

New Hope. New Life.

A Quarterly Publication of the ministries of Union Rescue Mission: Nehemiah House and Dorcas House

Annual Report 2011



A Message From The Director.....

Ecclesiastes 3

A Time For Everything

- 1 There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- 2 a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- 6 a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- 7 a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- 8 a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace

God has ordained certain purposes for us to carry out. Challenges occur as we seek to fulfill His purposes and He provides grace to overcome the challenges and see His purposes accomplished.

In 2011, the opportunities for The Union Rescue

Mission were great, the challenges many and, at times daunting. But God's grace abounded. The Union Rescue Mission prayed through, pressed through, and, with God's help, came through for thousands of Central Arkansans - the homeless, addicted, domestically abused and forgotten veteran.

A Time to Tear Down and a Time to Build

Every day at the Union Rescue Mission we are involved in restoring HOPE and rebuilding LIVES. We are privilege to be involved in building stronger families and more vibrant communities. Undeterred by the lingering downturn in the nation's economy, the Union Rescue Mission Board voted to embrace "**Changing Lives...Strengthening Communities**", a **campaign that addresses our present physical plant needs and planning for our future.** In June 2011, the Union Rescue Mission Board adopted a \$3 million dollar campaign: \$2 million for a new men's facility and remodeling our women's facility and \$1 million endowment. We began our capital campaign and in five short months the Union Rescue Mission has reached 50% of her goal but the task is ahead of us.

A Time for War and a Time for Peace

Appalled and grieved by the effects of domestic violence, addiction, homeless and mental illness – The Union Rescue Mission in 2010 expanded our outreach to the last, least and loss of Central Arkansas. Our guests come from 34 counties in Arkansas with PULASKI, JEFFERSON and SALINE representing the top three counties.

Restoring Hope. Rebuilding Lives.

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A Time To Dig Deep

While many economic experts state that, technically, the recession is over, millions of hungry, discouraged Americans tell a sadly different story. The Union Rescue Mission served 173,876 meals to hungry Arkansans and averaged 158 people a night in our facilities. We saw an increase in homeless family units who had to make a decision "do we keep our apartment or our automobile" when one of the two bread winners lost their job in 2011. Our men's addiction recovery program has a waiting list for the first time in our history.

While demand has stretched us and led to low supplies of food in many of our programs and exhausted financial resources, we believe that as we remain faithful, God will be faithful to supply our needs financially and with volunteer assistance for years to come. I am always amazed how GOD USES PEOPLE to accomplish HIS purposes.

The year brought a great diversity of circumstances – a season of growth and optimism, a season of great challenge for others; victory on certain fronts, continuing struggle on others. Through it all, with the loyal support of our many friends, stakeholders and partners, we adapted. We responded. We remained faithful to our mission... to provide an environment where the love and compassion of Jesus Christ can help people overcome and prevent life's diversities. URM offers hope to hungry, hurting and homeless men, women and children from all over Arkansas by providing without discrimination:

- Basic necessities and practical assistance;
- Effective recovery programs which offer freedom from addictive lifestyles;
- Educational and job-readiness programs to equip for successful living; and
- Outreach programs which provide encouragement, support, counseling, spiritual guidance and referral services

Through every time and for every purpose to which God has called us, The Union Rescue Mission presses forward with determination and conviction.

Thank you for your partnership and becoming a stakeholder in the work among the hurting and discouraged of Central Arkansas.

Restoring Hope...Rebuilding Lives,



Dr. William D. Tollett, CEP
Executive Director

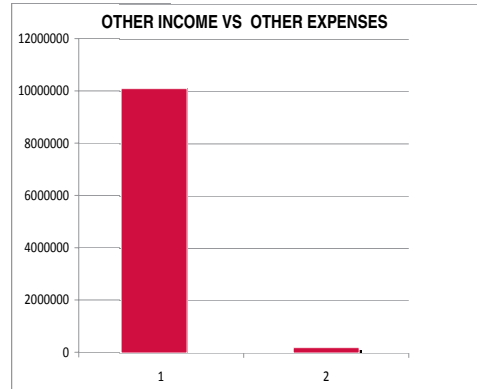
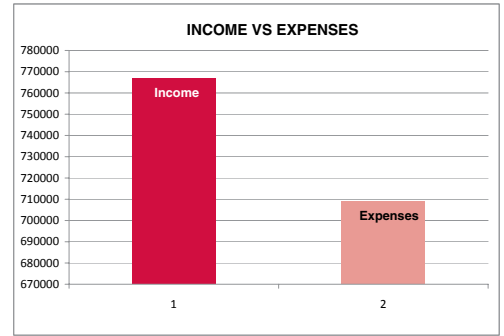
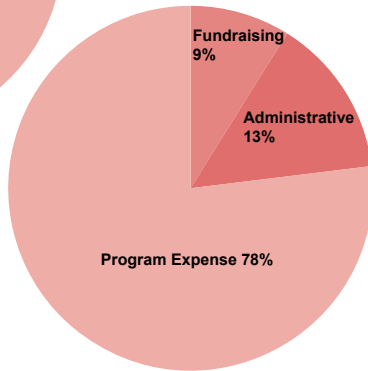
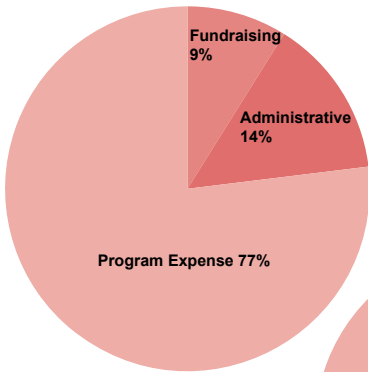
Thank You!!

