

ORLANDO UNION RESCUE MISSION

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RESCUE MISSION**

Since 1948



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A LETTER FROM FREDDY



Dear Friends,

In 2023, the extraordinary generosity of our partners continued to equip homeless men, women, and children to escape homelessness permanently. While our guests – the nearly 300 homeless men, women, and children who live at the Mission full time – receive the immediate relief of shelter, food, and clothing, our focus and goal are primarily to help transform their lives forever.

For seventy-six years, our programs have entailed two intertwining, complementary tracks. The first is the functional assistance our guests need: education, training, addiction recovery, and counseling. The second track is introducing our guests to and strengthening a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The magnificent gifts from our partners activate all the programs that constitute both tracks. Their gifts supply the tools and inspiration that prepare our guests to become independent and self-sufficient for the rest of their lives. Our donors consistently demonstrate the love of God in profound, tangible ways.

In 2024, we look forward to developing a new, transitional housing facility. We will build between fifty and 100 apartments that will house guests who recently graduated from our current program and other neighbors who need some assistance but do not need the full range of help our discipleship program offers. We are confident the new transitional program will prepare the participants for a life of dignity, gratitude, and hope. It is an exciting prospect that Orlando desperately needs, and we are a pioneer in developing it. No organization in the state has a similar facility.

We thank God for the innumerable blessings He continues to shower on the Mission. One of those blessings is the enthusiastic support of our partners, who sustain the Mission with prayers, volunteer efforts, and financial gifts. They make possible the glorious transformations we see every day, and they ensure our guests meet Jesus and know His loving power.

God bless our partners. They are saints and heroes!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Freddy Clayton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Freddy Clayton
President/CEO



MISSION STATEMENT

Our purpose is to bring the hungry, hurting and homeless to new life, new goals and a new future in Christ.



BASIC NEEDS

Members of our Program receive long-term transitional housing, three, warm meals a day, laundry facilities, showers, and all hygiene and household items free of charge. In addition, 48 rooms at our men's home are reserved for emergency overnight shelter, with the desire of building relationships that encourage entrance into our long-term program.



DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship assignments are designed to help guests develop the soft skills needed to succeed in today's job market; they also gain practical jobs skills. Guests complete their discipleship training in different ministries throughout the Mission serving in areas such as maintenance, housekeeping, childcare, customer service at our Bargain Store, and more.



CHRIST-CENTERED CARE

We believe that true life transformation begins through a personal relationship with Christ. Following in the example of Jesus, we aim to meet people at their unique physical and spiritual points of need. Biblical Case Managers assist guests in identifying factors that led to homelessness and the steps needed to transform their life. We introduce our guest to Jesus and a lifestyle that mirrors His teachings through weekly Chapel services, and courses on theology, marriage, finances, etc.



EDUCATION

Our Career Learning Center offers a self-paced, educational program with a three-tiered system designed for success. Guests pursue a degree at our free, on-campus accredited high school or study for certificates at technical schools, colleges or universities, often at no cost to the guest. Meanwhile, childcare, tutoring services and afterschool programs are available for children staying at the Mission.

MOM EARNS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND FINDS A SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR HER AND HER SON.

"I don't know where we would be right now if we didn't have this place. Donor, you're a life changer. Thank you for giving my son and me a brighter and better future."



CODY FOUND THE FACE OF GRACE AT THE MISSION.

"The Mission is doing God's work. This place is the face of grace. It's where criminals and addicts can find grace and mercy and true love. It not only saves our physical lives, it also saves our souls and shows us the way to everlasting life."



CALESHA FOUND HOPE AND COURAGE TO START A NEW CAREER.

"I wanted to start a job right away, but if I had just jumped into working, I would not have been as successful. The transition of serving in discipleship helped me learn resilience." She now works as an internet technical support person for a large communications company.



FINANCES

ORLANDO UNION RESCUE MISSION HAS NEVER RECEIVED AND NEVER WILL ACCEPT ANY GOVERNMENT FUNDING. ALL REVENUES ARE FROM PRIVATE DONATIONS.

EXPENSES

2023

2022

*Program Services,
Management, General
Services, and Fundraising*

\$9,010,324

\$7,782,970

SUPPORT & REVENUE

2023

2022

*Private Donations, In-Kind
Donations, Estates, Trusts,
and Funds*

\$9,365,526

\$7,772,744

MORE THAN

85%

**OF REVENUES ARE
APPLIED TO PROGRAMS
AND SERVICES FOR THE
HOMELESS.**

An IRS audited financial statement is available
on our website at www.ourm.org.

BANQUETS

Our three banquets provided hundreds of meals and a message of hope to those alone and hungry on the holidays.



EASTER

Free meals, socks, and shoes. Foot washings offered to all in attendance.



THANKS GIVING

Free meals, hygiene items, blankets and other necessities offered for our neighbors in need.



CHRISTMAS

Free meals, blankets and Christmas cheer offered families seeking hope during the holidays.

OUR IMPACT IN 2023...
TRANSFORMED



96,488

Nights of
Shelter



52,488

Meals
Served



18,549

Volunteer
Hours
Served



1,110

Decisions
for Christ



5,040

Hygiene
Products
Provided

