

The
**UNION
MISSION**

MISSION NETWORK

Food, Clothing, Shelter ... and so much more!

Learning
to trust God ...
a journey to
new life.

**YOUR SUPPORT GAVE
DONTREZ A NEW
OUTLOOK ON LIFE.**



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“God works in mysterious ways”

Dontrez’ parents divorced when he was young and he bounced between households. He dropped out of school and got in with the wrong crowd. When he was fourteen, he got beat up at the mall, and suffered broken ribs, and a messed up eye socket. “I felt like I had to retaliate so I went to a party and shot some people.” Fortunately, they didn’t die, but he spent three years in a youth detention center.

A year later, he robbed someone and spent four years in prison. “I wasn’t in my right state of mind. I was angry at the world and not progressing.”

His mother had remarried and moved to Virginia. She took him in to give him a stable life. Dontrez didn’t want to be a burden, so she took him to the Mission. He joined the David Development Program (a mentoring program for young men 18-26). “Since I’ve been here

it’s been nothing but beauty — meals to eat, being able to shower and get clean, and ministry every day. I leave it to God now.”

Dontrez got his first job at a local screen printer, then became a Houseman at a Virginia Beach resort. He saved his money and in July, “I got my own place in a nice area.

Mr. Metcalf [Program Director] put me back on track. I had a lot of trust issues. He was a mentor; a real friend. When I saw how successful other guys were, I wanted to be a part of that.

Now I pray to God every

day. I was locked up as a young kid, but my grandmother told me, ‘God works in mysterious ways’ and she was right. Now I think before I react. If it’s too overwhelming, I pray. He gave his only Son for all of us. My faith is so strong now. I see myself working hard, getting my license, a car, making sure my rent is paid, and staying focused.

This place actually helps people — they really care.

My motto is ‘You have to be on a mission at the Mission.’ This is the beginning of my journey.”

Your support made it possible for Dontrez to find a new path in life filled with hope and promise.

Will you help others on their journey? Give today at ... www.unionmissionministries.org



After aging out of Foster Care, then facing hardship, tragedy, and sorrow, Keanna is left alone to care for her children. God is making her stronger everyday.

Will you help Keanna keep her family together?

Keanna’s father was incarcerated and her mother just walked away. At five, she was in foster care, never staying anywhere more than three months. At eighteen, she aged out of foster care and became homeless. For a few months she stayed at friends’ houses, who just thought she was spending the night. Then she met a guy and “it was wonderful until he started abusing me. We had a daughter and when she got in the middle of it, I left to escape the violence.” She started school to become a CPA and met someone new. She became pregnant with twins and gave birth to a son, but lost his twin.

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The police had the person who pulled the trigger, but not his co-conspirator. I was afraid they were going to kill me and my children. Forty weeks pregnant she was scared to give birth. I let the doctor was going to take the away for some reason. When her youngest son was born she went back to work. I had to take care of my kids. It was a devastating month. I had to take out a loan on my truck to do his funeral. His sister took the co-conspirator had given him, and tried to take everything we had worked for. It hurts, he never saw his child. Struggling she lost her home. I had no support system, so we had to live in my truck. But I wasn’t good for my kids. We had no air conditioning and when it rained we had to keep the windows up. It was hot and there was nowhere to wash my babies, so I used baby wipes to wash them. I had some food and we would go to 7-11 to wash it up. I told the kids we were camping and made it fun so they didn’t know we were homeless. Then her baby had to have one of his kidneys removed. I had to be out at work

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“The Mission helps me and my children so much—I love it here.”

and take him to the hospital every two weeks.

Then she heard about the Mission and life got a little brighter. "I was beginning to think I needed to give my kids to Child Protective Services because I couldn't take care of them, but the staff stopped that from happening. They helped me with clothing and food, and with my children."

I have a job now and am working to pay off my title loan, and in my credit. I didn't expect bible study would be good, but I'm closer to God and it's making me stronger every day. I want to secure a future for my kids, so they don't have to go through what I've had to go through in life.

Help a Veteran Today!



Give to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) #61126 and help a vet! A recent Homeless Point-in-Time count identified over 130 homeless veterans in Hampton Roads. The Union Mission shelters almost *half* of those veterans on any given day. Case Managers work closely with VA representatives to help our homeless vets get the help they deserve.

*Your donation through the CFC provides veterans with food, clothing, and a safe place to sleep while they await benefits and suitable housing. **Our veterans thank you!***

Thank you
for
sending me to camp!



"I loved the horses and swimming."
"My counselor was the best."
"I hope I get to come again."

These are the words of one young camper this summer.

Because you cared, 710 children ...
"had the best time I ever had in my whole life!"

Thank you for making it possible!

Staff Needs

Experience preferred

APPLY ONLINE AT
www.unionmissionministries.org

Men's Shelter

Send resume to William Crawley at wrcrawley@ummnorva.org

Evening Manager – Full-time: evenings and rotating weekends (male position).

