

May 2018

Bright Horizons



Tuesday, May 1, 2018

We're excited to announce that the Urban Mission will, once again, be participating in the "Amazing Raise Ohio Valley." This one-day only fundraising event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

Donations of \$10 or more made online will be eligible to be multiplied through the Community Foundation of the Ohio Valley.

To give your gift, visit www.urbanmission.org or www.cfov.org on May 1st!

You may also send a check prior to May 1st 2018, to the Community Foundation of the Ohio Valley (1310 Market St # 1, Wheeling, WV 26003) and mention Urban Mission in the memo line.

Thank you for your support! We'll be providing updates throughout the day. Stay tuned to our social media pages to see the impact of your giving!

Let's Celebrate!

It's time for our annual **Volunteer & Donor Appreciation Celebration** and we couldn't be happier!!

We love to celebrate – especially when we get to **celebrate YOU!**

Please join us on **May 3rd (Thursday)** as we reflect on the AMAZING things God has been up to at the Urban Mission this past year.

This year's celebration will be held at the old Kroger building on the corner of **7th & North Street in downtown Steubenville.** You won't be able to miss it – just look for the balloons!

Doors will open at **5pm** and the program will begin at **5:45pm.** There will be food, interactive displays, a meaningful time spent honoring our donors and volunteers, and a special announcement!

We look forward to seeing you!
If you're able to come, please give us a call at **740.282.8010.**

See you soon!



Answered prayers!



In last month's newsletter we put out a special request for toiletries, sheets, and other items for our shelter. Because of your generosity, we were blessed with all of the above and more! Thank you!

Urban Thrift Update

After months of hard work, cleaning and organizing, the Urban Thrift and Opportunity Center is open! We are so thankful to all of the volunteers whose dedication to our mission made it possible. We're ONE month in & thriving!

We've been getting some great questions that we wanted to share with you.

Where is Urban Thrift located?

644 Market Street, Steubenville, Ohio. It's the beautiful white building on the corner of Market & 7th Street.

When are we open?

Our store is currently open Mon. – Wed., 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. We'll expand our days and hours in the coming months. However, donations can be dropped off Mon. – Fri., 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

I have large items to donate, can I arrange a pick up?

Yes! There are three ways to arrange a pick up. Visit www.urbanmission.org and fill out the online form, email store@urbanmission.org or give us a call at 740.282.4851. Thank you for considering us!

What do you have at Urban Thrift?

We have couches and loveseats, a wide variety of tables, chairs, recliners, air conditioners, lamps, paintings and wall art. Our clothing departments are also newly expanded. We even have a career women's section! The cutest space we have is our children's department. Come check it out!

What are people saying about the new look?

The feedback from our customers has been fantastic. Listening to everyone as they walk through the door has been exciting and rewarding. Our Vintage Boutique is a hit among shoppers as well as our furniture showroom. These areas are a beautiful testament of the transformation that's taken place here.

Do you still distribute items for free?

Yes, we do. We know there are people who need clothes, furniture and other items. We recently hired a social worker to help set our clients up for success.

Why support Urban Thrift? Our prices are unbeatable and our customer service is the best in the area. Most importantly, all proceeds from the store help fund our homeless shelter & Jobs for Life program.

A "Healthy" Success

The Urban Mission's Community Development Program wrapped up its celebration of Minority Health Month 2018, on April 24, with record-breaking participation at the annual Men's Prostate Screening held at the Tony Teramana Cancer Center. 40 men pre-registered for the free screening event, surpassing participation counts set in the past 5 years.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the NCDC Advisory Committee, our community enjoyed a month of health-centered events:



The 4th Annual "Stop the Violence" 5K Walk/Run, the Dance for Life Workshop, & the Women's & Men's Screening & Health Fair.

We are grateful for every sponsor, partner, and volunteer who help make Minority Health Month a success year- after-year!

2018 Sponsors:

- The Ohio Commission on Minority Health
- Walmart Foundation
- Weirton Medical Center
- Steubenville Parks & Recreation
- Huntington Bank of Wintersville
- Bridging Leadership
- Planet Fitness
- Eastern Gateway Community College

2018 Partners:

- Bodies by Bev
- Steubenville Line Dance
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Project of Cuy. Cty.
- Tiffany Breast Care Center –Mobile Screening
- YWCA of Steubenville
- W.I.A.A.C.C of Jefferson County
- Tony Teramana Cancer Center
- The Purple Palooza Fund

Unity Kitchen needs

Did you know last year alone the Unity Kitchen provided more than 20,000 hot meals to our local community? Each day our kitchen staff and volunteers arrive early to begin meal preparation. By noon, more than 150 meals are prepared and served in three locations! To accommodate the number of guests we serve, we are currently in need of additional roasters, aprons and potholders. These items can be dropped off at the church at 301 North 5th. Thank you!

