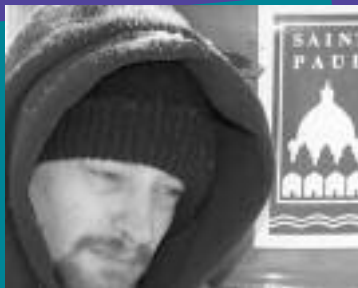


How to Help a Homeless Person



Don't give cash to a homeless person.

Too often, well intended gifts are converted to drugs or alcohol. If the person is hungry, direct them to the Mission. We'll give them a nutritious meal, free clothes, an opportunity for a clean bed, and the chance to talk to someone who can help them change their life.

Talk to the person with respect.

Often the first step in helping a homeless person is the simple act of learning their name. Human contact can help fight the isolation, depression and paranoia that many homeless people face. Sharing God's love when given the opportunity is always a good idea.

Pray for the homeless.

God can use your prayers and the brutality and the futility of life on the street to bring many of the brokenhearted to Himself.

Take precautions for your own safety.

Some living on the streets are criminals and fugitives. Always be prudent while talking with street people. Stay in areas where other people can see you. Don't take unnecessary chances.

Encourage homeless people to get help through the Union Gospel Mission.

We are often able to offer immediate food and shelter to the homeless through our emergency shelter. In addition, we offer long-term rehabilitation programs that deal with the root causes of homeless.

Union Gospel Mission is a Christian service agency that works to meet the physical, emotional, spiritual and educational needs of the economically disadvantaged men, women and children of the Twin Cities.

In that ministry, the Union Gospel Mission seeks to fulfill its role as servant to Jesus Christ.

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Fast Facts

Snapshots of Hope...

Our Mission has been changing lives since 1902. Today this happens in a variety of ways and at over nine different locations. Capturing an image of what takes place at the Mission on a daily basis requires a wide angle lens. The following highlights are snapshots of how hope is being restored and lives are being transformed at Union Gospel Mission.



- More than 400,000 healthy meals are provided to homeless and hungry people each year.
- Approximately 400 men, women, and children are given shelter and care every night.
- Spiritual encouragement is offered in our chapel seven nights a week, 365 days a year.
- Homeless women with children are given the time and support needed to develop self sufficiency at our Naomi Family Residence.
- Nearly 1,500 patients are treated each year in our free dental clinic – bringing smiles to adults and children in need every week.
- Men are taught to rebuild their lives on the principles of the Bible in our resident Discipleship Program.
- “Kids at risk” are turned into “kids with hope” through the services of our licensed childcare center, summer camping opportunities, and year-round youth programs.
- Our 12-step resident recovery program at the Christ Recovery Center offers those struggling with alcohol and drugs the tools needed to break free from the grip of addiction.
- Our Asian Ministry serves youth with after school tutoring and special enrichment programs.
- Housing, case management, and encouragement are provided to recently released ex-offenders to help them break the cycle of failure.
- Men and women are offered a variety of educational opportunities, career development training, and job coaching in our professional, on-site training facilities.
- Hundreds of volunteers assist our staff and those we serve in demonstrating God’s love toward those in need.
- Thousands of people send donations to help support the mission. Individual contributions provide 84% of our funding.