Overnight Manager – Full-time or Part-time: overnight and rotating weekends. (male position).

Women's Shelter

Send resume to Kathy Vaughan at kathy@ummnorva.org.

Overnight Assistant – Full-time: nights and weekends.

Women & Children's Shelter

Send resume to Kathy Vaughan at kathy@ummnorva.org.

Overnight Assistant – Part-time: nights and weekends.

Assistant – Part-time: days and some weekends.

Evening Assistant – Full-time or Part-time: evenings and weekends.

Ministry Coordinator – Part-time: evenings.

Donor Services

Send resume to Roseanne Dickerson at roseanne@ummnorva.org

Specialist – Full-time: weekdays. Gift processing. Strong computer skills.

Thrift Store

Send resume to C. Wayne Berry at wberry@ummnorva.org

Assistant Manager – Full-time: days, evenings, and/or Saturdays.

Production – Full-time: days and/or evenings.



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You can share God's love with your hungry and hurting neighbors by providing life-saving meals!



REV. JOHN W. GRAY, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

It's hard to believe summer is over. The kids are back in school and soon you'll be thinking about Thanksgiving and Christmas.

As the weather changes, you'll also be thinking about soup, stews, and chili: meals to warm the body on a cold winter day. To the homeless who spend their time on the streets, a warm meal is vital to survival. It does more than give warmth to the body, it warms the soul, stirring hope in the hearts of those who learn that someone cares for them. Isaiah 58:10 says ...

"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as noonday."

Will you prayerfully consider giving an extra gift to provide life-saving meals to our hungry and hurting neighbors? And the light of God's love will shine in the eyes of those you have helped.

With warmest regards,

Rev. John W. Gray, Jr.,
Executive Director

Monthly Donors are invited to a special
ANCHORS of HOPE
APPRECIATION RECEPTION & TOUR

Friday, October 12 at 2 p.m.

RSVP - Susan Hoster at 757-627-8686 ext. 506 or
shoster@ummnorva.org by 10/5

Want to become an **ANCHOR of HOPE?**
Contact Trudy Rains at 757-692-2498 or trains@ummnorva.org

Dear Rev. Gray, I want to provide life-saving meals for our homeless, hurting neighbors.

I've enclosed: \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$150 \$_____

I would like to commit to a **monthly gift** of \$_____. My first gift is enclosed.

Method of Payment: Check VISA MasterCard American Express Discover

Card Number _____ CCV Code _____

Expiration Date _____ Signature _____

Please make your check payable to **The Union Mission**. To make an online donation go to donate.unionmissionministries.org



Please complete this slip and return it to **The Union Mission** with your generous gift. Your gift is tax deductible to the full extent of the law. We will send a receipt for your records.

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Your charitable giving can transform a life!

Your generous gift of assets can make a lasting difference in the lives of hurting men, women, and children who reside at The Union Mission.

The homeless would have nowhere to go without your help.

With recent changes in the tax laws, charitable giving has become confusing, but there are several ways you can use your assets to help.

*Everyone's financial situation is different, so please
CONSULT YOUR TAX ADVISOR.*



“I want people to drive by the Mission and feel proud of how the Hampton Roads community cares for its most vulnerable citizens.”

—Rev. Ted Bashford

IRA Charitable Rollover Gift: tax-free and life-changing

If you must take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA or other retirement plan, but you don't need the income, you can ask your financial advisor or institution to distribute a life-changing gift directly to The Union Mission. You are not required to pay taxes on this gift. *(Gifts up to \$100,000 may qualify for your RMD Rollover Gift.)*

Appreciated Stock: benefitting you and the homeless

If you have stocks, you can make a gift of appreciated stock directly to The Union Mission. You will not have to realize the capital gains from the stock as income, yet you can recognize the value of the appreciated stock as a charitable gift at the time of its transfer to the Mission.

Beneficiary Designation: continue a legacy of giving

You can name The Union Mission as a beneficiary on your retirement account. If you don't use those resources during your lifetime, they can go directly to help the homeless. The Union Mission can be named as beneficiary on your bank account, IRA, 401K, 403B, life insurance policy, publicly traded stocks or bonds, mutual fund shares, or even savings bonds.

For More Information ... contact Helen Sommer 757-627-8686 ext. 505 or hsommer@ummnorva.org

Comments / Change of Address:

EMAIL

PHONE

No person is denied service based on race, creed, gender, disability, or national origin.

Photos are representative of actual mission clients.

If you would like to donate food or other supplies, or volunteer your time, please call (757) 627-8686. Thank you!

In the event contributions exceed expenses, extra funds will be used to feed, shelter, and care for the hungry and homeless throughout the year.

Financial information about this organization and a copy of its license are available from the State Solicitation Licensing Branch at 919-807-2214 or 888-830-4989 for NC residents.

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