

# Bright Horizons

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## Amazing News!

Dear friends.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, more than one hundred Urban Mission supporters and staff gathered in downtown Steubenville in the former Save A Lot grocery store on the corner of North Seventh and North streets. For one special night, this vacant space turned into a hub of excitement as the Urban Mission hosted its annual Appreciation Celebration, paying tribute to its volunteers and donors from the past year. In addition to an awards ceremony honoring local community members as well as supporters of the Urban Mission, a special announcement was made to the crowd regarding the unique venue for this event.

Yes, it's true! For the past several months, the Urban Mission has been leasing this vacant space with intentions to purchase the whole plaza in the near future. When the announcement was made that evening it received a rousing round of applause and a hearty "Amen!"

While it remains a huge step of faith for the Urban Mission and for the community, we believe it is a necessary one for the development of our downtown area. Although we are in the early stages of planning, our hope is that this space will serve as a location for healthy food, job creation and other creative ministries.

As we all know, none of this would be possible without God and the amazing people who support our work. This community has invested in the Urban Mission and we desire to invest back into the community as well.

If this news excites you, we'd love to hear from you! In fact, we'll be asking for your support in the coming months as we move forward into the future. Just think of the hundreds, if not thousands of families, we'll be able to serve through these new ministries. Please keep us in prayer, and we also invite you to be prayerful as to what role you might play in bringing positive change to the Ohio Valley, including downtown Steubenville.



The 2018 Amazing Raise came to a close at 11:59 p.m. on May 1st. It was an exciting 24 hours that culminated in an impressive \$5,020 raised for the Urban Mission alone.

Thank you to everyone who gave during this special day of giving! Your gift to the Urban Mission goes a long way in bringing life change to local families in need.

## Feeding Children this Summer Your Support Needed

The Urban Mission is committed to seeing that children receive a nutritious meal during the summer months while school is not in session. This year, we'll be working in partnership with Edison Local School District and Hertz & Thrifty Car Rental of Steubenville as a third-year sponsor for the Ohio Department of Education, USDA Summer Food Service Program.

Meals will be served beginning June 5 – August 17; youth ages 1-18 can visit one of six area sites to receive a lunch meal. Individuals, ages 19 through 21 with a mental or physical disability, may also be eligible for free summer meals.

### Here is a list of the Free Summer Meal Sites:



#### Earl Rogers Plaza

482 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Steubenville, OH 43952

12:40 pm -1:40 pm



#### Jim Woods Park

John Schott Highway Connector,  
Steubenville, OH 43952

12:00 pm -1:00 pm



#### Martin Luther King Center

905 Market Street, Steubenville, OH 43952

12:25 pm -1:25 pm



#### Murphy's Field

1700 Plum Street, Steubenville, OH 43952

12:55 pm – 1:55 pm



#### North End Park

North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Steubenville, OH 43952

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm



#### Ridgewood Place Apartments

601 Two Ridge Rd, Wintersville, OH 43953

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

We are still seeking additional assistance from the community to cover the costs of the program to ensure that no child goes without a meal during the summer months. A gift of \$10 will sponsor a week's worth of meals for one child.

Donations can be sent to the Urban Mission "Summer Food" Program, 301 North 5th Street, Steubenville, OH 43952 or given online at [www.urbanmission.org](http://www.urbanmission.org)

## Join J.O.S.H.U.A. and participate in fun & meaningful work!

We are excited to kick off the JOSHUA Home Repair Program for the summer of 2018!

Our volunteer groups begin arriving the first week of June and will continue throughout the summer.

This year, we received 117 applications from local homeowners in need of repairs. In order to help meet this great need, we are looking to local churches and volunteers to assist our teams this summer.

If your church or organization is looking to do a volunteer project together and would like to stay in the local area, we'd love to have you!

Volunteers are needed during the week or weekend – depending on your availability. Groups will work alongside our JOSHUA staff and assist homeowners with home repair needs or complete projects at one of our Urban Mission buildings.

