

MISSION, VALUES, AND VISION STATEMENTS

THE CITY MISSION EXISTS TO SHARE THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST WITH THE NEEDY AND HOMELESS BY PROVIDING COMPASSIONATE CARE THROUGH MEETING THEIR PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS.

MISSION VALUES:

- **CHRIST-LIKE:** City Mission reflects Christ's love with integrity in all of our actions, ethics, and decisions in helping those who come to us for help
- **COMPASSIONATE:** We minister to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of all those who come to the Mission with empathy, kindness, and patience
- **COMMITTED:** We pledge to serve the needs of all people, regardless of color, creed, or culture.

OUR VISION IS TO END HOMELESSNESS ONE PERSON AT A TIME BY CONSTANTLY IMPLEMENTING NEW WAYS TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE.

2010 ANNUAL REPORT



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2010

President—John Seng

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Daniel Hicks * Jerry Snyder

(* Executive Director)

2010 FINANCES

REVENUE—TOTAL—\$612,760
Net Assets (12/31/2010)—\$618,812

| SOURCE | PERCENT |
|--------------------|---------|
| Grants | 6.8 % |
| Bequests | 10.9 % |
| Individuals | 54.2 % |
| Churches | 16.1 % |
| Business | 9.4 % |
| Civic | 2.5 % |
| Fundraising & Misc | 0.1 % |

EXPENSES—Program—\$392,192
Administrative—\$68,153
Fundraising—\$70,635

| ITEM | PERCENT |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Salary & Burden | 62.3 % |
| Food | 0.6 % |
| Utilities | 4.7 % |
| Medical | 9.1 % |
| Operating Expense | 8.4 % |
| Non Operating Expense | 5.8 % |
| Fundraising | 4.4 % |
| Capital | 4.7 % |

CHRISTIAN BASED PROGRAMS

New Life Directions, Dewey Harris, Dir.

One of the frustrations of years past at the Mission has been seeing residents staying just long enough to get into a housing situation, then see that success dissipate when other issues destroyed the progress and the person was again in homelessness. What we needed was something that both reached the core issue and that gave enough time to recover. For men we now offer a year long program that gives hope of overcoming addictions through Biblical Christian discipleship. Under the leadership of Director Dewey Harris, the program is dedicated to helping each man on the program achieve success. We have taken the existing New Life Directions Program and expanded it in order to be able to offer more services to men who desire to change. The result is more time to effect change, more time to rebuild resources, and more opportunity to see success.

2010 Program Results

- 13 men entered the Life Directions Program;
- 7 transitioned either into the next phase or into their own apartments after their stay, effectively ending homelessness in their lives.

Women & Families, Karen Crawford, Dir.

The increasing numbers of homeless women and families were reflected at the Mission in 2010, as the bed capacity for the women and 31 families was almost at 100% or more for much of the year. Women and Families Director, Karen Crawford, spends much of her time in case referral, trying to help the residents to find answers in real employment, housing searches, and other types of help that they need to rebuild their lives. Karen's leadership has given reason for hope for those who have been entrusted to her care, and the successful transition rate of 50% well illustrates the Mission's mix of accountability and compassion.

HISTORY

The City Mission of Findlay, Ohio was founded in 1934 in the home of Mary Carmen. Mary's call to serve came in response to the Great Depression when many local families and individuals suffered from a lack of the basic necessities of life. Mary operated the Mission out of her home for 39 years with the help of a few volunteers and private donors.

After Mary's death, the Mission was moved to North Main Street, then West Main Cross Street. Under the direction of the Reverend Mabel Lee, the Mission became incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1975. During those years, Mabel provided shelter, food and clothing to men, women and children. In the 1980's the Mission served as the first local facility to take in women with Domestic Violence problems.

During its 76 year history, the Mission has had an ordained minister on staff and maintained its emphasis on the power of the gospel to touch and heal broken lives.

A 6,000 s.f. addition to the building on West Main Cross Street was completed in 1998. The new facility made it possible to provide private quarters for families, a 4-bed women's area and 3 dormitories for men. In addition, a new kitchen and dining/chapel area were opened enabling the Mission to expand its Food Service Ministry to include local walk-in guests.

An eleven-member Board of Trustees oversees the work. In 2009 the staff was increased to include an Executive Director and a Women's Director. The Mission houses hundreds of people and is now on track to serving over 40,000 meals annually.

STATEMENTS FROM THE DIRECTORS

[Daniel Hicks, Executive Director]: Homeless people are sometimes the invisible people of America existing on the edge of society. Many people in America today who are not touched directly by homelessness are uncomfortable with the topic and are grateful that they are safe from its tragic effects. The fact is that there are many growing reasons why people become homeless. The bad economy and high unemployment have created their toll along with a multitude of other reasons. People who give financial support to the City Mission understand the impact of this human tragedy and support the Mission because they know that what we do not only offers real solutions to end homelessness but that we also offer hope. The City Mission team of caring people understands that for many the need is both spiritual and physical. Our approach is “meeting physical needs to bring those with spiritual needs to Jesus Christ.” The offer of hope with sound practical solutions and some friendly encouragement does make a difference.

[Karen Crawford, Women and Family Director]: *In 2010 we had 108 Women and children residents; 54 of those left the mission successfully; which is 50%! It's important to remember; as long as you're willing to live with a problem, you won't solve it! That is a very true statement and one that comes into play as you work with people who are homeless. Their problems didn't start yesterday and they won't end tomorrow; it won't change until they are willing to take the steps to begin to stop whatever cycle they find themselves entrenched in. This all takes time and until and unless they come looking to make a change in their lives nothing we do will change the trajectory they are on. Therefore the numbers are a gauge and can give a rough estimate of what we are accomplishing, but it is still important to remember we are working with individuals; ending homelessness one person at a time.*

[Dewey Harris, Associate and NLDP Director]: Why in scripture do the authors talk about rejoicing in the midst of suffering and trials? The Apostle Paul and James talk about it in Romans 5:3-5 and James 1:2-4. In both of these instances the trials have a purpose. Men in the New Life Direction Program are going through various trials in life. Our program gives them the opportunity to develop character. As Paul states, “character produces hope.” James states the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. It is our prayer that the man who enters the NLDP will grow in both the hope that we have in Jesus Christ and the steadfastness that will help him lead a New Life Direction.

ACTIVITY REPORT JIM DAVISON, MEN'S DIR.

- 63.1% of the men who stayed at the City Mission in 2010 were from the local area.
- The total number of lodgings for men in 2010 was 6394.
- The total lodgings for all Mission residents in 2010 was 9301.
- Of 188 different men who stayed at the Mission last year, 96 made a successful transition back into the community through working and saving money. Of all 337 residents, which includes women and children, 157 made a successful transition.

| | Drop In Guests | Meals Served |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Men | 3452 | 22634 |
| Women | 1327 | 6604 |
| Children | 711 | 4155 |
| Totals | 5490 | 33393 |

STATEMENTS (continued from previous page)

[Jim Davison, Men's Director]: 2010 was a record-breaking year in terms of the services of the Mission. We served the most meals we had ever served in one year, had the most beds filled over the entire year, and had more residents make use of extended stays to work, save up money, and get their own places to live. The real difference, though, is the growth in our volunteer program. In 2010 more volunteers served at the Mission than ever before. In its first full year, our food box program, staffed and run by volunteers, gave away over 540 boxes of food to help local needy families. More than ever before, we are finding new ways to help more people to accomplish more to bless the Mission, and more ways that the Mission can bless others. Praise God for opportunities to serve, and the successes that they bring!