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PARKER'S HOUSE CELEBRATES A ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Union Mission and dignitary's celebrated the One-Year Anniversary of Parker's House with a press conference to highlight program success and client impact, followed by a reception and optional tour.

“The demand for Parker’s House from women in our community has been tremendous,” said Greg Parker, Parker’s Founder & CEO. “We’re incredibly impressed by the way this facility has been laser-focused on offering much-needed housing and essential supportive services in its first year of operation.”

Union Mission’s Parker’s House partners with women to foster personal, economic, and housing stability by providing 90 days of emergency housing and supportive services for up to 32 women at a time.

The women served at Parker’s House are the face of resilience and hope. Since opening on September 6, 2022, Parker’s House has achieved the following:

- 222 women served, more than double initial projections
- 60% employed at entry
- 136 obtained safe and stable housing
- 148 increased income through employment and benefits
- 50% engaged in Mental Health Counseling Services
- 19,980 meals provided



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“Our program provides the secure foundation needed to obtain safe, stable housing,” said Michael Traynor, President & CEO of Union Mission. “We are proud to offer a suite of housing and supportive services that empower individuals to achieve their goals with courage and confidence.”



▲ Dignitaries came together to celebrate the One-Year Anniversary of Parker's House: A Home for Women



MICHAEL C. TRAYNOR
PRESIDENT & CEO

WELCOME TO THE CONNECTION

TIME FOR REFLECTION

As 2023 comes to a close, it is a time of reflection, giving thanks, and providing comfort to the most vulnerable in our community.

In its 86 years serving Savannah, Union Mission has always been a safe haven, providing food, clothing, housing, and other basic needs to the homeless in our community.

This year has continued that service, but the need is greater than ever.

Through September, Union Mission has served 1,065 individuals across our many housing programs from Statesboro to Savannah to Jesup, not including our Day Center. We projected to serve 1,018 for the entire year.

The Day Center has served 722 unduplicated individuals in its first nine months with 14,853 visits and 27,678 meals served.

And our mental health counseling group has conducted 1,682 sessions and 168 groups as well.

Your support has allowed us to be there for those in need. Without it, we would not have been able to expand our services to their current levels.

So, as we reflect on this year, we give thanks to you for your dedication, trust, and support of the programs and services we offer our clients.

As you consider your holiday giving, we hope you will think of Union Mission and the comfort and solutions we strive to achieve as we partner with people to end their homelessness.

We hope you have a great holiday season.



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our needs at
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MUSIC WITH A MISSION CONCERT SERIES

Thank you

First Presbyterian Church of Savannah for selecting Union Mission as your mission partner for this special concert series. Please save the date and join us for the following events:

Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Meet the Mission Partner at a Come & Go Reception

Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 7:00pm

SCAD Honey Bees under the direction of Mike Evariste

Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 7:00pm

Spectra Treble Choir under the direction of Tegan Miller

Thank you Justin Addington, Tanner King & Friends for your October performance of *A Night of Musical Operas!* Union Mission is thankful to be a part of this terrific musical series.

For more information, visit www.unionmission.org

SUPPORT UNION MISSION THIS

#GIVINGTUESDAY

Thanks to the generous support of past Giving Tuesday campaigns, funds raised has enabled Union Mission to remodel a variety of spaces through our various Emergency Housing Programs for men, women and children.

Union Mission is raising funds this Giving Tuesday to support the clients at our Dutchtown Campus Apartments. Located on Middleground Road, this apartment Permanent Supportive Housing community is home to 48 formerly homeless families. All residents have access to supportive services to meet their unique needs in an effort to achieve economic stability and independence.

Giving Tuesday will focus on several needed items including replacement refrigerators and ovens at various client apartments. The community playground will also receive a much needed update for the children to safely enjoy and play.

Community Support is Critical to Our Success

- 10 Refrigerators - \$500 each
- 10 Ovens - \$350 each
- Playground Border - \$2,200
- Playground ADA Ramp - \$1,000
- Playground Rubber Mulch - \$7,650

If you or your civic organization is interested in sponsoring, please contact Mark Toth, Director of Major Gifts & Organizational Strategy at (248) 770-3933 or mtoth@unionmission.org.

Text UMHOPE to 26989

Season of Giving

SAVE THE DATE



Thanksgiving Meal
Wednesday, November 22



Holiday Meal
Wednesday, December 20

125 Fahm Street
Lunch Served & Clothing Closet
Open at 11:00am

Special thanks to  

The Customer Service Center at Georgia Ports Authority conducted a donation drive for cool weather clothing and hygiene packs for Union Mission clients. A very generous donation was delivered by the Georgia Ports Police. Thank you!



If you would like to organize a donation drive or interested in supporting our clients with a holiday giving tree, contact Amy Mickle at (912) 238-2777 or amickle@unionmission.org.



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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

A ROAD TRAVELED



I received a phone call from David Paddison almost 10 years ago with a question that I had no idea would lead me down a path to a blessing it is hard to describe in words. At that time, the Union Mission Board of Directors were reaching out to potential Board members that would follow a group who continue to make a tremendous impact within our organization – individuals such as Don Waters, Bill Lattimore, Fran Kaminsky, Michael Traynor, David, and so many others. I remember at my first meeting looking around the room and thinking – wow, this group of community leaders are all around one table focused on one mission ... providing a safe haven for our homeless community.

I was immediately inspired by their vision and ten years later – here I am writing my last column as Board Chair. I have witnessed, with tremendous pride, how this organization has served as an advocate for those within our community who often feel they are not heard. I have served as Chair during a time when we celebrated the opening of Parker's House for Women and the implementation of a Day Center at Grace House. In just one short month, we will celebrate the outdoor renovation project at Magdalene House,



NEILIE DUNN

BOARD CHAIR

a program that has been very near to my heart since I started volunteering with Union Mission. I am beyond proud to be a part of this community Board – one that is kind, generous, active, and passionate. And to watch our internal team at Union Mission, led by Michael Traynor, is witnessing a group of superstars. They provide ample inspiration and are an amazing example of service, commitment, and vision.

As we approach the holiday season, please take a moment to consider your gift of service or generosity to Union Mission. You can find multiple ways to give back to our homeless community through www.unionmission.org. I am excited to see what is ahead for Union Mission in 2024! Thank you for your continued support of our community and Union Mission.



Gift Giving This Holiday:



GIVE \$75 = GIVE UNDERSTANDING

Provides three mental health counselling sessions for individuals, couples or families

GIVE \$125 = GIVE SUPPORT

Provides one week of childcare for a mother at Magdalene House as she is looking for work or starting a new job

GIVE \$500 = GIVE COMFORT

Provides clean laundry and clothes to those coming off the streets for 6 weeks at Grace House.

GIVE \$1,000 = GIVE BREAKTHROUGHS

Provides 10 homeless women with food and housing for one month at Parker's House.