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UNION MISSION'S 2023 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER A GREAT SUCCESS

Thanks to the support of the business community, key individuals and volunteers, Union Mission's 8th Annual Raising Hope at the Savannah Convention Center raised more than \$488,000 to support our Emergency Housing Programs for men, women, and children.

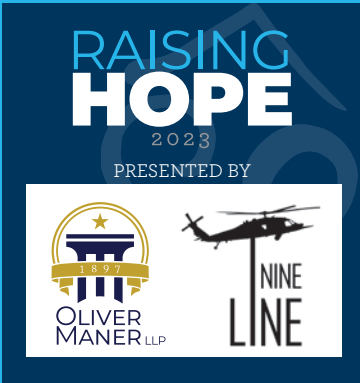
We thank Rabbi Robert Haas, Leader of Congregation Mickve Israel, who emceed the event and Tina Tyus-Shaw, Lead Anchor for WSAV News 3 as a Special Guest Emcee. Jeremy Davis & the Equinox Jazz Trio, who performed at the cocktail reception; AmFund, who donated travel auction items; and national poverty and child welfare expert and author of *A Place Called Home*, David Ambroz, who delivered our heartfelt message of hope to our attendees.

Save the Date

RAISING HOPE

2024

June 4, 2024
at the Savannah Convention Center





MICHAEL C. TRAYNOR
PRESIDENT & CEO

WELCOME TO THE CONNECTION

MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH YOUR SUPPORT

It has been very busy at Union Mission as we partner with people to end their homelessness. With three new programs opening in the last year, we have focused on integrating the new initiatives into our daily operations. The demand for our services is stronger than ever.

On any given night, Union Mission houses more than 300 people across our many programs from Savannah to Statesboro to Jesup. Our goal is to get people to stable housing and we are making a difference with your support and the support of others.

We thought we would serve 100 unaccompanied, homeless women at Parker’s House in the first year. In ten months, we have served 185 women.

Union Mission has also been recognized with the generosity of The Hearst Foundations and recently has been awarded a grant to partner with landlords to open a minimum of 20 new housing units in the Bulloch County area. The Bulloch program will start in September this year.

We opened the Day Center in December last year and we expected to serve 50 people daily. We are averaging more than 70 people daily and have served more than 360 unduplicated individuals with wrap-around services and a place away from the weather. The center allows us to connect people to partners and address the root causes of the homeless.

As we continue to fill gaps in service in our community, your support is vital to our success. We thank you for assisting on our journey as we provide hope, compassion, and impact focused on the clients we serve.



*Stay up-to-date with
our needs at
www.unionmission.org*

UNION MISSION’S CLOTHING CLOSET

Thank you for supporting this Union Mission client in his effort to acquire clothing and get dressed for success. Your donations go directly to support Union Mission clients and our most vulnerable neighbors.

Your donations make an impact! In the first seven months of this year, Union Mission served 546 individuals through our Clothing Closet distributing 567 pants, 1,292 shirts, 382 pairs of shoes, 156 dresses, 467 pairs of socks, and 131 undergarments free to Union Mission clients and the community at large.

Thank you to the 945 volunteers who have already served 2,158 hours of support from January to July 2023.

Items Needed for Care Kits:

- Toothbrush
- Comb
- Toothpaste
- Socks
- Deodorant
- Snacks
- Razor
- Wet Wipes
- Shave Cream
- Lip Balm



Homeless people need to look sharp too in order to succeed.

– Edward



Drop off donations at 125 Fahm Street on Monday – Thursday from 10:00am–4:00pm

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL HOMELESS AWARENESS MONTH



Union Mission is looking for partnership opportunities in November during Homeless Awareness Month, however, any month is just as important to spread awareness about our homeless community. Union Mission invites you to influence change by participating in one or all of the following activities:

- **Give a Contribution Online** and make a monthly or quarterly gift that is easy & affordable.
- **Organize a Donation Drive** to collect clothing or Care Kits items for men, women, and children.
- **Volunteer Your Time** by playing a vital role in offering your time, skills and compassion.
- **Join Our NEW Student Outreach & Leadership Program** and earn community service hours for school by completing meaningful volunteer projects through student-led fundraising, donation drives, and storytelling.

Union Mission is looking for creative ways to partner and provide new enrichment activities for our clients. Do you know a small chorus, piano player, painter, yoga instructor, bible study group, etc. that would be interested in sharing their talents with our clients to connect in a more meaningful way?

For more information, visit www.unionmission.org or contact Amy Mickle at amickle@unionmission.org.

Important Winter Dates

Help us support our clients through these special events.

- September 6 **Parker's House One-Year Anniversary**
 Please join Union Mission, Parker's Founder and CEO Greg Parker, major donors, and community partners to celebrate the One-Year Anniversary of Parker's House. The event will feature a press conference to highlight the program success and client impact followed by a light reception and optional tour starting at 10:00am.
- November 1 **Secret Santa Participation Deadline**
- November 17 **Applied Underwriters Invitational Golf Tournament**
Presented by K Machine benefiting Union Mission
- November 22 **Thanksgiving Meal**
- November 28 **Giving Tuesday**
- December 1 **World AIDS Day**
- December 20 **Holiday Meal**

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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER WITH UNION MISSION



As we approach the end of summer, I must note my appreciation for our amazing team at Union Mission and their ongoing commitment to both our clients and community. We have had record breaking temperatures throughout this summer and our team has consistently stepped up and spent additional hours serving our community through the weekends at the Day Center at Grace House. Time and time again, our team has shared with me that various Union Mission employees have raised their hand willingly to spend extra time on-site so that our homeless community has a cool and safe place to shelter during the extreme temperatures. We are so appreciative of their commitment to our organization!

As we enter the fall months and upcoming school year, we are excited to announce a new opportunity for our community's youth to serve Union Mission. Our newly organized Student Outreach and Service Leadership Program will help local students earn community service hours for school by completing



NEILIE DUNN
BOARD CHAIR

meaningful volunteer projects through student-led peer-to-peer fundraising, item collection and storytelling. The program focuses on building connections within the community, and this relationship building and self-led service work will help students develop a deeper connection to Union Mission and the people that we serve. I am personally so excited about this opportunity for our young citizens, and I know that it will make a huge difference in the lives of those they serve in addition to their own. If you would like to know more about this new program, visit www.unionmission.org or email outreach@unionmission.org.

Thank you for your continued support of Union Mission!

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ROUND-UP YOUR CHANGE

Beginning in July, customers can choose to round up their purchases to the nearest dollar at any Parker's and Parker's Kitchen retail stores in Georgia or South Carolina to benefit Union Mission. Parker's will match 25% of all customer donations. We appreciate the continued support from Parker's Founder and CEO Greg Parker, his team and the Parker's Community Fund.

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