

NEW LIFE

SAVING LIVES / RESTORING HOPE / IMPACTING COMMUNITY

A Newsletter of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission – Summer 2025



**Your love
helps Nicole
know she is
not alone...**

LOVE  YOUR
NEIGHBOR
SUMMER CAMPAIGN





homelessness and begin looking at underlying issues. Along the journey, our staff shares love and hope.

As Nicole developed a trust in the staff, she opened up about her circumstances.

“At first it was scary because I didn’t know what to expect. But they embraced me right away and were awesome – I’ve grown to accept them as family.”

She has gone from feeling

“I’m thankful for the Mission because they were here when I needed them. They are changing lives.”

“I’M LEARNING THE WAY I CAN BE THE BEST PERSON.”

Nicole never recovered from the changes brought about by her parents’ divorce when she was a child. Her brother moved out then her sister ran away, leaving Nicole and her mom.

“I had a single mom and she tried to do her best,” Nicole says, but her sense of stability and security were gone.

For years, Nicole wanted to overcome her issues of

abandonment, but didn’t know how. She found it hard to ask for help or trust people, so her relationships suffered.

Nicole’s perspective changed when she became a mom. She wanted to provide her daughter the security and stability she had been searching for and was devastated when they became homeless.

“I try to make the best out of things, but this time I had nobody to reach out to.”

Seeking shelter at the Mission can be humbling and intimidating. But our Women and Children’s Shelter provides a safe, welcoming, non-institutional environment. As basic needs are met, women start to let go of the fear and stress of

unworthy to bonding with other residents and welcoming responsibilities in the shelter.

Her spiritual journey is advancing as well. “I was questioning my relationship with the Lord, but being rooted in the Word again is awesome.”

Nicole’s goals are to provide for her daughter and be the best mother. “This has been a humbling experience, but I’m learning the way I can be the best person. That we still deserve a second chance.”

Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with the guests in our shelters. Please pray for Nicole as she strives to continue her education, gain steady employment and secure stable housing.

They have a new life... *Thanks to you!*

Join us in celebrating Aaron and Colton, recent graduates from our New Life Program! **Your support has given them new life and HOPE.**

Aaron was trapped in a cycle of homelessness and addiction. Today, he is healed and has found strength, self-worth and a relationship with God.

Colton was headed down a dark path and struggled with substance abuse and homelessness. Now, he is restored and has new hope in Christ.

Thank you for supporting our life-changing services and making these transformations possible.

Learn more about our recovery services at tcugm.org/what-we-do/recovery.





A meal served with LOVE for a neighbor in need... **just \$2.75!**



A Message from ANDREW PORTER

Sharing **God's love** this summer.

Have you ever had your patience tested – maybe by a family member, co-worker or even a random stranger? Recently, I've been reflecting on how God's love and patience with us is a picture of how He calls us to interact with others.

The Bible tells us, "Love is patient, love is kind" (1 Corinthians 13:4a) and "be patient, bearing with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2b).

How often do we disappoint God with our thoughts and actions? **Yet, His love endures. We try to show our guests at the Mission that enduring love and patience.**

Everyone has a different story, a specific set of circumstances that has brought them

to us. Unpleasant and unhealthy habits and behaviors develop over time, sometimes years. Change doesn't generally come overnight – so in the image of what God has done for each of us, we plant the seeds, we tend, we water and we patiently wait for the harvest... the "fruits of our labor," if you will.

May God bless each of you for your faithful generosity and compassionate hearts.

In His service,

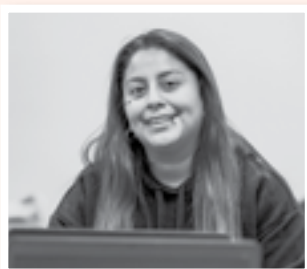
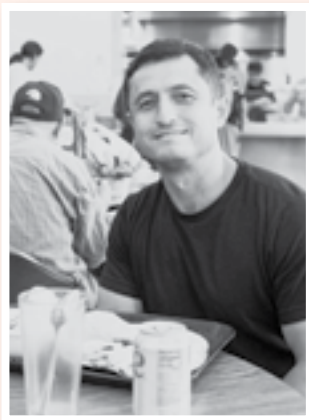
Andrew Porter
Executive Director

"Love your neighbor as yourself..."

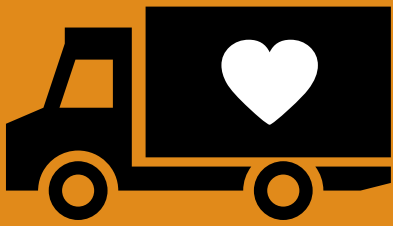
- Matthew 22:39



It starts with a meal...



and ends with a life renewed!



DONATION TRUCK

Every day the TCUGM donation truck is parked by the 3rd Avenue gate to our Men's facility. **Day after day we see individuals, families and organizations bring items to help supply the needs of our shelters!**

Our front desk staff and clients are happy to help unload items from cars and provide receipts. Food, clothing, cleaning supplies, paper products, garbage bags and so much more gets collected and stacked in the truck, which is driven to our warehouse each morning for unloading and sorting. Our warehouse staff and a dedicated crew of volunteers sort and organize all items and deliver them for use at our shelters.

The Urgent Needs button in the top right corner of our website, **tcugm.org**, has a full list of needed items.

Thank you for giving so generously!



ITEMS NEEDED FOR SUMMER

When you donate these much-needed summer items, you help the Mission save money that provides other necessary services for our guests. **THANK YOU!**

- Children's summer clothing and shoes
- Sunscreen
- Women's and men's lightweight clothing, hats and shoes
- Bottled water
- Powdered drink mixes
- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Eggs, hamburger and pancake mix

Items can be dropped off at 221 South 4th Avenue. If you have questions regarding specific donations, please call us at **(509) 547-2112, ext. 0.**