If you're interested in learning how you can do something fun and meaningful at the same time this summer, please give us a call at 740.282.8010 and ask for Tiffany.

Prayers are also appreciated, as this ministry continues to grow each year by serving more families and their home repair needs.

### Urban Mission Food Program Re-Registration

Each June, the Urban Mission must "re-register" families seeking food assistance through our food pantry. If you know of someone who is need of food, please ask them to visit the Urban Mission this month and bring the following items:

**\* A form of identification**

(Driver's license - SS card - State ID card)

**\*Written verification of address**

(Utility bill - Lease agreement - Rent receipt)

**\*Names, birthdates, and ages of everyone in the household.**

Questions? Call Linda at 740.282.2911

## Looking for easy ways to support Urban Mission?



Are you an Amazon.com shopper? If so, there's a great way to support Urban Mission while you shop. Just visit [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and look for Urban Mission Ministries, Inc. Each time you purchase an item through AmazonSmile, the Urban Mission will receive, in the form of a donation, 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products. Father's Day is just around the corner. As you consider your purchasing options, try Amazon Smile and let us know what you think!



Have you ever visited Kroger and been asked to "Round Up" your change? Each time you do so, it benefits organizations, like the Urban Mission, to help put food on the tables of families struggling with hunger. Last year alone, the Urban Mission received close to \$15,000 in donations from Kroger!

(And remember, even if you don't get asked, you can still mention it to the cashier that you'd like to "Round Up" your change and they'll know what to do!)



Celebrating your birthday and doing good at the same time, can be as simple as a few clicks. Did you know that on Facebook you invite your friends to celebrate your birthday by giving to a special cause.

To invite your friends to donate to the Urban Mission for your birthday, simply click on the fundraising tab on your News Feed on Facebook. From there, you can select "Urban Mission" and set your fundraising goal as well as your fundraiser's end date. We'll even share your post on our page as well!

## Back to School preparation begins

It's hard to believe, but school isn't even out for the summer, and we're already planning for the 2018 Back to School Bash.

**The date is set – August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018!**

How can you help? Here are two important ways:

- (1) Start collecting new school supplies, book bags, toiletries, and bring them to the Urban Mission throughout the summer.

We are especially in need of:

- College rule filler paper
- Wide rule filler paper
- 1 Subject College Rule Notebooks
- 1 Subject Wide Rule Notebooks
- Elmer's Glue Bottles
- Colored Pencils
- # 2 Pencils

- (2) You can also get on the volunteer list as we'll need close to 50 volunteers to make this event as success.

For more information and to find out how you can get involved, please call Ms. Tiffany Beckwith at 740.282.8010 or email: [tbeckwith@urbanmission.org](mailto:tbeckwith@urbanmission.org).

## Go Green with Us!

Every day we try to do something to help our environment. From recycling our plastic bottles, cans and cardboard, to composting leftover food at the Urban Mission, we are always looking for new ways to be a good steward of this Earth.

Another way we do this is by inviting you, our readers, to receive your Urban Mission news online. We've already heard from a number of you regarding your preference, and we thank you.



If you haven't let us know, we invite you to do so this month. Our goal is to switch a majority of our readership to an online format by the end of this year. If you prefer a paper copy of the newsletter, we ask that you do the following: Contact us through email [mail@urbanmission.org](mailto:mail@urbanmission.org) or call us at 740-282-8010.

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# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Mission Rejoice 5pm
3	4 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	5 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	6 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	7 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm	8	9 Mission Rejoice 5pm
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East Ohio UMC Annual Conference						
17 	18 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	19 Food Pick-up Group M-R 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	20 Food Pick-up Group M-R 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	21 Food Pick-up Group M-R 8:00am-2:30pm	22	23 Mission Rejoice 5pm
24	25 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	26 Food Pick-up Group S-Z 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	27 Food Pick-up Group S-Z 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	28 Food Pick-up Group S-Z 8:00am-2:30pm Newsletter Folding 9am	29	30 Mission Rejoice 5pm