

2017

URBAN MINISTRIES OF DURHAM



FOOD, SHELTER AND A FUTURE

Urban Ministries of Durham is continuing to fulfill the mission of connecting with the community to end homelessness and fight poverty by offering food, shelter and a future to neighbors in need. UMD strives to infuse our core values of respect, accountability and collaboration as we assist over 4,000 individuals each year who might receive a bed in the Community Shelter, meals in the Community Café, secure a job through Workforce Training, receive food and clothing through the Food Pantry & Clothing Closet, or overcome an addiction through the Recovery Program.

Presently:

- UMD has set an ambitious goal to help 300 individuals secure permanent housing -- a big jump from 174 and we hope you will decide to help us achieve this as we have the strategies but not yet all the resources
- The Food Pantry and Clothing Closet have expanded operating hours and incorporated more choice to better serve UMD residents and the working poor
- 27 Workforce Development graduates secured jobs in the first quarter of fiscal 2018
- New landlords are collaborating with UMD to provide affordable housing options for our residents -- allowing us to house 93 people already since June

Despite these successes, there are still significant challenges to be overcome. But the future looks promising and UMD is committed to providing a safety net for Durham residents in their time of need with your support and partnership. Thanks for all you do to support neighbors in need through Urban Ministries of Durham.

Sincerely, Sheldon Mitchell, Executive Director

MISSION

Urban Ministries of Durham connects with the community to end homelessness and fight poverty by offering food, shelter and a future to neighbors in need.

CORE VALUES

Respect: We believe in the inherent dignity and value of all people and believe no one's basic human needs should go unmet.

Collaboration: We work in concert with many other organizations to end homelessness and extreme poverty.

Accountability: Each person owns the successes and setbacks that result from their choices.



Happy Housemates of Holloway Street: UMD Case manager Tanya McKoy-Sutton (left), West & Woodall Realtor Blake Townsend (back row with sunglasses on his collar), and Executive Director Sheldon Mitchell (right) stand with clients Kevin Holmes, Priscilla Foster, Arnaldo Rios, Linda Goodwin and Earl Broomfield, just some of the people who will share the rental home Townsend purchased.

At the big, low house on Holloway Street,

...the van's door opened, and one by one, seven men and women stepped out. They all had awakened that morning in the bunk rooms of Urban Ministries of Durham's homeless shelter.

They passed through the gate in the wooden fence and stepped up to the red brick house and marveled. Already, they were off the street. But this was the place where their homelessness was finally going to end. Each of them had signed a lease to live here as housemates. This was their new home.

"I love it," said Kevin Holmes, who slept on the lawn of a downtown church before checking in at UMD and since had been working three jobs (at a laundry and two fast-food restaurants) more than 100 hours per week to save up his money. "It's spacious. The size of those rooms! That's the size of a studio apartment."

People experiencing homelessness have a hard time getting housing, and it's not just the money. Poor credit, past evictions, or convictions all make landlords hesitate or refuse to rent to them.

But after learning about the need from Executive Director Sheldon Mitchell, a Realtor and investor named Blake Townsend took a different approach with this property. He purchased it specifically to lease to people who are leaving homelessness with UMD's help. Each bedroom door locks with its own key, (just like the one on the cover).

Unlike his other rental property, Townsend's business goal for this house is simply to break even. He agreed to individual one-year leases with each tenant and was flexible on the standard requirements when UMD case managers vouched for a person.

"The way I view it is that these people are really trying and probably just need a little bit of a helping hand," Townsend says. "They are really trying to do the right thing and it's hard for them to find a good place to live on the money they are making. When they came to see the place, I could just see the look in people's eyes. I'm sure they have seen rejection more times than I ever would. I have had tons of help in my life, and this is something I can do to help."

It's the type of thoughtful case management and partnership with landlords that's allowed UMD to help 174 people end their homelessness in fiscal 2017 and aspire to help well over 300 this year. Townsend's contribution is just one type needed from people in the community to make that possible.

"We all work in different fields," Townsend says. "And you can use your God-given talents and abilities, financial means – your whatever – either to be really selfish and do what you do only for yourself, or you can help other people. If there's something you're already doing with your life, it is not that hard to use it to help other people."

THIS FISCAL YEAR

JULY 1, 2016 -
JUNE 30, 2017

174 PEOPLE

ENDED THEIR HOMELESSNESS BY
CONNECTING WITH UMD



51,585 NIGHTS

OF SHELTER WERE PROVIDED TO
HOMELESS NEIGHBORS



826 HOMELESS

NEIGHBORS WERE PROVIDED
WITH SHELTER



262,015 MEALS

MEALS WERE SERVED TO HUNGRY
NEIGHBORS IN THE
COMMUNITY CAFÉ



500+

HOUSEHOLDS PER MONTH RECEIVED
GROCERIES AND CLOTHING

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FINANCIAL GIFTS TO ACHIEVE THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
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4,339 VOLUNTEERS **25,682**
DONATED
**HOURS TO END HOMELESSNESS
& FIGHT POVERTY LAST FISCAL YEAR**

REVENUES

BY SOURCE

Individuals	\$578,852
Foundations	\$443,631
Government	\$439,884
Communities of Faith	\$105,318
Special Events	\$157,030
Business, Civic & Community Groups	\$122,631
Workplace Giving & Other	\$132,695
In-Kind Donations*	\$1,324,888

EXPENSES

BY CATEGORY

Community Shelter	\$1,481,157
Community Café	\$887,381
Food Pantry & Clothing Closet	\$489,197
Community Outreach & Enrichment	\$72,858
Fundraising & Development	\$277,246
Management & General	\$265,433

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