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Mark Your
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the Strings
Attached Concert
Series to Benefit

Oct. 2 - Greq Greenway

Nov. 6 - <u>John</u> Wesley Harding

Feb. 12 - <u>Kate</u> Campbell

All concerts are held at St. Philips Church at 7pm
Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door

#### opcoming Events

Sept. 25th – Fourth Annual Recovery Celebration Block Party..details below

UMD will hold its annual fall fundraiser, **Rebuilding Lives** in November..stay tuned for the date

### Join Our Mailing List!

Highlights from recent events...

Art Raffle

Congratulations to
Teresa Wright on
winning the Lisa
Creed painting raffle
and a special thank
you to her for
re-gifting it to UMD!

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Movie Night A

Success!

Thanks to all who joined us for "The

Soloist" on July

30th!! We had

approximately 150

movie-goers and volunteers for a

fun-filled evening!

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## Building Community to Rebuild Lives - Reflections from the Executive Director

#### Com-mu-ni-ty (noun)

1: a unified body of individuals

2: an interacting population of various kinds of individuals in a common location

 a body of persons or nations having a common history or common social, economic, and political interests

At Urban Ministries of Durham, we are building a community to help people rebuild their lives. Our **community** includes people from local schools, churches, partner agencies and businesses. It includes neighbors from the suburbs and those who were born just down the street. This community includes the rich and poor, black, white, brown, and yellow, able bodied and differently abled, American-born and those who have embraced America.

It is not just the poor and homeless whose lives are changed when we come together. There are broken places in all of our lives that are made whole when we enter into this community to help one another, especially in today's challenging times.

In the month of July, our Community Cafe served 18,859 meals. Our Food Pantry distributed 5,755 pounds of food to nearly 800 people. We have seen these numbers rise month after month, and it is getting more difficult for our agency to sustain this type of demand. We've all heard that "it takes a village," but in our case, it takes a community. A community that binds together for the common purpose of rebuilding lives. As a community, we are stronger, and we can do more. Please join us in this journey!

Peace, Patrice



First Annual Beloved Community Resource Fair

#### Durham Agencies Partner in Homelessness Prevention and Rapid-Rehousing

On August 20th, the Durham City Council approved plans to award \$789,000 in federal stimulus dollars from the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). The grant will be implemented through a creative partnership between <u>Urban Ministries of Durham</u>, the <u>Department of Social Services (DSS)</u>, <u>Housing for New Hope</u> and <u>The Salvation Army</u>.

This funding will support case management and emergency financial assistance programs to help families and individuals who have been particularly impacted by the current economic downturn. The program calls for two new case managers that will operate from the UMD campus, enabling UMD guests to be the primary beneficiaries of the effort.

Building upon the expertise and experience of DSS, Housing for New Hope, and the Salvation Army, eighty homeless persons will be re-housed with ongoing support services, and 150 people at risk of becoming homeless will receive assistance to help them remain in their homes and move toward greater stability. This effort will significantly increase the case management services now available to UMD clients, and it is anticipated that this new collaborative effort amongst agencies will be a good model for the future.

## You Can Make A Difference NOW

### Urgent Items Needed Shelter - towels, twin sheet

Shelter - towels, twin sheets, copier paper, toilet tissue Food Pantry & Clothing Closet - canned meats, vegetables, fruits, hygiene kits,

toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors

Cafe - paper towels, napkins, disposable plates, cups, and silverware, <u>casseroles</u>
For more information, please contact Lee Nelson at 682-0538 ext. 26.
Volunteer Opportunities

Computer Maintenance Community Cafe (various openings)

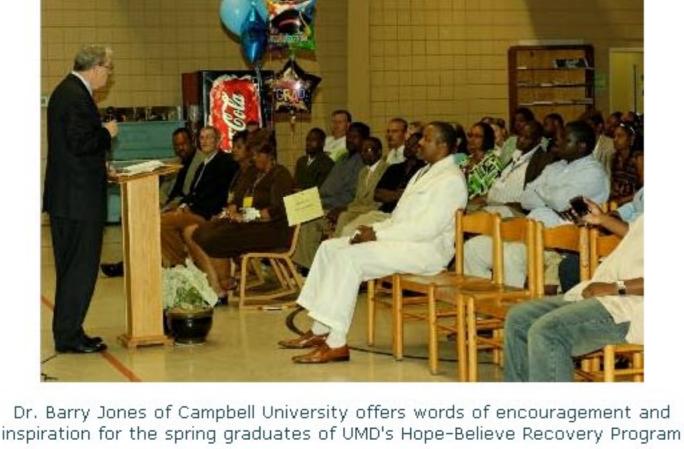
Volunteer internships available

For more information, please or

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## Reason to Hope and Believe UMD celebrated the spring graduating class of the Hope-Believe Recovery

**Program** on May 20th. Congratulaions to the twelve men and women who received certificates honoring their achievement! We are looking forward to the fall graduation set for November 20th!



Join us for the Fourth Annual Recovery Celebration Block Party

Friday, September 25th from 4-7pm

The Pavilion at Durham Central Park

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### Shop Macy's at Northgate Mall on Oct. 17 and help raise funds for

local charities including UMD. Tickets, \$5 each, will go on sale shortly, so stay tuned. Receive special in-store savings and pr

shortly, so stay tuned. Receive special in-store savings and prizes with ticket purchase...more to come on this exciting event!





Thanks to all of our wonderful supporters and volunteers! We couldn't do it without you!