Exciting news for our donors & volunteers...

Hello! My name is Tiffany Beckwith and I will be working as the Volunteer and Donor Coordinator at the Urban Mission. I am excited to be a part of such an amazing organization and to have the opportunity to work with our ever-increasing network of volunteers and donors like YOU!



As a military family, I have been blessed to live in many different locations and be a part of many great organizations. However, I have never felt so passionate about a place like the Ohio Valley. In fact, I knew close to ten years ago that we would end up here eventually. I never imagined the way God would open doors (and close them) to get us here though!

I am excited to see all that God is going to do in this Valley. I believe God has a plan and a purpose for each and every one of us and I look forward to being a part of the Urban Mission and getting to know you as we work together to end poverty one fresh start at a time.

Volunteer alongside JOSHUA



The JOSHUA summer work mission is right around the corner! Work groups are planning their trips and projects are being prepared for the summer. We are excited to see how God will work again through the JOSHUA program.

The application phase will close May 1st. The response this year has been amazing. With God's help we will complete as many projects as possible. Applicants will be contacted soon for approval notification into the program and home visits will follow.

We are still looking for Host Churches for this summer and also volunteers who are willing to get their hands dirty. We are excited and looking forward to this JOSHUA season and what God will do to affect positive change in people's lives and in our community.

For more information about the JOSHUA program or to ask about ways you or your church can get involved, please call the main office at 740.282.8010 or email joshua@urbanmission.org

"Second Helpings"

On May 1st, the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce will be introducing a new program called, "Second Helpings." It is the goal of "Second Helpings" to connect businesses, organizations and individuals in the Jefferson County area with the Urban Mission who can pick up extra or over-ordered food and get it to those in need.



In a recent Chamber newsletter, Chamber president, Tricia Maple writes, *"We see it all the time – at our own events and meetings. Often, there is an abundance of extra food that could possibly go to waste and we needed a way to conveniently and quickly get it to someone who could use it. That's where the Urban Mission came in."*

In the coming months, restaurants, caterers, organizations, businesses or individuals will be able to call a "hotline" to arrange for the pick-up of the food. The Urban Mission will arrange for it to be picked up and then make sure it is safely transported, stored and distributed to those in need through its organization and other local charities.

Any food related business that would like to register for "Second Helpings" may call the Chamber offices at 740.282.6226 or email Tricia Maple at tmaple@jeffersoncountychamber.com.

Help save the trees!



The Urban Mission was recently awarded a grant through the J.B. Green Team to help our organization become more sustainable.

One way we are working to decrease our carbon footprint is to increase our capacity to recycle paper, plastic, tin cans, cardboard, and even pallets. We are also adopting new ways to recycle food waste.

Another practice we're excited to try is to reduce our paper waste by rethinking how we do our newsletters.

To "save the trees," we'll be moving to a more digit approach in the coming year. In the meantime, we invite you to sign up for the online version of our monthly newsletter. It's quite simple, you can either go to our website and sign up at www.urbanmission.org, or you can send us an email at: mail@urbanmission.org.

If you prefer to keep receiving a paper newsletter, please give us a call at 740.282.8010.

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May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	2 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	3 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm	4	5 Mission Rejoice 5pm
6	7 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	8 Food Pick-up Group F-L 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	9 Food Pick-up Group F-L 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	10 Food Pick-up Group F-L 8:00am-2:30pm	11	12 Mission Rejoice 5pm
13 	14 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	15 Food Pick-up Group M-R 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	16 Food Pick-up Group M-R 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	17 Food Pick-up Group M-R 8:00am-2:30pm	18	19 Mission Rejoice 5pm
20	21 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	22 Food Pick-up Group S-Z 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	23 Food Pick-up Group S-Z 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	24 Food Pick-up Group S-Z 8:00am-2:30pm Board of Director's Meeting 5pm	25	26 Mission Rejoice 5pm
27	28 Closed for Memorial Day	29 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	30 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	31 Newsletter Folding 9am		

