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## **Urban Ministries of Durham Receives Stewards Fund Challenge Grant**

*Durham, N.C. –February 1, 2012* –Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD), a community-based organization that has provided food, clothing, shelter and supportive services to people in need since 1983 recently received a 2012 Stewards Fund Challenge Grant. The \$50,000 grant will be matched dollar for dollar if UMD is able to raise \$50,000 from first time donors or any increased gift from current donors between February 1 and May 31.

The Stewards Fund of Raleigh focuses on basic human needs. Over the last year, UMD has provided shelter to 1,255 individuals including 32 families and 71 children. UMD's Community Café served 215,846 meals and is currently serving 550-600 meals per day. UMD's Food Pantry distributed 89,720 pounds of food to people in need and close to 41,474 articles of clothing were also distributed from the Clothing Closet.

“The Stewards Fund Challenge Grant allows UMD to connect and get involved with new partners, new individuals, new businesses and new communities of faith,” said UMD Executive Director Patrice Nelson. “We also strongly encourage existing supporters to enlist help from friends and co-workers to spread the word about donating. Every dollar helps support programs that make a huge difference in the lives of our residents and the challenges they face each day.”

To make a donation, visit [www.umdurham.org](http://www.umdurham.org) or email [devel@umdurham.org](mailto:devel@umdurham.org).

### **About Urban Ministries of Durham**

Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) is a private, 501(c)3 non-profit organization providing food, clothing, shelter and supportive services to neighbors in need since 1983. UMD is the initial access point for services through Durham's homelessness continuum of care network. UMD focuses on homelessness prevention, homeless re-housing, emergency assistance and collaboration with community partners to assist people in need. In addition to the Community Café, Shelter, Food Pantry & Clothing Closet, UMD provides structured case management services for shelter residents through the Journey Program. This program assists families, residents struggling with addiction, those with special medical/mental health conditions

and residents seeking to enhance their job skills to secure employment and housing. For more information on the many services provided by UMD, please visit [www.umdurham.org](http://www.umdurham.org).

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