The Union Rescue Mission would like to thank all our partners who have served throughout 2011. We are looking forward to see what 2012 will bring to the Mission. If you would like to be involved with the mission you may contact

Michelle Scroggins at 501-370-0808 or msscroggins@urmission.org.

Your Support Restored Hope, Rebuilt Lives This Year!!!

This summary represents a combining of data extracted from the Financial Statements of the Union Rescue Mission.



Bradley Lattin

Director of Men's Ministries- Drug and Alcohol Recovery

What an honor it has been for me to join the Union Rescue Mission this year! It has been a year of tremendous blessings, as we have seen God's goodness poured out time and time again. One of the highlights of the year was our annual Feeding the Multitudes event. The men and I were given the opportunity to assist in this effort and were honored to be able to sow into the lives of those in need. We used this outreach to show the men that, as Christians, we are blessed to bless others - not simply to keep for ourselves.

The men's recovery program is currently full with a total of 18 men. We have 5 men in the discipleship phase of the program who are scheduled to graduate at the end of February. I consider it a privilege to be a part of what God's doing in the lives of these men!



Derek Jones

Director of Men's Ministries- Homeless and Work Program

This year has brought many changes at the Nehemiah House. The City of Little Rock purchased our facility at 3000 Confederate Blvd to house the Homeless Day Resource Center. The City has begun the remodeling of the facility to make the transition for the DRC. It's a very exciting time because we are going to get to see lots of new people with whom we can potentially share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We have also been blessed to be able to partner with an apartment complex for those with disabilities. So far we have expediently placed three homeless individuals within the facility, and are currently working on a fourth.

As of yet, we have had 13,181 sheltered nights and served 31,557 meals. Yes, God has been good to the Nehemiah House this year.



Dorcas VanGilst
Director of Women's Ministries- Domestic Violence

James 1:27 says, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

I keep this verse taped on the inside of my desk as a constant reminder of the heart of God (and what my heart should be) towards our women and children at the Dorcas House. The women and children that pass through the doors of the Dorcas House are obviously at a point of distress and pain to bring them here. Through the provision of so many incredible donors and volunteers, we are able to not only help with physical needs of safety and shelter but we are able to show them the love of God.

I am blessed to be able to be a part of these amazing women and children's lives!

Blessings!



Michelle Carney
Director of Women's Ministries- Drug/Alcohol Recovery

Working with those who are abused, addicted, homeless and in need of hope never gets old and it certainly never gets boring. With every passing year that I work here I learn so much and I always wish I had learned it earlier. However, all of this learning is also being sown into the lives others. God continues to open doors here in Little Rock and around the world with Pastors, Social Workers, Counselors & Missionaries (to name a few) who see the need in the lives of the hurting and want to know how to help. I can help them learn to run programs, screen potential clients and recruit volunteers. But the real answer is Jesus Christ. He is the Redeemer of lost souls and the Healer of broken hearts. Our real mission is to know Him and to make Him known in all that we are and in all that we do.

Upcoming Events For 2012

The Union Rescue Mission is hosting several big events and is looking for volunteers to partner with us. Should you be interested in volunteering your time or would like more information about these upcoming events, please contact **Michelle Scroggins, Director of Public Relations at 501-370-0808 or msscroggins@urmission.org**.

Night On The Street: The Union Rescue Mission will hold her 5th annual Night On The Street to help raise awareness and financial support for programming that touches the lives of the homeless, domestically abused and addicted here in Central Arkansas. The event will take place on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at the River Market Pavilion from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Feeding the Multitude: URM plans to feed approximately 800 Central Arkansas families through this event. Feeding the Multitude helps those families in need to give them a Thanksgiving dinner that they would not be able to do otherwise. We are looking for volunteers to help with Box Prep Day, Saturday, November 17, 2012. We will also need volunteers to help on November 20, 2012 to distribute the food boxes. Please contact Michelle Scroggins if you would like more information, or if you would like to place your name on the list to volunteer for this event.

Great Thanksgiving Day Banquet: We are looking for volunteers to serve a Thanksgiving meal to our guests on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2012.