

BRIGHT HORIZONS

Newsletter

"Whoever wants to be great must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be the willing servant of all-like the Son of man; He did not come to be served, but to serve many..."

-Matthew 20:27-28

Rev. Ashley A. Steele, Executive Director

Angie Brown, Newsletter Editor

Grocery Distributions

- Φ 1,727 low-income families in Ohio and West Virginia received monthly grocery distributions through God's Pantry
- Φ 963 families received Thanksgiving Baskets
- Φ 1,421,640 pounds of food distributed
- Φ 210 senior citizens received monthly food commodity boxes



Unity Kitchen

- Φ 20,160 hot meals served
- Φ 187 days in operation (includes Saturday meals)

Hutton House® Homeless Shelter



The only area shelter exclusively providing a temporary home for families.



- Φ 80 children (46) and adults (34) resided in the shelter.
- Φ Length of stay: 90 days
- Φ 187 "life skills" classes presented to shelter residents on budgeting, parenting, nutrition, conflict resolutions, child safety, etc.

Ministry Report Edition!

2012 was a phenomenal year for the Urban Mission. Thanks to the support of thousands of generous donors in our community, we were able to continue providing quality services to those in need.

Our theme in 2012 was, "Mission Possible", "For nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37). As you look through this ministry report, you will see many things that seemed impossible become a reality. Serving 20,000 hot meals; distributing over 1.4 million pounds of food (over 710 tons!); providing Christmas for over 1,000 children and teens--all impossible tasks within themselves. But because of the generosity of a great community of supporters like you, the impossible certainly turned into the POSSIBLE!

As we step into 2013, we have many things on the horizon that will benefit our community. We look forward to our new venture in programming to move to a client choice pantry and a program to combat childhood obesity. We are excited for these opportunities and new ways to provide services to our community.

Our theme for 2013 is all about Servanthood. Matthew 20:27-28 says, "Whoever wants to be great must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be the willing servant of all-like the Son of man; He did not come to be served, but to serve many..."

We invite you along on our journey of service this year. Perhaps you'd like to volunteer? Maybe you are an event planner or grant writer at heart? We welcome your talents and invite you to serve alongside us as we serve, "the least of these".

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Neighborhood Community Development Center

- Φ 890 youth received backpacks and school supplies (20 schools)
- Φ 673 coats and winter items distributed
- Φ 965 pairs of shoes distributed
- Φ 245 Hair cuts



- Φ Minority Health Month
 - 39 Men screened for Prostate Cancer (including 14 new patients)
- Φ 26 people completed Healthy U Diabetes Education Classes
- Φ Women's Health Committee
- Φ Parish Nurse: 800 health screenings
- Φ Lupus Education and Optimum Health Program
- Φ Local Conversations on Health Disparities

Christmas Programs

- Φ 363 children 12 and under received toys through "Christmas Kids"
- Φ 116 Teens received a Christmas Stocking
- Φ 177 families (584 children) received toys through Santa's Recycle Shop



- Φ 177 teens received a Christmas stocking through the Recycle Shop
- Φ 600+ children and teens received hats, scarfs, gloves and socks through the Mitten Tree



JOSHUA Summer Work Camp

- Φ 9 Work Teams (275 volunteers) from all over the US
- Φ 36 Work projects completed on 24 homes in the community and at the Urban Mission
- Φ 12,007 hours of service



Volunteer Service

The backbone of Urban Mission!

- Φ 43,515 hours of volunteer service
- Φ \$347,098 value of donated service
- Φ Thousands of faithful volunteers



Other Ministries and Activities

- Φ Emergency assistance: 1,231 helped with groceries, baby needs, etc.
- Φ 114 children and adults provided free eye exams and glasses
- Φ Mortgage Assistance Program
- Φ Mission Rejoice service and fellowship meal
- Φ Bible Study with Pastor Toni
- Φ Craft group activities
- Φ Hospitality Room
- Φ Senior Employment and JOBS training worksite

In-Kind Donation of Items:

- Hunger ministries: \$319,580
- Christmas ministries: \$39,054
- Hutton House® Shelter: \$41,655
- Coats, shoes & school supplies: \$12,234

Total In-Kind Donations:
\$844,903

Helping Mr. Easter Bunny

Yes, it's that time again; time to hit the stores for bags of jelly beans. We are helping the Easter Bunny gather 1,200 bags this year. In addition to the jelly beans, other items to be included in the Easter treat bags have already been ordered.

The treat bags will be given to our families during our March distribution. We are asking for the jelly beans to be delivered to us by Friday, March 1, 2013.

This year, as you are picking up the bags of jelly beans and placing them in your shopping cart, look at the bright colors and think about the meaning of each color. God speaks to us in many different ways every day. And as you place the bags in your cart, say a little thank you for the way He takes care of you. Remember...if the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is "Thank You", it will be enough.

Linda L. Smith, Program Director

Did you know that the colors of jelly beans are colors that have meaning in the Bible?

