YOUR GIFT MATTERS
Help Women & Children in Need

It is difficult to hold onto hope when you don’t know where you will find your next meal, or where you and your children will sleep at night.

For 120 years, Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities has offered hope to those with nowhere else to turn for food and safe shelter, including the most vulnerable among us—women and children.

A gift of only $13.62 provides hot meals, safe shelter, and compassionate care for a mother and child for a full day.

Join us in offering help and the hope of a brighter future to men, women, and children in need.

WHY I GIVE
Joan Nilsen Beyer
UGMTC Donor

I wanted to help others here in the Twin Cities and heard about Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities on KTIS radio. My husband and I started giving to UGMTC throughout the year “where needed” and receive so much joy in giving toward special meals at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. I also collect clothing and bedding for the men’s and women’s campuses, and pampering items to help ladies in the Naomi Family Program feel special.

My mother taught me that the blessing of giving goes both ways. UGMTC is a wonderful organization with needs right here in the Twin Cities. It has been one of life’s greatest privileges to give to, bless, and share the Lord’s love with those in need at the Mission.

Joan
Donor since 2002

BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR
Impact Lives Each Day!

Create a recurring, monthly donation to meet the most basic needs of men, women, and children every day!

There are three easy ways to become a monthly donor:

1. Create a monthly giving plan online at ugmtc.org/donate
2. Complete the response form in the enclosed letter, check the box to indicate your desire to give monthly, and mail to UGMTC.
3. Call us at 651-789-7558. We would love to talk with you!

Some of Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities’ most influential “founding fathers” were women. Their leadership, influence, and wisdom helped guide the Mission to become a ministry that, in addition to serving men, cared for women, children, and families.

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1902: Women on Mission

Pictured above: Mrs. Anna L. “Mother” Morrison (seated center), a “founding father” and longtime volunteer at Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities.

“I AM A DAUGHTER OF GOD.”
I was at my wits’ end. With a lot of confusion, and couldn’t sleep. Too much. I was working two jobs, dealing with Word and the Church-centered classes and therapy in the Naomi Family Program to replace deeply rooted fear with Hope— and to assure Janeka that she is His beloved daughter. I came to understand and trust God to lead me closer to Him. He did that and so much more.

Now graduated from the program and newly married, Janeka serves as a housing resource navigator for others experiencing homelessness. I’ve made my job that listening to and encouraging people. There’s something more powerful than loneliness—it’s the feeling of being unloved. So now I share the love God gave me with those I serve.

“I have more to learn, but I’m more at peace. I am a daughter of God! It took me going to the Naomi program to get my life back. I couldn’t believe what God was doing for me. He used His Word and the Christ-centered Bible lessons, leading worship songs, and working on spiritual development and behavioral management. My role also involves teaching classes to the mothers and meeting with them one-on-one, or with the mother and her children, and meeting one-on-one with children ages four and up. We have conversations, play games, do arts and crafts, and have Bible studies.

What part of your work do you find most fulfilling? It’s fun getting to be with the kids and seeing their eyes light up when they talk about a Bible story or reiterate lessons we’ve worked on. Seeing behavioral changes and watching the kids make different choices also feels like a big win.

Does any transformation stand out to you? Yes. There was an eight-year-old boy with a rough background that built a tough shell for himself. He wasn’t interested in me or anything I had to say but, because of the pandemic, we spent a lot of time together with school and distance learning. He went from being a kid trying to be 15 to a child who would laugh and giggle and come running into my office wanted to hang out. It took months, but I was so glad to see that change in him.

How have you changed since stepping into this role? I’ve learned that patience, consistency, and openness are foundational to building relationships that result in positive transformation. I could have assumed that eight-year-old boy would never change, or that he simply wanted to be defiant. If I had, I would’ve missed out on having a great kid hang out in my office every week.

What about the chaplain program are you particularly proud of? I work with kids in the Naomi Family Program, and their moms or guardians, on spiritual development, teaching them about the basic tenets of faith, God, and the Bible. I also help them develop character and integrity. I spend time with the kids at the Child Development Center (CDC) too, building relationships, teaching Bible lessons, leading worship songs, and working on spiritual development and behavioral management. My role also involves teaching classes to the mothers and meeting with them one-on-one, or with the mother and her children, and meeting one-on-one with children ages four and up. We have conversations, play games, do arts and crafts, and have Bible studies.

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Janeka was eventually admitted to a hospital psychiatric unit. When finally discharged, she learned about UGMTC’s Naomi Family Program. "I wasn’t afraid that it was a shelter. I was excited to say yes to the Naomi program because I could learn more about Jesus and read my Bible more—my only place of comfort." Everything I was going through was way too much. I had no hope. "Jesus, help me let go!" Immediately she had a hope for her future because of the pain, and finally said, "Jesus, help me let go!"

Today, I am peaceful and willing to throw myself out there to love and encourage others. I love loving people. That’s who I am. "I have more to learn, but I’m more at peace. I am a daughter of God! It took me going to the Naomi program to get my life back. I couldn’t believe what God was doing for me. He used His Word and the Christ-centered Bible lessons, leading worship songs, and working on spiritual development and behavioral management. My role also involves teaching classes to the mothers and meeting with them one-on-one, or with the mother and her children, and meeting one-on-one with children ages four and up. We have conversations, play games, do arts and crafts, and have Bible studies.

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