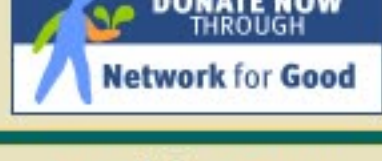




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Our Mission

To provide food, clothing, shelter and supportive services to our neighbors in need.

Our Values

A welcoming, caring and compassionate environment that affirms the dignity of our guests, volunteers and staff.

DON'T MISS IT!

Tuesday, Dec. 8

UMD 5% Day

at



Whole Foods Market, Broad St. in Durham will donate 5% of all proceeds to benefit UMD, so get out and shop for a cause!

Bye-Bye Repairman...Hello, New Dryer!!

We extend a **Special Thank-You** to **Ms. Elizabeth High** and the **King's Daughters** group for spearheading and funding a project to replace one of our commercial grade dryers that we've had to repeatedly have repaired in the Community Shelter. This comes at a time when demand is at its height, **just in time!!**

UMD Participates in the Durham Holiday Parade



We especially thank local farmer Mark Waller for graciously donating his truck and good cheer for UMD staff members and guests to participate and ride in the Durham holiday parade on Saturday December 5th.

The 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Annual Report is now available.

View [now online](#)

or

For a hard copy, please contact [Deanna Kleiss](#)

Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events

February 12 - Strings Attached Concert Benefit-Kate Campbell

Empty Bowls - March 2010-Date TBD

For more information visit our [website](#)

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Give us your feedback!

My Holiday Wish

Message from the Executive Director

Each December, my children and I find joy in picking out special treats for the youngest members of our family. Traditionally, we join others in our community of faith to bake goodies and gather toys for other children who have less. The season would not be complete without watching children's holiday pageants, chorale events and seeing the wonder in a child's eyes as they stare in awe at the lights and candles of the season. I look forward to seeing that joy as gifts are provided for the youngest guests at Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) this month.



But as I walk the UMD campus, my wish is that you and I will also open our eyes and expand our view of the children in our midst.

Today, I looked into the tired and weary eyes of a 40 year old man. He was fighting a cold and looking a bit distant. He has been looking for a job for 8 months. He's a nice guy, volunteers regularly at UMD and was working last year this time until he was laid off. He's now homeless. After months of unemployment, he has very little money and depends upon UMD for food, clothing and shelter. He's trying to be strong, but he's also anxious, fatigued and worn from over a month and a half of sleeping on a shelter bunk in a room with 90 other men.

My wish is that we will see the child in him this holiday season. A child who needs to be remembered and offered some holiday cheer. A child who could stand a bit more awe and joy. A child who would love to receive treats like toiletries, new socks, underwear, a towel, a hat, a scarf, a backpack, a hooded sweatshirt, a daily bus pass or a phone card to help in his search for work.

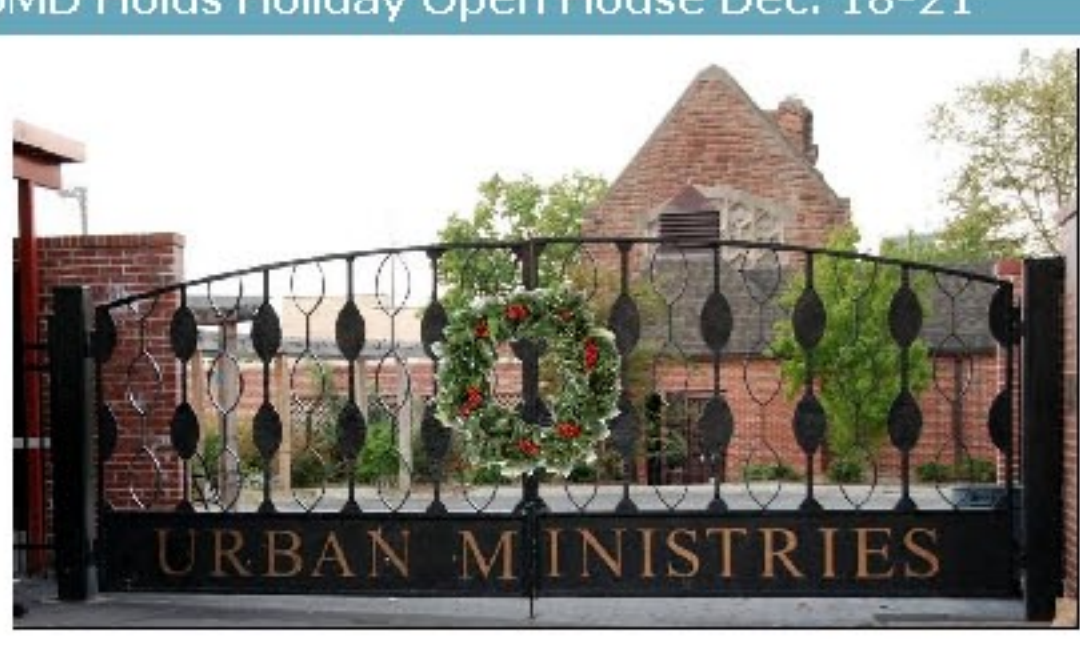
UMD is filled with children. They come in all ages, all colors, male, female, some with mental challenges, some working to recover from addictions, and some still lost but just needing to know someone cares.

