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Blessed *Relief*

Dear Friend,

Sometimes it feels like summer in North Texas never ends. But just when you think you can't stand one more day of heat and humidity, the weather breaks and God gives us blessed relief.

That's what residents at Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County experience when they escape addiction, abuse or homelessness. After years of feeling stifled by circumstances, they feel free. They grow strong as they walk in friendship with Jesus Christ, like Dianca. This young mother never knew the Lord before she came to UGM-TC. Today she says, "If I can come to Christ and He can change my life, He can do it for anybody."

Now that our Welcome Center is open, we're able to offer that chance for transformation to more of our hurting neighbors from the streets. As volunteer Dave Parks says, "This is one of the few places where you can start over. Folks go out of their way to help people here."

Thank you for joining us on a mission to help people in need. Your support for the men, women and children at UGM-TC gives them shelter from the summer heat as well as relief from the storms of life. May God bless you!

In Christ,

Charles M. Wolford II, President/CEO



For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

— ROMANS 8:18, NKJV

Save the Date

12th Annual Heart for the Homeless

When: Thursday, November 12
6:00 PM

Where: River Ranch Stockyards

Don't miss a concert under the stars with dinner and dancing to the music of 90s country cover band, Straight Tequila Night!

For more information, email event@ugm-tc.org or scan this QR code with your smartphone camera to purchase your tickets or sponsorship today.

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Thank You! for helping Dianca heal!

You Helped

a Young Mother Through a Dark Time



Single mothers face many challenges and Dianca was no exception. But battling depression was a hard cross to bear on top of everything else. "Mental health is just not talked about," she says. "It's pushed under the rug, or you're ostracized."

Dianca needed a more stable environment and support to overcome her depression and become the best mother she could be to her 15-year-old son. "We deserved better. We deserved a chance." Temporarily leaving her son in the care of her mother, Dianca searched for that chance and found it at Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County.

"I was a mess, leaving my son," Dianca admits. "It was a dark time." Determined to make a fresh start, she immersed herself in the program, taking classes and working with her case manager. As she progressed, her depression lifted and she began to see brighter days ahead. She says, "I have a job now. You definitely get a leg up with the help here, but you have to apply yourself."

Dianca looks forward to graduating from the program and moving into a place of her own with her son. "This has brought us closer. He misses me, and I think he appreciates me a lot more," she says.

The biggest change in Dianca's life is one she never expected. "When I came, I didn't believe in Jesus. But here at UGM-TC, you see the blessings around you, and you know they're from God. You get to build a relationship with Jesus. My hope is not hope or a wish anymore. It's faith."

Dianca is eager to share her faith, help others and be "an ambassador for God" — all the things you do through your support for UGM-TC.

"What you do matters. Anyone making a difference in my life is making a difference in my son's life. Your giving trickles down to family and children. Thank you!" – Dianca

Volunteers Serve Jesus

Like many who lend their time, talent and treasure to Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County, Dave and Gene Parks were inspired by the book and movie, "Same Kind of Different as Me." Four years ago, when the last of their three children finished school, it was time to follow their hearts and volunteer at UGM-TC.

Dave stepped up first, serving breakfast in the kitchen every Friday morning. He also served as an Alpha leader and now helps out in the Welcome Center. Gene took an active role in KiDs Beach Club®, sharing the Gospel with elementary-school children at the Mission. Both find it rewarding to know they're doing God's work and have some words of encouragement for those who might wish to join them.

"Take the first step and then take the next step," Dave says. "Try different things and see where you fit in. It may not be the first thing you do. It could be something you never thought of. But there's no shortage of opportunities to serve." He adds, "We serve Jesus by serving others. When we pass, He's going to say, 'How did you serve Me?' This is a great opportunity to do that."

Gene agrees. "Jesus told His disciples the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. We are the laborers," she says. "Like Dave said, just start, because once you start, you'll get drawn in."

Learn more about volunteering at ugm-tc.org/volunteer





Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

– MATTHEW 9:37-38, NKJV

Help Stock Our *Cooling Station*

This summer, UGM-TC has a Cooling Station available to help unsheltered neighbors when temperatures rise above 95°. Your support provides relief and safety from the dangerous Texas summer heat.

Join us on a mission by helping provide hope, dignity and care for our unsheltered neighbors during this hot season.

- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Foot Powder
- Deodorant
- Packaged Snacks
- Body Wipes

Drop off your donations at:

UGM-TC Donation Center
2400 N. Kentucky Ave.
Fort Worth, TX 76102
Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Or use the QR Code to provide summer relief now: