THREE WAYS TO GIVE

1. **Send a Check**
   
   Send a check to:
   Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities
   376 Western Ave N
   Saint Paul, MN 55103

2. **Give Online**
   
   Visit us online at ugmtc.org/donate so we can put your gift to work right away.

3. **Call Us**
   
   Give us a call at 651-789-7558. We would love to chat with you!

MAKE AN IMPACT WITH YOUR ACTIONS

Each month we celebrate people who have been transformed through our programs. In the words of Men’s Campus resident John Linsted, “Union Gospel Mission changes lives. It makes a difference in this world. I would have been lost; I wouldn’t be here without it.”

As a faith-based organization, we know that serving our neighbors is one way we can live out the Gospel. Giving financially is another way to serve. By donating as little as $6.81, you can provide three meals and care for a neighbor in need.

Help us continue to transform lives by donating today.

Thank you!

MARCH 2022

OUR MISSION IS CHANGING LIVES

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Wanted: Awesome People

Would you like to help transform lives? Then one of these could be your next job title:

- Child Development – Assistant Teacher
- Child Development – Toddler Teacher
- Children’s Mental Health Counselor
- Director of Discipleship
- Food Service Cook
- Food Service Worker
- Intake Specialist – Emergency Services Program
- Senior Director of Emergency Services
- Senior Director of Residential Programs
- Shelter Advocate
- Social Worker, LGSW

All postings can be found at ugmtc.org/about-us/jobs

STAY CONNECTED

MY GIFT FOR MEALS AND CARE

Penn your gift to provide meals and vital care to people facing homelessness during the winter months. I’m sending:

- $45.40 to feed and care for 20 people.
- $90.80 to feed and care for 40 people.
- $124.85 to feed and care for 55 people.
- $_________ to feed and care for as many people as possible.

Name:_____________________________________________________
Address:_________________________________________________
City:_____________________________________________________
State_______________________________   Zip____________________
Email address:____________________________________________

Please make your tax-deductible gift payable to Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities. Mail it with this form in the enclosed envelope to P.O. Box 64389, St. Paul, MN 55164-0389. Or give online at ugmtc.org. Gifts received above a specific need level are used for Mission programs where the need is greatest.

QUESTIONS? Call us at 651-789-7558.

MESSENGER

IT STARTS WITH A PLACE TO STAY.
One of the best sights at the Mission is watching mothers from our Naomi Family Program walk their bouncing preschoolers down the street to our Child Development Center.

Years ago, World War II ushered thousands of Minnesota women into the city workforce. Those that were mothers left children with relatives or neighbors while they worked shifts at desks and production lines. Union Gospel Mission responded by opening a day nursery, allowing mothers to see their children safely playing and learning while they headed off to work.

Part of our longevity as a rescue mission is the way we've adapted to the needs of the people around us throughout our 120 years. In the 1940s, it was providing nursery care for working mothers. Today it includes shelter for women escaping domestic violence and sexual abuse.

What matters most is being there when our community needs us. The world may change, but we strive to stay relevant. With your help, we look forward to serving for our community another 120 years.

Blessings,
Pam Stegora Axberg

A MESSAGE FROM
PAM STEGORA AXBERG, CEO

Children and Moms Find Peace

When Rose* found herself homeless for the first time, it was uncharted territory. “I was riding the train all day with my baby. When night came, I decided to stay at the Mall of America and sleep in the family bathroom there.”

That’s where she met Don, a young man doing street ministry. As he circled back to check on her, it became clear she needed help. “He gave me his card and asked, ‘Are you sure you’re okay?’ And I said, ‘You know what? I don’t have anywhere to stay.’”

After Don helped Rose get a hotel room and food, she was able to locate a friend, who in turn helped her locate our Naomi Family Program (NFP). She soon discovered how deeply Christian the Mission’s programs are. She laughs, “It’s every single day, all day, we talk about God. If it’s recovery, it’s God. If it’s the children, it’s God. But that really made me see how God really works in every single aspect of my life.”

Rose takes classes at NFP on topics including financial literacy, where she is learning budgeting skills and bill paying strategies. Meanwhile, our licensed Child Development Center provides safe care and education for her toddler. Rose’s growth has been miraculous. “I can testify that each aspect of my life is worked on—mentally, emotionally, physically, financially, and spiritually. And I’ve learned that once we have that relationship with God, everything else flows.”

Today, Rose’s smile is radiant. “My confidence is built. And when I feel anxious, I have someone to talk to.”

“I literally feel like a whole new person. Totally new.”

*Name and photos have been changed to protect privacy.

“WHY I VOLUNTEER” TO LAUNCH IN APRIL

New Video Series Highlights UGMTC Volunteers

An Army of Helpers

Every day, guests and residents at UGMTC are blessed by the efforts of faithful volunteers. Whether preparing meals, distributing turkeys and other Thanksgiving groceries, or listening to the stories of those who find shelter here, more than 4,000 volunteers provide immediate service and life-changing care to those in need at Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities each year.

A New Video Series

Countless stories can be told of lives changed at UGMTC. Though we never tire of celebrating the transformation people experience at the Mission, there are other exciting stories to tell: those of our volunteers. In ministering to UGMTC guests, our volunteers’ hearts and lives are also being changed. Their stories will now be told through a new social media-based video series launching in April titled, “Why I Volunteer,” in conjunction with National Volunteer Month.

Volunteering Will Change Your Life

Each day, we witness a wide range of people who work, go to school, and have family, church, or community responsibilities, yet choose to spend their precious time volunteering at the Mission. When asked why they do it, they tell us stories of how their hearts have been opened by spending time with our residents and guests. For some volunteers, giving their time has even helped them heal from their own past hurt.

Developing relationships with UGMTC guests and residents, learning their names, hearing their stories, and recognizing in them the image of God—that’s where the impact happens.

Visit Us on Instagram to Watch Our Volunteer Videos

We are excited to share the stories of volunteers whose lives have been impacted by serving at the Mission. Please visit our UGMTC Instagram page at @ugmtwincities to hear them share “Why I Volunteer.”

Register to volunteer at volunteer.ugmtc.org.

Watch our new volunteer videos on Instagram @ugmtwincities.

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