

NEW LIFE

SAVING LIVES / RESTORING HOPE / IMPACTING COMMUNITY

A Newsletter of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission – Summer 2024

The love **YOU** share

gives neighbors like
Andrea hope for a
better life...





A meal for \$2.75 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



A Message from ANDREW PORTER

Thank you for **REMEMBERING** your neighbors this summer

What does summer mean to you? Family vacations... lazy mornings... afternoons at the park or by the pool. As a kid, you probably remember time standing still over summer. Yet, now these months seem to be busier than ever..

Between work, family and community responsibilities, endless "to-do" lists crowd our days. In some ways, the "lazy days of summer" may be a thing of the past.

We've seen this at Tri-City Union Gospel Mission for a while now. As supporters in our community stay busy with summer plans, donations tend to drop off. I'm thankful you haven't forgotten about the needs of your neighbors – and that you respond with a heart of compassion... which is why I need your help.

As we enter **our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign, I hope I can count on you. Please give generously each month of this season** to help the men, women and children in our community who are hurting and homeless.

Thank you for remembering to share love with your neighbors in need this summer – no matter how leisurely or lively these months may be.

Andrew Porter
Executive Director

*“As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
- John 13:34b-35*

Celebrating new beginnings...

THANKS TO YOU!

Join us in **celebrating the new graduates from our long-term New Life Program!**

Months of Christ-centered counseling, classes and training have brought them here. With your support and God's grace, they have a new life of HOPE.

As graduates rejoin our community, please pray for them. And thank you for your continued support, as new residents start their journeys of transformation.

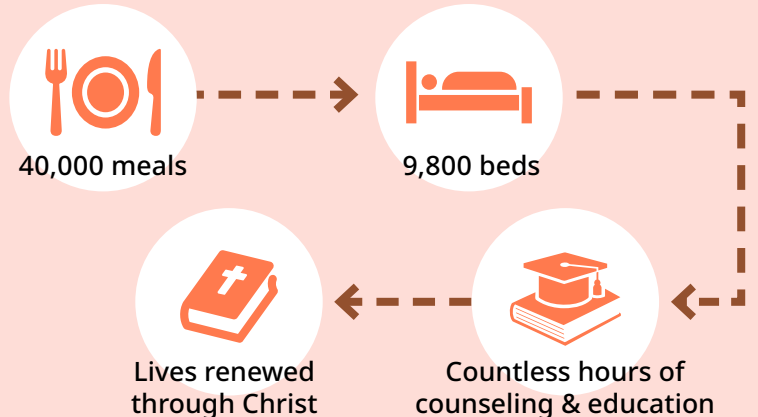
Learn more about our recovery services for men and women at **tcugm.org**.



We are also blessed to celebrate many baptisms! As these residents dedicate or recommit their lives to God, we join them in praising His redeeming work in their lives!

TRANSFORMING LIVES

is possible this summer... **thanks to YOU!**



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
SUMMER CAMPAIGN

*At every step of their journey...
YOUR gift helps change their lives.*

Support our Summer Campaign to restore hearts & rebuild families!

Give now! tcugm.org



**“I believe
in myself
again!”**



When Andrea remembers her childhood, she’s taken back to a time of trauma and fear. “One thing that came out of it, though, is my survival skills,” she shares. Her mother, an alcoholic, gave birth to Andrea when she was 15, and Andrea’s father was a heroin addict. “I was exposed to things I never should have seen.”

With drugs and alcohol all around, Andrea began using as a teenager to cope with the chaos. Addiction took hold, and Andrea moved into adulthood facing homelessness and prison time. “My world was spiritually bankrupt... life seldom felt worth living.”

At her lowest point, Andrea was sharing a tent with an abusive man – both of them lost in substance abuse. The entirety of their possessions were in a shopping cart, and a thief took everything. “It was devastating. All that was left of me, gone in an instant.”

That’s when Andrea found the Mission. “I showed up with nothing but my heart, and I immediately felt God’s love.”

In our Women and Children’s Shelter, Andrea found a safe and supportive environment for recovery and spiritual healing. “My basic needs were met and I finally felt cared for. It did so much for my self-esteem!”

Soon after, Andrea enrolled in our Case Management program, which helped her regain her independence through community resources.

She also bonded with other struggling women, making lasting friendships and inspiring her to pursue a career in human services. “The staff here loved me through my challenges, saw my worth, and I hope to give that back.”

Andrea now has strength for her future because of your heart of compassion for her and other neighbors in need. Because you chose to share God’s love, she has a path forward in life. “Thanks to God and this place, I know great things are possible!”

**“The Mission
taught me that
God will never
give up on me.”**





Your Own Lasting Legacy

We all leave a legacy of one kind or another – a reminder of what was important in our lives.

Your compassion for men, women and children who are hungry, homeless or otherwise in need is a legacy that can live on through a gift in your will to Tri-City Union Gospel Mission.



To find out how you can make this enduring statement in a will or bequest, please contact our Administration Office by calling **(509) 547-2112, ext. 0**



FROM THE HEART: Monthly Support “Recurring Rescuers”

We're so grateful for our faithful friends who have set up monthly, recurring donations. These funds provide a predictable stream of revenue that powers our life-changing programs, significantly reduces our fundraising & administrative costs, and allows us to better plan and budget.

Not yet a part of this vital group? Please consider joining! You'll help empower men and women looking to rebuild their lives.

To become a member of our “Recurring Rescuers” giving program, please call the Mission office at **(509) 547-2112, ext. 0** or visit our Donation page at **tcugm.org** and select the “Make my Donation Monthly” option.

You may also select the “Make my gift monthly” box on the enclosed reply form.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