My holiday wish is that we will remember the children in our midst, all of them, and that we will share the spirit of the season with them all.

Happy Holidays, Patrice

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UMD Holds Holiday Open House Dec. 18-21



Many of you have contacted us about how you can help, so we created a **Wish List** of items most needed. To show our appreciation, you are welcome to drop off your items and stay a while as there will be refreshments and lots of holiday cheer to go around!

OPEN HOUSE DATES AND TIMES

Friday, Dec. 18: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 20: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 21: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

UMD WISH LIST

Cafe & Food Pantry

Country Time powdered lemonade or other large batch drink mixes

Large cans of ground coffee

Canned stews, tuna, salmon

Plastic cutlery - knives, forks, and spoons

45-gallon trash bags

Diapers (baby & adult)

Costco gift cards for Costco

Shelter (new or gently used)

Twin sheet sets

Blankets

Towels

Wash cloths

Toiletries - soap, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes

Male and Female Adult Backpacks, filled with matching hat, gloves, and scarf, and assorted travel-size toiletry items.

Bus passes from DATA - \$2 daily, and \$36 monthly

Tracofones

Gift cards for Wal-Mart & Target (to help families moving out)

Financial gifts are always needed and welcomed.

For further information or details, please email [Faye Morin](#) or call (919) 682-0538 x25.

Local Firms Come Together for Cafe Improvements

It's Not Just About Giving but Also Getting Involved

Local businesses really know how to come together in a crunch to help those in need. Thanks to the generous folks at **Twiggs, Beskind, Strickland & Rabenau, P.A.**, we now have a brand new convection oven in the Cafe! For the past several months, the upper portion of our two-tiered large capacity baking oven has been broken down. Just recently, the lower portion gave out. This large convection oven is the primary resource for baking large volumes of meats, vegetables, and casseroles, and operating without it puts a real strain on kitchen operations and our ability to serve nutritious meals at a time of high demand.

A group from **Twiggs, Beskind, Strickland & Rabenau, P.A.** will take the oven for a "test-drive" on December 15 when they come to the UMD Cafe to bake holiday cookies and treats, and their generosity doesn't end there. The firm is also donating funds to purchase new tables for the Cafe as well.



Doing good is contagious. Other firms also want to be a part of improvements in the Cafe. The law firm of **James Scott Farrin** donated funds for new food trays to replace our old and extremely worn trays that we regularly run out of before completing a meal service.