RED is for the blood He gave (1 John 1:7)

GREEN is for the grass He made (Psalm 23:2)

YELLOW is for the sun so bright (1 Thessalonians 4:14)

ORANGE is for the edge of night (Psalm 78:14)

BLACK is for the sins we made (Acts 26: 17-18)

WHITE is for the grace He gave (Isaiah 1:18)

PURPLE is for the hours of sorrow (Mark 15: 17)

PINK is for a new tomorrow (Lamentations 3: 22-23)

Applications Available

Applications for the **Robert E. Hutton Memorial Scholarship** are available for low income students of any age pursuing higher education. Students must be currently enrolled in an accredited institution to be eligible. Applications are due by April 2, 2013.



Recently Mrs. Margaret Hutton, widow of Rev. Robert (Bob) Hutton, for whom the scholarship is named, visited the Mission. It was great to see her!

Applications for the **JOSHUA Home Repair program** are available to low-income homeowners. Projects that may be completed include minor home repairs, painting, yard work, building wheelchair ramps for the handicapped and other projects. The JOSHUA program does NOT repair/replace roofs, furnaces or windows. Applications are due by May 1, 2013.

For additional details about either program or to receive an application, call us or stop in to the Mission. You may also print a copy of either application by visiting our website at www.urbanmission.org.

Vehicle Donations Accepted

Do you have a used vehicle you would like to donate to Charity? Hutton House® is accepting vehicle donations for our homeless families. By donating a vehicle, you can receive the full "Fair Market Value" tax deduction.

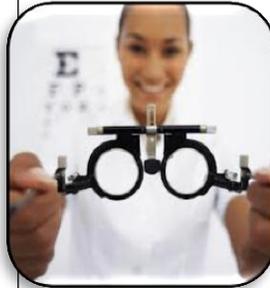
We will provide your vehicle to a family with an adult licensed driver, free of charge. Vehicles will be used by these families to assist them in their transportation needs and help them to continue to work and become self-sufficient, productive members of our community. Only vehicles that are in working order can be accepted.

The Hutton House® is in need of a truck to be used to pick up donations for the shelter. If you are interested in donating your used vehicle, please call Debra Bryan at 740-282-8903.

Free Vision Help!

No vision insurance? Need an eye exam or new glasses? **Our Vision Care program can help qualified low-income individuals (children & adults) receive an exam and/or glasses free of charge!**

Call Sara at 740-282-8010 or stop in and complete an application today!



FEBRUARY-NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY MONTH



During this month we must remind ourselves that our children need to be safe whenever they are passengers in any motor vehicles. Let's look at this problem and the regulations needed to prevent child passenger injuries.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death among children in the United States. In 2009 there were 1,314 children ages 14 and younger who died from motor vehicle crashes in the United States. Additionally one CDC study found that more than 618,000 children ages 0-12 rode in vehicles without the use of a child safety seat or booster seat at least some of the time.

There are several are guidelines for parents and caregivers of children when riding in a car. All adults riding in the car must wear seat belts at all times to set a good example. All children must be properly buckled up in a seat belt, booster seat or car seat which is appropriate for their age, height, and weight.

Always check the owner's manual for your car seat or booster seat to make sure that you are using it properly or ask your local police department to check for proper placement. For additional information about child passenger safety, go to the CDC website at www.cdc.gov and click on the letter "C" in the A-Z index and then "Child Passenger Safety". Our children are precious gifts from God. We need to protect them at all times, especially when riding in motor vehicles.

Michalene A. King, PhD, RN, CNE

Guidelines for children riding in cars:

- ✚ From birth through age 2, children must be in rear-facing child safety seats. Children should be placed in the back seat buckled with the seat's harness.
- ✚ Between the ages of 2 to 4 or until 40 pounds, children are placed in forward-facing child safety seats. These seats are buckled in the back seat using the seat's harness.
- ✚ Between ages 4 to 8 or until 4'9" tall, children ride in booster seats in the back seat.
- ✚ After age 8 and/or 4'9" tall, children must use seat belts. Children should use booster seats until adult seat belts fit them properly. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest. For best protection children should sit in the back seat.
- ✚ All children younger than 13 should ride in the back seat as airbags can kill young children riding in the front seat. Whenever possible, place children in the middle of the back seat, as it is the safest place.

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February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Mission Rejoice 6pm  Groundhog Day
3	4 Lupus Mtg 6 pm Parish Nurse 11am	5 Hunger Committee Mtg. 10am	6	7	8	9 Mission Rejoice 6pm
10	11 Parish Nurse 11am	12	13 Ash Wednesday 	14 Campaign for Good Kickoff! Valentine's Day 	15	16 Mission Rejoice 6pm
17	18 Parish Nurse 11am President's Day 	19 Packing for Food Distribution 9am	20 Food Distribution 9-12; 1-3	21 Food Distribution 9-12; 1-3	22 Food Distribution 9-12; 1-3	23 Mission Rejoice 6pm
24	25 Parish Nurse 11am	26 CSFP Senior Food 1pm	27	28 UM Newsletter Folding 9am		