great work, Jacy!!

"I have a wonderful job. I have my family back, and I have a huge support system. I am elated about what my life is today." – Jacy



Volunteers needed... like YOU!

Ever thought of how you can do more for men, women and children here at the Mission? Come serve as a volunteer! There's plenty to do, and no experience or skill sets required... just open hands and a willing heart. We'd love to have you!

Call: **Volunteer Coordinator** at
(509) 547-2112
Email: **volunteer@tcugm.org**

Sign up now!