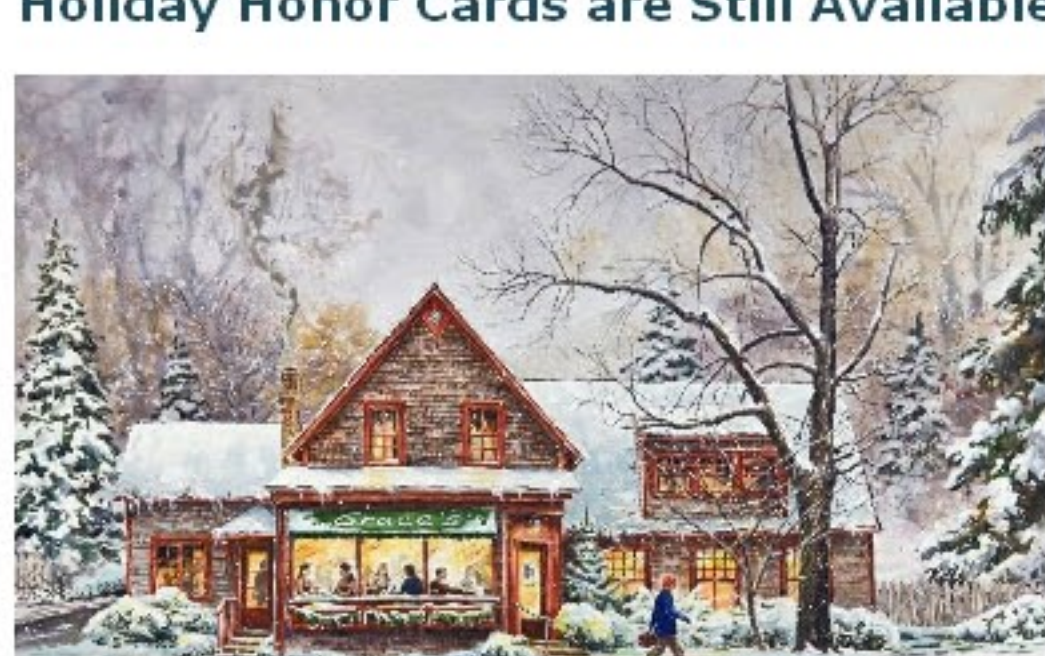
New chairs and mugs will also be coming our way, courtesy of **McKinney Advertising**. In the holiday program to benefit the UMD Cafe, employees can "adopt a chair" and assemble it, or purchase mugs to replace the disposable styrofoam variety.

With the generosity and involvement of these local firms, the UMD Cafe will have a new convection oven, tables, chairs, trays and mugs to better serve its guests. What a great way to start the holidays and the new year ahead!

Thanks so much!!

Other Ways to Give

Holiday Honor Cards are Still Available



The Honor Card Program is an annual campaign to raise awareness and funds to meet the needs of the homeless. This year's card features a painting of a picturesque winterscape by Greensboro, NC artist William Mangum entitled **Moving On**. Available for a minimum donation of \$5 per card, purchase as a gift and send to friends and family telling them that they have been honored with a gift to UMD. Or, consider sending one to everyone on your holiday card list. Better yet, send us your list, and we'll take care of the rest!

All proceeds from the sale of this card directly benefit Urban Ministries of Durham.

To order, contact [Deanna Kleiss](#).

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Serving & Persevering in Challenging Times

Annual Rebuilding Lives Breakfast Sets the Tone for the Journey Ahead

The Annual Rebuilding Lives Breakfast was held on Thursday, December 19th at 7:30am at the Washington Duke Inn. With more than 160 in attendance, the event drew members of the community, local government and business leaders, partner agencies, and communities of faith to learn more about UMD's operations, financial stewardship, and plans for the future.



Give to Urban Ministries of Durham

Your generous gift allows Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) to continue providing food, clothing, shelter and supportive services to our neighbors in need. Each time a resident stands tall and takes the next step in the journey to rebuild their lives, the importance of these gifts becomes evident.

You can make your gift securely online by clicking on the DONATE NOW button at the **top** left corner of this page or via the donation link on our [website](#).

Also, remember to check with your employer to see if there's a matching gift program available. Many businesses have established such programs, allowing your donation to UMD to make even more of a difference to people affected by domestic violence.

Urban Ministries is a 501(c)3 organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. A copy of the official registration and financial information is available on request from [Deanna Kleiss](#).

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