JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Wanted: Awesome People

Have you ever imagined yourself helping others transform their lives? Are you good at building relationships with strangers and making them feel like part of a community?

Then one of these could be your next job title:

- Mental Health Counselor; Children's Therapist
- Child Development Teacher
- Assistant Child Development Teacher
- Senior Director of Emergency Services
- Senior Director of Residential Programs

All postings can be found on **indeed.com** by searching for "*Union Gospel Mission*" and "*Saint Paul.*"

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!

HELP MAKE FAMILIES WHOLE AGAIN

When parents are struggling with addiction and homelessness, it's hard on their children, too. Sleeping in a different place each night can instill a sense of insecurity, often causing a protective shell to form around their hearts.

Melting that shell takes time and consistency. It also makes a huge difference when they can move past worrying about food and shelter day by day.

Your gift of $2.27 gives them access to safe housing, a hot meal, and the relational support they need to put their life on track. You can be part of reuniting dads and moms with their kids and restoring those relationships.

Help us keep these life-changing pathways available year-round by donating today.

STAY CONNECTED

MY GIFT FOR MEALS AND CARE

PAM, here's my gift to provide meals and other vital care to people facing homelessness during the winter months. I'm sending

- ☐ **$39.20 to feed and care for 20 people.**
- ☐ **$78.40 to feed and care for 40 people.**
- ☐ **$107.80 to feed and care for 55 people.**
- ☐ **$_____ to feed and care for as many people as possible.**

Name_____
Address_____
City _____
State_____ Zip _____
Email address _____

UNION GOSPEL MISSION TWIN CITIES

THANK YOU! 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. Questions? Call us at 651-789-7558. Give online at ugmtc.org. Gifts received above a specific need level are used for local Mission programs where the need is greatest.

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MESSENGER

UNION GOSPEL MISSION TWIN CITIES

FEBRUARY 2022 OUR MISSION IS CHANGING LIVES

"When COVID hit, talk about a person in a dark place."

Before reaching out to the Mission, Angi had been separated from her young children, isolated and relying on drugs to numb the pain she faced daily. "I would smoke my marijuana, come out of my room, go back, lay down. I was like a cloud: just existing. I didn't have that motivation anymore."

It wasn't until she finally told her family about the pain that she started on her journey to the Mission. "When my dad said, *You're leaving us*, he meant it was like I was dying," Angi recalls. It was his idea of returning to her children that opened the door for her personal healing.

When Angi came to our Naomi Family Program, she was searching for housing and the chance to be a role model for her two daughters.

What she's found is healing for a lifetime of hurt. In our Beauty for Ashes class, Angi was introduced to the benefits of therapy and how it could help her unpack the burdens she'd been carrying by herself. "Nobody else really took the measures to make sure I got the support I needed. Naomi sees I am motivated to change my life and has taken steps to make a female therapist available for me to discuss what I'm healing from."

The Mission has also provided support for Angi to address her physical health and substance recovery as well. And when COVID-19 quarantines required her and her two daughters to spend four weeks in their small rooms together, it was Naomi staff who helped her turn the waiting into family time.

"Getting out of that dark space, getting help from Naomi—it's the best thing I've done thus far."

VOLUNTEER STORY

Volunteers Demonstrate Community is at the Core of Serving

Who's that laughing at a table about Antique Roadshow? It's Tiffany with her favorite guest, Jack. And they're both surrounded by friends.

Tiffany and her husband Mark come with a group of friends every Tuesday to serve meals, wash dishes, and wipe tables at the Men's Campus. But it's the community that has them coming back week after week. "We got the idea from a service day that our church had at the Mission. We just thought, 'Why aren't we doing this every day?'" After connecting with Josh Windham, the Volunteer Manager at the Mission, they formed a service group with that goal in mind.

"It's so important that we don't just sit in our comfortable homes with our Bibles open," Tiffany says. "That we're actually in the world, experiencing and getting to know people who have different stories than us."

Her favorite part has been building beautiful relationships with some of the residents and guests. "I think it changes your perspective on people and homelessness. Then you're able to equip yourself with their stories and you can really help change the perspective of others. We're all just humans at the end of the day, with common interests."

Tiffany and Mark have also found a way to double their impact. The company she works for willingly matches every dollar they give to the Mission. "It's really cool that you can take advantage of things like this if you're passionate about getting involved with Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities."

Thank you, Tiffany and Mark, for being passionate friends of the Mission!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

See current opportunities at **volunteers.ugmtc.org**.

A MESSAGE FROM
PAM STEGORA AXBERG, CEO

We've Never Closed Our Doors

Saint Paul looked very different 120 years ago when Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities first opened its doors. The streets brimmed with men coming and going from the railways, looking for work in the gritty, bustling city. Many arrived knowing nobody, and finding cheap rent on seasonal wages was hit-or-miss. Keeping food on the table for a family could be difficult as well.

Today, we're still helping men, women, and children who arrive in Saint Paul with limited options. Many of them face the same obstacles to basic needs that people faced over a century ago. Housing. Food. Medical care. Childcare.

Your support, and the support of hundreds before you, has helped us keep our doors open, so people living in transition can find security and hope when they're at their most vulnerable. Thank you for being part of this legacy.

We look forward to continuing this work for another 120 years—with your help.

Blessings,

Pam Stegora Axberg